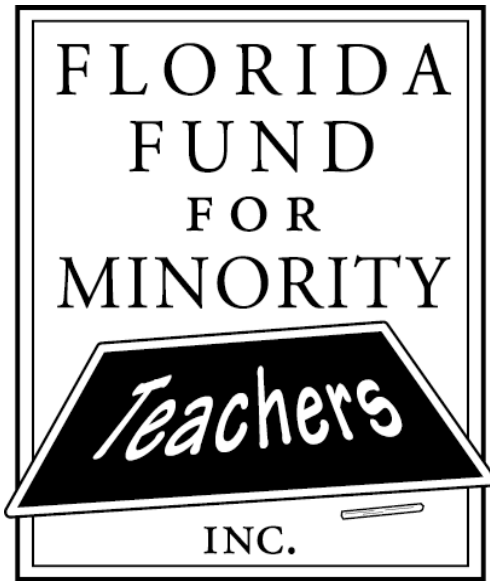


*"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains.
The superior teacher demonstrates.
The great teacher inspires."*
---William Arthur Ward



***Minority
Teacher
Education
Scholarship***

Fall___ Spring___ 20___ Application

MINORITY TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

IMPORTANT: READ AND RETAIN FOR YOUR RECORDS

This is a collaborative performance-based scholarship program for African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino, Asian American/ Pacific Islander, and American Indian/Alaskan Native students. The primary purpose of this program is to attract community college graduates who are capable and promising minority students to pursue teaching careers in Florida public schools. The scholarship is offered to Florida residents who are newly enrolled as upper division undergraduates in a state approved teacher preparation program and who will become full-time teachers in a K-12 Florida public school classroom.

1. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- a. Must be a resident of the state of Florida, as provided in Section 240.1201, Florida Statutes.
- b. Must be a member of the following racial/ethnic groups: African American/Black; Hispanic/Latino; Asian/Pacific Islander; American Indian/Alaskan Native.
- c. Must teach in a Florida public school for the period of time the scholarship was received.
- d. Must meet requirements for admission into, and attend, one of Florida's public or private universities or colleges (accredited regionally or nationally) as a junior in a state approved teacher education program.
- e. Must be enrolled as a full-time student for each academic term in which an award is received.
- f. **Student must be newly admitted into an upper level/division teacher education program and cannot already be teaching full-time. Students cannot exceed 18 hours of upper division education courses to be considered newly admitted.**
- g. A renewal application is not required. A participant must maintain the GPA required for continued enrollment in the college and/or department of education, as stipulated by each institution. In addition, a student must maintain a state minimum 2.50 GPA (Semester/Cumulative). The Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc. (FFMT) will automatically renew participants who meet the requirements for renewal. The semester and cumulative GPA, as well as the number of credit hours earned, will be determined for each participant at the end of each semester/quarter. Part-time status, a GPA under 2.50, withdrawal, change of major or any other infraction on an institutional standard will affect a scholar's renewal of the award.
- h. Must have met the registration requirements of the Selective Service Act.
- i. Must not owe a repayment under any state or federal grant or scholarship.
- j. Must not be in default on any federal Title IV or state student loan program unless satisfactory arrangements to repay have been made.
- k. Special consideration is given to community college graduates.

2. SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

Applications should be submitted to primary contact at the participating institution that applicant plans to attend. The deadline for applicants planning to enroll in the Fall semester is August 1st. The deadline for applicants planning to enroll in the Spring semester is November 15th.

3. SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATIONS

Each eligible and participating institution shall establish a screening committee to review each application and the supporting documentation received. This committee will nominate candidates.

4. SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- a. The annual amount of a scholarship will be \$4,000, and mandates attendance at the Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc.'s Annual Recruitment and Retention Conference. (Regional placement fairs and seminars are optional.)
- b. Students are eligible to receive a scholarship for a maximum of four to six semesters, based on the length of their Teacher Education program. Awards are issued during the Fall and Spring semesters **only**, and cease when a student is eligible for initial certification.

- c. **Awards may not be transferred during a student's first semester in his or her Teacher Education program.**
- d. FFMT will notify all applicants nominated for a scholarship of the status of their applications.

5. PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Scholarship awards will be disbursed by the Student Financial Aid Office at each institution to eligible students in equal installments each academic term. The Student Financial Aid Office will determine your total financial aid package. The Minority Teacher Education Scholarship may not necessarily increase your total financial aid. Please review your financial status at your institution's Student Financial Aid Office before you accept the scholarship award.

6. CHANGES IN INFORMATION/TRANSFERS BETWEEN INSTITUTIONS

An applicant must notify FFMT of any change in name, contact information, or institution to be attended. All notifications must include the student/applicant's name and Social Security number, the name of the new institution if changing institutions, and the date(s) of attendance.

If funds are to be received by the new institution during term registration, a notice of transfer must be received by FFMT no later than **July 1** for Fall term transfers or **November 15** for Spring term transfers. Notices of transfers received by FFMT after these dates could result in funds not reaching the new institution on time.

