



Florida Bright Futures - KEEP FLORIDA'S FUTURE BRIGHT

Together with the Florida Department of Education (FDOE), the Florida Lottery has helped over 950,000 scholars and counting receive a postsecondary education through the Bright Futures Scholarship program. For information about the program: <https://floridabrightfutures.gov/>. Have you thought about applying? See how Bright Futures could make your educational goals a reality when you check your eligibility. [Check Eligibility](#)

- **Federal Student Aid Application FAFSA** – Awards can be up to \$6,000.00 per year. <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- **Florida Financial Aide Application FFAA** - <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHome/SAPHome?url=home>
- **Florida Bright Futures** - <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPBFMAIN/SAPBFMAIN>

Brevard Federated Republican Women

- I. Lillian Banks Memorial \$1000 Scholarship**
Established in honor of Lillian Banks, former BFRW Legislative Chair
- II. Barbara Davis Leadership \$1000 Scholars hip**
Established in honor of Barbara Davis, past BFRW President and Treasurer,
And former Chairman of the Brevard Republican Party.
- III. Bradley Moore Memorial Scholarship for 2024**
- IV. BFRW Trade School Scholarship 2024**

Eligibility: Male or Female high school senior, including home-schooled students, must be U.S. Citizen; high school graduate; between ages of 18 and 21 years old; resident of Brevard County. Applicant may also be a current college student or enrolled in a trade school.

The completed BFRW Scholarship Application is appropriate for any of the four scholarships including the Lillian Banks Scholarship and the Barbara Davis Scholarship. To be considered for each of these, need to only submit one application; however, only one scholarship will be awarded to one applicant.

BFRW Scholarship Application Requirements:

1. High School Level Grades, Class Rank, and High School Graduation Date
2. SAT/ACT Test Results (Not needed for Trade School Applicants)
3. High School Awards, Honors, and Activities
4. If Dual Enrolled in Eastern Florida State College (EFSC), grades are to be submitted in a sealed envelope, degree seeking and expected graduation date.
5. List of Community Service and/or Employment.
6. Three (3) Recommendation letters (From an educator, church/synagogue associate, an employer and/or a volunteer organization associate)
7. Copy of letter from the college to which applicant has been accepted.
8. Copy of Voter Registration Card.

9. One- page Essay, **signed and dated**, to include college course interests or trade school interests. Also, your future goals and plans to be a productive citizen, on behalf of our Country.

Please send a hard copy of your application and supporting documentation to the following address:

Dixie Riepl, Ed.D. , Chair 2024, BFRW Scholarship Committee, 160 Sagecrest Circle, #103, W. Melbourne, FL 32904

DEADLINE: Scholarship applications are due 5 pm Saturday, March 23, 2024. For Scholarship Applications and Information, please visit: www.brevardfederatedrepublicanwomen.org

For questions, please contact Dixie Riepl or Jill Gentis, BFRW President:

Dixie Riepl: Email: driepl6871@gmail.com Phone: [281-740-3080](tel:281-740-3080)

Jill Gentis: Email: jilgentis@sbcglobal.net [773-896-8616](tel:773-896-8616)

Please call or email Dixie Riepl, Ed.D. to let us know when you begin to start your application. We may be able to give you updated information or support.

Florida Eastern Star Grant Program

The Grand Chapter of Florida, Order of the Eastern Star, Charitable Foundation, Inc. (Florida Eastern Star) has developed a program that permits funds to cover tuition for those accepted in an accredited college, university, community college or vocational institution within the State of Florida. This grant is available to Florida high school seniors, including home-schooled students, graduating in 2024. While grade point average is important, the primary focus of the Florida Eastern Star Grant Program is a student's desire for a career or vocation and a need for these funds.

Tuition to an accredited university, college, junior college, community college or vocational institution within the State of Florida. It is a one-time grant for a one-year period. The amount of the award will be based on the amount available in the Fund. The money is issued for tuition ONLY and does not need to be repaid.

Requirements for submission:

- Florida High School senior graduating in 2024
- Acceptance to the university, college, junior college, community college or vocational institution of choice with the State of Florida
- Submission of a five-paragraph essay on the subject of "What does Freedom of Speech mean to you?"

****Deadline for submission: January 1, 2024**

Contact for information and application: Lois Casaccia, P.G.M., Member of the Finance Committee; 1410 Crooked Stick Drive, Valrico, FL 33596; 813-655-1555; loismock3@aol.com

Fidelity Scholars Program

The Fidelity Scholars Program provides access to education and ongoing support to historically underserved and underrepresented students who want to attend four-year, two-year and certificate academic programs and help prepare them to become the next generation of professionals whose career achievements will allow them to positively impact their lifetime earnings and build generational wealth.

