



FLORIDA RESIDENT ACCESS GRANT APPLICATION 2011-2012

SECTION I: STUDENT INFORMATION -- To Be Completed By Student (Please print or type in blue or black ink)

Applicant's Name: _____ SS#: _____

Permanent Address: _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE

Applicant's Date of Birth: _____ Applicant's High School Graduation: _____ Applicant's High School : _____
MONTH DAY YEAR MONTH YEAR NAME CITY & STATE

If you were born before 1/1/1988, what is the beginning date of your residency in Florida? _____
MONTH Day YEAR

If you were born after 1/1/1988, what is the beginning date of your parent's residency in Florida? _____
MONTH Day YEAR

SECTION II: SUPPORTING STATEMENT OF APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY-- read and check the appropriate statements.

I certify that:

- I understand and meet the residency requirements of the FRAG program, which are listed on the back of this form.
- I have **not** previously earned a bachelor's degree.
- I am a US citizen. **Or, I am an eligible non-citizen; please check your status below:**
 - I am a permanent resident alien of the US.
 - I hold an eligible Visa status.

Awards are provided to eligible applicants without discriminating on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin, marital status or handicap.

SECTION III: EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE / REFUND AND DEFAULT: I certify that I do not owe a refund on any grant, am not in default on any loan, and have not borrowed in excess of the loan limits, under the Title IV at any institution. I will use all Title IV money received only for expenses related to my studies at The University of Tampa.

SECTION IV: STUDENT CERTIFICATION: I have read and understand the conditions of this form; the information contained on this application is true, complete and correct; and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I am eligible for the Florida Resident Access Grant as defined under Florida laws.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

Notice: Students may be asked by their educational institution to provide additional documentation to verify their eligibility for the Florida Resident Access Grant. If you purposely give false information on this form, you may be subject to a fine or imprisonment or both under Section 837.06, Florida Statutes.

Please read the important information on the back of this form.

FLORIDA RESIDENT ACCESS GRANT CONDITIONS

The Florida Resident Access Grant provides tuition assistance to resident students attending non-profit private colleges and universities located in the state. The program is administered by the Florida Department of Education pursuant to Florida statutes and administrative rules adopted by the State Board of Education. Each participating eligible institution administers the program for and on behalf of the eligible students it enrolls. Funds for support of the Florida Resident Access Grant (FRAG) are contingent each year upon the appropriations made available by the Florida Legislature.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- a. Applicants must submit applications each year to the participating post-secondary institution.
- b. An applicant must be a Florida resident for twelve (12) consecutive months prior to the first day of classes for which assistance is requested. The primary intent of establishing residence in Florida must not be for the purpose of obtaining an education. An individual who comes to Florida as an out-of-state resident to enroll in a Florida post-secondary educational institution will not meet the Florida residency requirement for state financial aid purposes regardless of the length of time enrolled.

Dependent students may take the residency of either parent who meets the Florida residency requirement even if claimed as a dependent by a non-resident parent. A parent is either a natural or adoptive parent. A dependent applicant will be considered to have met the requirements of Florida residency if the applicant has lived with a relative for the past five years who has had day-to-day supervision of the individual, and the relative meets all the requirements for Florida residency.

For the purpose of residency, an independent applicant must not be eligible to be claimed as a tax exemption by any person other than a spouse, must be self-supporting for twelve (12) consecutive months prior to the first day of classes for which the assistance is requested and have the intent, for purposes other than education, that Florida be their legal state of residence.

Residents of Florida stationed out-of-state on active military duty and their spouses and children will retain Florida residency status.

Active duty members of armed forces stationed in Florida, their spouses and dependent children, and full-time instructional and administrative personnel of state public schools, colleges and universities, and their spouses and dependent children are classified as Florida residents.

An applicant receiving funds through this program, who subsequently loses Florida residency status, may be eligible to continue to receive funds for a period of twelve (12) months.

- c. Applicants must be enrolled in a first bachelor's degree program at an eligible independent college or university.
- d. Applicants must enroll each academic term for a minimum of twelve (12) credits.
- e. Recipients must not owe a repayment under any state or federal grant or scholarship program.
- f. Recipients must not be in default on any federal Title IV or state student loan program unless satisfactory arrangements to repay have been made.
- g. Students shall be eligible to receive financial aid for a maximum of nine (9) semesters or fourteen (14) quarters.
- h. Renewal applicants shall have earned a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale and have earned twelve (12) credits per term.
- i. Applicants who fail to earn the minimum number of credits required for renewal shall lose their eligibility for renewal for a period equivalent to one academic year.
- j. A student who receives an award and subsequently fails to meet the academic progress requirements due to verifiable illness or other emergency beyond the student's control, may be granted an exception from the academic requirements. Such a recipient shall make a written appeal to the institution. The appeal shall include a description and verification of the circumstances. Verification of the illness or other emergency may include, but not be limited to, a written statement from a physician, parent or college official. The institution shall recommend each exception to the Office of Student Financial Assistance, Florida Department of Education.
- k. Applicants must be making satisfactory progress as defined by the college or university in which they are enrolled.