Transferring from one institution to another could affect the applicant's eligibility for a program award.

7. REQUIREMENT FOR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Graduates through this scholarship program will be required to teach for one year in a Florida public school for each year they received scholarship funds. **If scholarship recipients do not graduate within three (3) years, or if graduates do not teach in a Florida public school, they will be required to repay the total amount of scholarships they received with interest at eight percent annually.** Interest on a scholarship begins to accrue the first day of the thirteenth month after the after the month in which the recipient has completed an approved teacher education program or after the month in which enrollment as a full-time student was terminated. Interest will not accrue during any period of deferment or eligible teaching service. The scholarship must be repaid within 10 years of the date of graduation or termination of full-time enrollment, including any periods of deferment. Deferments may be granted for full-time study, inability to secure an eligible teaching position, temporary disability or other hardships. Deferment may be granted for a total of 24 months and may not exceed 12 consecutive months. In the event of a default on this scholarship, the entire unpaid balance, including interest accrued, will become immediately due and payable at the option of the holder of the Promissory Note.

8. USE OF APPLICANT'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER/NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The Privacy Act of 1974 requires a state agency to inform applicants of the reasons for requesting their Social Security number (SSN). The FFMT requests a SSN on all applications for student financial assistance in order to correctly identify applicants and match each applicant's financial aid record with the student record at the institution the applicant attends.

An applicant will not be denied financial assistance for failure to disclose the SSN. Without a SSN, correct identification of an applicant's record cannot be assured and may result in an error in the award amount or a delay in the disbursement of an award.

Pursuant to Florida Statute 228.2001, state student financial assistance is provided to eligible applicants without discriminating on the basis of race, sex, national origin, marital status or handicap. Minority status will be considered when it is required by law as a condition of eligibility or selection.

9. DEFERMENTS OF FUNDS FOR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Deferments must be submitted for approval in writing to the Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc. Deferments are generally, but not necessarily, allowed (except during a student's first semester in his or her teacher-education program).

APPLICATION CHECK LIST:

Complete applications should be turned into primary contact at the participating institution you plan to attend (see page 5). Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Did you remember to:

_____ Indicate semester and year you are applying for on the front cover?

_____ Sign Section A?

_____ Get Section E completed by the primary contact at the institution you are planning to enroll in the teacher education program?

_____ Attach **official** transcripts from every college/ university attended and currently enrolled! Unofficial transcripts will not be accepted.

_____ Attach the essay?

If this application was reviewed by a community college contact before being submitted to FFMT, please have contact initial here _____

Application Deadlines
Fall Semester: August 1st
Spring Semester: November 15th

*For further information, please write Minority Teacher Education Scholarship Program
Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc.
G415 Norman Hall/PO Box 117045 • Gainesville, FL 32611-7045
or contact FFMT at (352) 392-9196 ext. 21 or info@ffmt.org*

SECTION C: STATEMENT OF SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION STATUS (Check one)

I certify that I am registered with the Selective Service

I certify that I am not required to be registered with the Selective Service because:

I am female.

I am in the armed services on active duty. (Note: This exception does not apply to members of the reserves and National Guard who are not on active duty.)

I am retired/separated military

I have not reached my 18th birthday

I was born before 1960

I am a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands or a permanent resident of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Palau)

SECTION D: ADDITIONAL APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. **Name of institution** where lower-division course work was completed:

2. Above named institution is a: ___Florida Community College ___Florida 4-year College or University ___Other

3. Date/Year completed lower division coursework: _____/_____

4. **Name upper division institution** you attend or are planning to attend: _____

5. Area in which you intend to become certified as a teacher (e.g., elementary, special education):

6. List the type of program that you will be entering (Bachelors, Certification): _____

7. Have you taken any graduate coursework? (Check one) ___Yes ___No

8. List languages (besides English) that you speak fluently: _____

9. What percentage of your education have you financed through employment? _____ %

10. List campus/community involvement (clubs, sororities/fraternities, volunteer activities, etc.):

11. Choose the category that best describes your status (Circle One) Paraprofessional 2nd Career N/A

12. Do you intend to teach in a Florida public school? (Check one) ___Yes ___No

NOTE: THIS SCHOLARSHIP MUST BE REPAID IN CASH IF THE RECIPIENT DOES NOT GRADUATE FROM A FLORIDA STATE APPROVED TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM AND/OR DOES NOT TEACH IN A FLORIDA PUBLIC SCHOOL.

13. To assist me with employment, I authorize FFMT to release my name to the Florida Department of Education's Office of Teacher Recruitment & Retention and to Florida public schools. (Check one) ___Yes ___No

14. **TRANSCRIPTS:** Please submit an official copy of transcripts from every college and/or university I have attended. I have attached all transcripts. (Check one) ___Yes ___No

15. **ESSAY:** Discuss how your life experiences have impacted you to go into the field of education. (Must be 100-300 words typed). I have attached the essay. (Check one) ___Yes ___No

How did you hear about FFMT's Minority Teacher Education Scholarship?

