**Graduation Alternative to Traditional Education Start-up Grant (GATE Grant)**

**Concept Proposal**

The Graduation Alternative to Traditional Education (GATE) Start-up Grant is established in Section (s.) 1011.804, Florida Statutes (F.S.). This grant program is created to fund and support the startup and implementation of the GATE Program, subject to legislative appropriation. The purpose of the grant program is to increase access to programs that support adult learners earning a high school credential, either a high school diploma or its equivalent, and a workforce credential aligned to statewide or regional demand. Career education credentials offered as part of the GATE program must be included on the 2024-25 Master Credentials List under s. 445.004(4), F.S. See Chapter 2024-161, Laws of Florida, for the complete statutory language: <https://laws.flrules.org/2024/161>

**Eligible Applicants**

Proposals may be received by institutions who serve students in or are located in Rural Areas of Rural Opportunity. Current designations of Rural Areas of Rural Opportunity can be found on the Florida Commerce Rural Areas of Opportunity webpage: <https://www.floridajobs.org/community-planning-and-development/rural-community-programs/rural-areas-of-opportunity>.

Attachment A provides a list of the eligible applicants identified by the Florida Department of Education. If your agency is not listed, email [gategrant@fldoe.org](mailto:gategrant@fldoe.org) for technical assistance. As used in this section, the term “institution” means a school district career center established under s. 1001.44, F.S., a charter technical career center established under s. 1002.34, F.S., or a Florida College System institution identified in s. 1000.21, F.S., which offers the GATE Program pursuant to s. 1004.933, F.S.

**Eligible Career Education Programs**

Eligible programs are defined in s. 1004.933, F.S. “Career education program” means an applied technology diploma program as defined in s. 1004.02(7), F.S., or a career certificate program as defined in s. 1004.02(20), F.S.. Only programs with approved curriculum frameworks in Rule 6A-6.0571, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C). are eligible for GATE participant enrollment. These programs must be on the 2024-25 Master Credentials List.

Notes about project selection:

* The department shall prioritize grant proposals that combine adult basic education, adult secondary education, and career education programs at one location or allow students to complete programs through distance learning. An applicant may not receive more than 10 percent of the total amount appropriated for the program. Proposals will be reviewed in the order received.

## **PART A**

## **A-1: Submitter Information**

***Complete the following table with school district or FCS (Florida College System) institution name which will be the fiscal agency***

***Eligible Applicant Information (Entity reported must be the Fiscal Agent)***

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| **School District or FCS Institution Name** |  |
| **Counties Served by the Institution** |  |

***Contact Information for Questions about the Proposal***

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| **Primary Contact Name** |  |
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| **Phone Number** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Secondary Contact Name** |  |
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## **PART B: PROGRAM NARRATIVE**

## **B-1: GATE Program Description**

***Provide a brief executive summary of your concept proposal and how funds will be used to create a GATE Program. The GATE Program is designed for Florida residents aged 16 to 21 years of age who have withdrawn from high school and not yet earned a standard high school diploma or its equivalent. The program must combine an adult secondary program and career education program that is listed on the Master Credential List.***

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**B-2: GATE Program Delivery Summary**

***Provide a summary of the program delivery that includes the following:***

* ***The institution or institutions that will provide the adult basic education (if applicable), adult secondary education, and career education programs;***
* ***The proposed adult basic education and adult secondary education program or programs the institution or institutions will provide;***
* ***The proposed career education program or programs the institution or institutions will provide.***

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**B-3: Projected Enrollment**

***For the adult education and career education programs identified in B-2, provide an overview of the anticipated enrollment in the program and the locations for instruction, including online opportunities.***

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**B-4: Postsecondary credentials available for each career education program or programs**

***Complete the following table. Credentials must be included on the Master Credentials List under s. 445.004(4). The 2024-25 Master Credentials List is available here:*** [***https://careersourceflorida.com/boardroom/florida-credentials-review-committee/master-credentials-list/***](https://careersourceflorida.com/boardroom/florida-credentials-review-committee/master-credentials-list/)***. If an industry certification is offered to students in the GATE program, provide the certification code and the certification name.***