Selected Fidelity Scholars will be part of a prestigious program and will be expected to attend an event their first year where they will meet their Fidelity Mentors, College Success Coach and cohort of other Fidelity Scholars.

Bachelor's degree recipients may be funded for up to four years of study. As a need-based scholarship, the amount of financial support provided will depend on the cost of attendance determined by the college or university in which you are enrolling. The Fidelity Scholarship Program uses a last dollar approach. That means your scholarship funds will only be applied after your family contribution and all other financial aid sources have been granted.

The program is open to historically underserved and underrepresented student ages 16-24 who are permanent residents of Florida, Massachusetts, New Mexico, North Carolina, New Jersey, Texas and the District of Columbia.

- 2.5-3.5 unweighted GPA or GED
- Pell eligible and/or demonstrate financial need
- Attend as an incoming 2024-25 freshman at a 4-year accredited college or university in the state that you reside
- Student applicants must come from underrepresented populations and historically underserved communities who have faced systemic barriers and challenges to economic mobility. We specifically encourage students from Black, Latino, Native American (with documented tribal affiliation, and underrepresented Asian American/Pacific Islander heritage to apply.

Applicants must first create an account on the UNCF site. https://uncf.org/programs/fidelity-scholars-program?blm_aid=241665 This registration process will take 10 minutes. **For consideration, submit required application materials by Thursday, January 11 at 11:59PM.**

- The Fidelity Scholars Program wants to learn about your individual identity. In particular, we are curious about the lived experiences and viewpoints that have shaped you. Share an essay in 500 words or less.
- A creative 60 second video answering the prompt: "Through the lens of your identity, what does financial freedom mean to you?"
- A current academic transcript of all recorded grades or GED certificate
- A completed reference letter from an individual familiar with your character and academic performance – this can be a coach, teacher, community or religious leader – anyone outside of your family that can attest to or speak for your character and ability. Relatives cannot serve as a reference, nor can we accept e-mail letters of recommendation. Instruct the person to provide you with a letter on organizational letterhead and simply upload it to your application.
- Your leadership and work experience, honors and awards, and community service in the accomplishments section of the application.
- (optional) An official school profile from your school's professional counseling department that shows the school's name, address, CEEB code and grading structure.

Finalists will be notified by March 15, 2024.

Before this time, make sure to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If selected as a finalist, you will be asked to submit your admissions letter and financial aid letter.

Selected Scholars will be notified in April/May.

For more information: <https://uncf.org/programs/fidelity-scholars-program/pages/fidelity-scholars-program-overview>

The 2024 Masoud R. Kashanian Memorial Scholarship is funded by the family of Mr. Kashanian, a volunteer at the Sams House at the Pine Island Conservation Area (PICA) Brevard County Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program, and is administered by the Pine Island Preservation Society. This \$1,000 scholarship is in recognition of the contributions of Mr. Kashanian to the PICA and specifically to the Sams House Education Center.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Be a graduating senior from a Brevard County High School
- Plan to attend a Florida College or University
- Major in fields related to environmental science, land or wildlife management.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Fill out all sections on the Sam Kashanian Memorial Scholarship Application. 202Type or print legibly in **black ink**
- In addition, submit the following:
- Request your high school to send an official high school transcript copy to the Pine Island Preservation Society, Attention: Scholarship Committee (address below).
- Copy of acceptance letter from a college or university.
- **Enclose application and additional documents in an envelope and send to:** Pine Island Preservation Society; Attn: Scholarship Committee, 6195 N Tropical Trail, Merritt Island, FL 32953
- Documents may be scanned as pdf files and sent to: SamsHouseEducators@gmail.com

Applications will not be returned to applicants regardless of the outcome of the selection process. **Applications must be received by April 30th** of the applicants' senior year in high school.

For more information contact: Martha Pessaro- Education Committee, Pine Island Preservation Society, Inc., 321-505-2418; or <https://www.facebook.com/pineislandpreservationsociety/>

Additional opportunities can be found at:

- **Scholarship Buddy** <https://scholarshipbuddy.com/> You will have to register on the site in order to see the complete list.
- **Scholly** <https://myscholly.com/> You will have to register on the site in order to search.
- **Niche.com** <https://www.niche.com/> There are many categories to search.
- **Scholarships.com** <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-state/florida-scholarships/>
- **Unigo.com** <https://www.unigo.com/>
- [Local Scholarship Resources - Florida College Access Network](#)

Many community organizations, such as Rotaries and Kiwanis Clubs, provide scholarships. Be sure to search their websites.