____ Community College Contact
____ Contact at Participating 4-year Institution
____ FFMT Website
____ Other: _____

____ Financial Aid Contact
____ Letter/Postcard from FFMT
____ FFMT Scholarship Recipient

SECTION E: College Verification Section

(To be completed by the Primary Contact at the Upper Division Institution)

All complete applications (with attached official transcript(s) and typed essay) must be submitted to the Primary Contact at the participating institution (upper division) for appropriate verification and signature. Failure to submit completed application to Primary Contact will result in denial of the application.

The applicant has been admitted into the following state-approved teacher education program that will lead to eligibility for a teaching position in a K-12 classroom.

(See the Florida Department of Education Program Directory of Approved Programs and Codes)

Do not use your school code.

(Program Name i.e. Elementary Education/ESOL: K-6)

(DOE Program Code i.e. 444)

After auditing this student's record, he/she will need to complete _____ remaining hours to graduate with initial certification.
(Credits)

The applicant's semester grade point average is _____.

The applicant's overall grade point average is _____.

The applicant is at **junior status only** at this institution _____ Yes _____ No

The applicant's expected date of graduation with initial teacher certification is _____
(Semester/Year)

I certify that the above is true and correct.

Dean/Director's Signature

Date

Name of Dean/Director: _____ Title: _____

Name of Institution: _____

Telephone Number of Dean/Director: (____) _____ - _____

FFMT PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS & PRIMARY CONTACTS

State Universities

Chipola College	Dr. Lou Cleveland	(850) 718-2416
Florida A&M University	Dr. Charles Ervin, Jr.	(850) 412-7190
Florida Atlantic University	Dr. Debra Shepherd	(561) 297-3574
Florida Gulf Coast University	Olivia Hung-Simons	(239) 590-7790
Florida International University	Marta Vazquez-Syms	(305) 348-2768
Florida State University	Robert Moore	(850) 644-6798
Miami Dade College	Dr. Robert Prosser	(305) 237-6162
St. Petersburg College	Kathy Ralph	(727) 341-3550
University of Central Florida	Tina Smilie	(407) 823-0043
University of Florida	Dr. Michael Bowie	(352) 392-5242 ext. 22
University of North Florida	Dr. John Kemppainen	(904) 620-2530
University of South Florida	Dr. Diane Briscoe	(813) 974-0544
University of West Florida	Melanie DiLoreto	(850) 474-3228

Private/Independent Colleges and Universities

Barry University	Dr. John Pittman	(305) 273-3104
Bethune-Cookman University	Dr. Helena Walrond	(386) 481-2349
Clearwater Christian College	Dr. Philip Larsen	(727) 726-1153 ext. 221
Edward Waters	Iana Williams	(904) 470-8000 ext. 8053
Flagler College	Erin Chomat	(850) 201-8070
Florida Institute of Technology	Debra Blenis	(321) 674-7506
Florida Memorial University	Dr. Mildred Berry	(305) 623-4279
Florida Southern College	Sheri Nosal	(863) 680-4144
Jacksonville University	Dr. Christina Ramirez-Smith	(904) 256-7193
Lynn University	Dr. Kavin Ming	(561) 237-7082
Nova Southeastern University	Maxine Mason	(954) 262-7920
Palm Beach Atlantic University	Dr. Marilyn Stepnoski	(561) 803-2372
Rollins College	Maruxa Murphy	(407) 691-1240
St. Leo University	Dr. Vera Swade	(352) 237-2111 ext. 1810
St. Thomas University	Dr. Walter Cegelka	(305) 628-6576
Southeastern University	Dr. Samuel Bennett	(863) 667-5000
Stetson University	Midge McDaniel	(321) 939-7619
University of Miami	Robin Shane	(305) 284-3826
University of Tampa	Dr. Edward Cloutier	(813) 253-3333 ext. 3411
Warner Southern College	Yolanda Ortiz	(863) 638-7243

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Rollins College
St. Leo University
St. Thomas University
Southeastern College
Stetson University
University of Miami
University of Tampa
Warner Southern College

PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

Brevard Community College
Broward Community College
Central Florida Community College
Chipola College
Daytona Beach Community College
Edison Community College
Florida Community College
Florida Keys Community College
Gulf Coast Community College
Hillsborough Community College
Indian River Community College
Lake City Community College
Lake Sumter Community College
Manatee Community College

Miami Dade College
North Florida Junior College
Okaloosa-Walton Community College
Palm Beach Community College
Pasco-Hernando Community College
Pensacola Junior College
Polk Community College
Santa Fe Community College
Seminole Community College
South Florida Community College
St. Johns River Community College
Tallahassee Community College
Valencia Community College