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| **Program Number** | **Program Name** | **List all credentials in the career education program that students may complete** |
| Ex. H170302/0351100901 | Phlebotomy | Career certificate issued by the institution  NCFCT003-National Certified Phlebotomy Technician (NCPT) |
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**B-5: Outreach and Recruitment Strategies**

***Describe your proposed outreach strategies for student recruitment, including collaboration with local workforce development boards.***

**Use LMI data to justify your proposed outreach and recruitment strategies. Highlight specific labor market trends and demands in your area, explaining how your approach aligns with these insights to effectively target and attract potential students.**

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## **PART C: COSTS/BUDGET AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

**C-1: Summary of Estimate Tuition, Fees, Registration, Laboratory, Examination Fees, and Instructional Materials Costs for participants**

***For each career education program/adult education program combination, provide the following estimated costs for GATE participants in the following table for completing the entire program. For costs, assume full-time enrollment.***

1. ***AGE Program: ABE, GED, AHS***
2. ***Certificate Program # (CIP/VPC) and Name (must be a career certificate or applied technology diploma)***
3. ***Adult Education Tuition: Total Block Tuition***
4. ***Career Education Tuition and Fees: Total Tuition, Financial Aid, Capital Improvement and Technology Fees for the career certificate or applied technology diploma program***
5. ***Laboratory Fee: Total laboratory fees for the career education program***
6. ***Registration and Other Fees: Total of all other expected fees for the adult education and career education program.***
7. ***Examination Fees: GED Testing and industry certification fees***
8. ***Instructional Materials: Total Cost of Instructional Materials for the Program***
9. ***Total of information in columns 3-8.***

***Add additional rows to the table as needed.***

| **[1]**  **AGE Program** | **[2]**  **Certificate Program # (CIP/VPC) and Name** | **[3]**  **Adult Education Tuition** | **[4]**  **Career Education Tuition and Fees** | **[5]**  **Laboratory Fee** | **[6]**  **Registration and Other Fees** | **[7]**  **Examination Fees** | **[8]**  **Instructional Materials** | **[9]**  **TOTAL** |
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**C-2: Request for Funds**

***Grant funds may be used for planning activities and other expenses associated with the creation of the GATE Program, such as expenses related to program instruction, instructional equipment, supplies, instructional personnel, and student services. Grant funds may not be used for indirect costs. NOTE: The student cost of instruction is not part of this cost and would be provided through the GATE Scholarship program.***

***Complete the following table for total requested funds.***

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| **Category** | **Expenditure Type** | **Funds Requested ($)** |
| 1 | Instructional Costs and Personnel |  |
| 2 | Instructional Equipment |  |
| 3 | Supplies |  |
| 4 | Student Services |  |
|  | TOTAL (sum of 1-4) |  |

***Complete the following table for a detailed description of costs. Add additional rows as needed.***

| **Expense Type** | **Description of Expense** | **Justification for Expense** | **Funds Requested ($)** |
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**C-3: Implementation Plan**

***Provide an overview of timeline for the project, including estimated enrollment date for students.***

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| **Project Deliverable** | **Description** | **Completion Date** |
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**Attachment A – Eligible Applicants**

