

6A-20.0283 Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship Program

(1) General eligibility requirements. To receive an initial or renewing Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship Program award a student shall meet the provisions of sections 1009.40, 1009.41, 1009.42 and 1009.894, F.S., and Rules 6A-20.001, 6A-20.003 and 6A-20.0371, F.A.C., and:

(a) Be enrolled in a public Florida postsecondary institution in an undergraduate degree or career certificate program of study.

(b) Be enrolled in a minimum of twelve (12) semester credit hours, or equivalent quarter or clock credit hours, per term.

(c) Be a farmworker as defined in section 420.503, F.S., or child of a farmworker.

(d) Be a Florida resident as provided in section 1009.40 and Rule 6A-20.003 F.A.C. and a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.

(2) Initial eligibility requirements.

(a) Information about the scholarship program is made available via the Florida Department of Education (FDOE), Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) website (<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org>).

(b) For the purposes of initial eligibility, in accordance with section 1009.894, F.S., the student must:

1. File the FFAA-1, Florida Financial Aid Application for Students, as incorporated by reference in Rule 6A-20.019, F.A.C., and meet all Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship Program academic requirements provided in Florida Statutes. A copy of Form FFAA-1 may be obtained online at <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org>.

2. Complete and submit the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) online in time to be processed error-free by the U.S. Department of Education on or before May 15.

3. Have earned a minimum weighted cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 for all high school courses creditable toward a diploma.

4. Have a minimum ninety (90) percent attendance rate and have no disciplinary action documented on the high school transcript.

5. Have completed a minimum of thirty (30) community service hours. Service hours may not be hours that benefitted the student financially or materially, or be service to family members defined as: parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and spouses, including aforementioned step relations.

(c) At the end of the regular registration period, inclusive of the drop/add period for each academic term for

which aid is received, an eligible student shall:

1. Be enrolled for a minimum of twelve (12) credits for a degree program or a minimum of three hundred sixty (360) clock hours per term for a certificate program;

2. Not owe a repayment of a federal Title IV grant, or any state grant or scholarship unless satisfactory arrangements have been made to repay; and

3. Not be in default on any state or federal student loan program unless satisfactory arrangements have been made to repay.

(3) Academic eligibility for renewal awards is determined at the end of the second semester or third quarter of each academic year. To be eligible for a renewal award, a student shall have earned a minimum cumulative institutional grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for postsecondary work.

(4) Appeals. An applicant may appeal decisions of ineligibility made due to failure to meet academic progress requirements or errors made by the Office of Student Financial Assistance under the provisions of Rule 6A-20.0371, F.A.C.

(5) Award procedures. The department will make awards, not to exceed the number of full awardees set in statute. Priority in the distribution of funds will be as follows:

(a) First priority will be given to renewal applicants.

(b) Second priority for awards will be given to initial applicants. If the number of awards remaining is insufficient to award all such applicants, they will be ranked and selected first by the least family contribution as specified on the FAFSA and second by the earliest postmark or electronic receipt date of the Florida Financial Aid Application. If the number of awards remaining is insufficient to award all equally ranked applicants, the tie will be broken through random selection.

(6) Florida public school districts shall submit transcript, service hours, and eligibility criteria data by deadlines established by the FDOE.

(7) Institutional Responsibilities. Institutions shall meet the provisions of section 1009.46, F.S. and Rule 6A-20.002, F.A.C.

(8) Florida eligible non-public secondary schools must register as a non-public high school via the Private Annual School Survey (<http://www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/private-schools/annual-survey.stml>) with the FDOE and submit scholarship required courses, service hours, and other eligibility criteria data as requested to the

FDOE, via the Online Transcript Entry and Evaluation System (<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org>).

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