



Independence Scholarships

Purpose of the scholarship: The Independence Scholarship Program is a joint project of the Florida workforce system and the Florida Independent College Fund. Its goal is to help college students who had been in the foster child system advance from low-income employment, under-employment, unemployment or public assistance to secure self-sufficient careers through higher education, avoiding future dependency on public assistance.

Amount of scholarship: The program will award up to \$10,000 to pay tuition, room & board at the institution, book costs, fees and other education related expenses.

Student eligibility requirements: To be eligible for this program a student must have been in Florida's foster child system and be enrolled at an independent college or university in Florida for the 2005-2006 academic year.

Eligible Institutions: The following institutions can participate in this program.

Barry University	Jacksonville University
Beacon College	Lynn University
Bethune-Cookman College	Nova Southeastern University
Clearwater Christian College	Palm Beach Atlantic University
Eckerd College	Ringling School of Art & Design
Edward Waters College	Rollins College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Southeastern University
Flagler College	Saint Leo University
Florida College	St. Thomas University
Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences	Stetson University
Florida Institute of Technology	The University of Miami
Florida Memorial University	The University of Tampa
Florida Southern College	Warner Southern College
International College	Webber International University

Time frame for the scholarships: Awards will be processed in the order that applications are received until \$300,000 is fully disbursed.

Application procedures: Students should apply to their institution's financial aid office or directly to the Florida Independent College Fund, 929 N. Spring Garden Ave., Suite 165, DeLand, FL 32720 – email – ficf@ficf.org.

Payment of funds: Once scholarship eligibility requirements have been met, the award will be made to the student's institutional account to pay remaining charges not covered by federal or state grants and scholarships up to \$10,000.