| **Type** | **Fiscal Agency #** | **Agency Name** | **Rural Areas of Opportunity (RAO) Served** | **Notes about Eligibility** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| FCS institution | 322 | Chipola College | Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, Washington, Calhoun | Institution does not currently offer adult secondary education programs. |
| FCS institution | 422 | College of Central Florida | Gilchrist, Levy | Grant application limited to RAOs listed. |
| FCS institution | 122 | Florida Gateway College | Baker, Columbia, Dixie | Grant application limited to RAOs listed. |
| FCS institution | 362 | Florida SouthWestern State College | Glades, Hendry, Collier (limited to RAO identified areas) | Institution does not currently offer adult secondary education programs. |
| FCS institution | 032 | Gulf Coast State College | Franklin, Gulf | Institution does not currently offer adult secondary education programs. |
| FCS institution | 562 | Indian River State College | Okeechobee | Grant application limited to RAOs listed. |
| FCS institution | 402 | North Florida College | Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor | Institution does not currently offer adult secondary education programs. |
| FCS institution | 462 | Northwest Florida State College | Walton (limited to RAO identified areas) | Grant application limited to RAOs listed. |
| FCS institution | 502 | Palm Beach State College | Palm Beach (limited to RAO identified areas) | Institution does not currently offer adult secondary education programs. |
| FCS institution | 012 | Santa Fe College | Bradford | Grant application limited to RAOs listed. |
| FCS institution | 282 | South Florida State College | DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands | Grant application limited to RAOs listed. |
| FCS institution | 542 | St. Johns River State College | Putnam | Grant application limited to RAOs listed. |
| FCS institution | 372 | Tallahassee State College | Gadsden, Wakulla | Grant application limited to RAOs listed. |
| School District | 020 | Baker County School District | Baker | School district would have to apply with intention of creating an accredited career center or entering a partnership agreement with an eligible institution. |
| School District | 040 | Bradford County School District | Bradford | North Florida Technical College has a service area that includes both Bradford and Union Counties. |
| School District | 110 | Collier County School District | Collier (limited to RAO identified areas) | District has eligible institution; application would be limited to geographic area identified for the RAO. |
| School District | 120 | Columbia County School District | Columbia | School district would have to apply with intention of creating an accredited career center or entering a partnership agreement with an eligible institution. |
| School District | 140 | Desoto County School District | DeSoto | School district would have to apply with intention of creating an accredited career center or entering a partnership agreement with an eligible institution. |
| School District | 150 | Dixie County School District | Dixie | School district would have to apply with intention of creating an accredited career center or entering a partnership agreement with an eligible institution. |
| School District | 190 | Franklin County School District | Franklin | School district would have to apply with intention of creating an accredited career center or entering a partnership agreement with an eligible institution. |
| School District | 200 | Gadsden County School District | Gadsden | Gadsden Technical College serves this county. |
| School District | 220 | Glades County School District | Glades | School district would have to apply with intention of creating an accredited career center or entering a partnership agreement with an eligible institution. |
| School District | 230 | Gulf County School District | Gulf | School district would have to apply with intention of creating an accredited career center or entering a partnership agreement with an eligible institution. |
| School District | 240 | Hamilton County School District | Hamilton | School district would have to apply with intention of creating an accredited career center or entering a partnership agreement with an eligible institution. |
| School District | 250 | Hardee County School District | Hardee | School district would have to apply with intention of creating an accredited career center or entering a partnership agreement with an eligible institution. |
| School District | 260 | Hendry County School District | Hendry | School district would have to apply with intention of creating an accredited career center or entering a partnership agreement with an eligible institution. |
| School District | 320 | Jackson County School District | Jackson, Calhoun | School district would have to apply with intention of creating an accredited career center or entering a partnership agreement with an eligible institution. |
| School District | 330 | Jefferson County School District | Jefferson | School district would have to apply with intention of creating an accredited career center or entering a partnership agreement with an eligible institution. |
| School District | 340 | Lafayette County School District | Lafayette | School district would have to apply with intention of creating an accredited career center or entering a partnership agreement with an eligible institution. |
| School District | 390 | Liberty County School District | Liberty | School district would have to apply with intention of creating an accredited career center or entering a partnership agreement with an eligible institution. |
| School District | 400 | Madison County School District | Madison | School district would have to apply with intention of creating an accredited career center or entering a partnership agreement with an eligible institution. |
| School District | 500 | Palm Beach County School District | Palm Beach (limited to RAO identified areas) | School district has two career centers; the service area would need to include the RAO identified area. |
| School District | 610 | Suwannee County School District | Suwanee | RiverOak Technical College has a service area that includes both Suwannee and Hamilton. |
| School District | 620 | Taylor County School District | Taylor | Big Bend Technical College has a service area that includes Taylor. |
| School District | 630 | Union County School District | Union | School district would have to apply with intention of creating an accredited career center or entering a partnership agreement with an eligible institution. |
| School District | 650 | Wakulla County School District | Wakulla | School district would have to apply with intention of creating an accredited career center or entering a partnership agreement with an eligible institution. |
| School District | 660 | Walton County School District | Walton (limited to RAO identified areas) | Emerald Coast Technical College has a service area that includes Walton. |
| School District | 670 | Washington County School District | Washington | Florida Panhandle Technical College has a service area that includes Washington and Holmes. |