



Council for Lifelong Learning
**Florida Student Assistance
Grant Program (FSAG)**

**Fact
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| 1. What is the Florida Student Assistance Grant Program? | The Florida Student Assistance Grant (FSAG) Program consists of three state-funded financial assistance programs that are available to undergraduate students who demonstrate financial need. |
| 2. Who is eligible to receive a Florida Student Assistance Grant? | A student must meet the following general criteria to be considered for a Florida Student Assistance Grant: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• be a Florida resident;• apply for a Federal Pell Grant by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid;• demonstrate a minimum financial need of \$200;• enroll at an eligible Florida postsecondary education institution for a minimum of 12 credits per term (disabled students may be eligible to enroll on a part-time basis); and• maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average while enrolled at an eligible postsecondary education institution. |
| 3. What are the three financial assistance programs that comprise the FSAG Program? | The FSAG Program is comprised of the following three programs: the Florida Public Student Assistance Grant Program, the Florida Private Student Assistance Grant Program, and the Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant Program. Each program is funded separately. |
| 4. Where can a student use a Florida Student Assistance Grant? | Each of the three programs that make up the FSAG Program can only be used at certain postsecondary education institutions. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students who receive a Florida Public Student Assistance Grant must enroll at a Florida state university or community college.• Students who receive a Florida Private Student Assistance Grant must enroll at a SACS-accredited independent nonprofit college or university located in Florida that offers baccalaureate degrees.• Students who receive a Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant must enroll at a private nursing diploma school located in Florida or an independent college or university located in Florida that does not qualify for the Florida Private Student Assistance Grant Program. |
| 5. What is the award amount for the FSAG? | Each award is based on a student's demonstrated unmet need. The award amount for the Florida Public Student Assistance Grant ranges from \$200 to the average cost of matriculation |

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| | <p>and registration fees at state universities or is an amount specified in the <i>General Appropriations Act</i>. The award amount for the Florida Private Student Assistance Grant and the Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant ranges from \$200 to the average cost of matriculation and registration fees at state universities plus \$1,000 or is an amount specified in the <i>General Appropriations Act</i>.</p> <p>The 2001-2002 <i>General Appropriations Act</i> specifies that the maximum award amount for any of the three programs that make up the FSAG Program is \$1,300.</p> |
| <p>6. Are part-time students eligible for the FSAG?</p> | <p>By law, a student must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours. However, the 2001-2002 <i>General Appropriations Act</i> provides \$3,828,086 for Florida Student Assistance Grants for part-time student. No specific award amount is indicated.</p> |
| <p>7. What are the applicable statutes and rules?</p> | <p>Section 240.409, F.S. -- Florida Public Student Assistance Grant Section 240.4095, F.S. -- Florida Private Student Assistance Grant Section 240.4097, F.S. -- Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant</p> <p>Rules 6A-20.031 - 6A-20.033, F.A.C. -- Florida Student Assistance Grant Program</p> |
| <p>8. Where can I get additional information?</p> | <p>Department of Education Bureau of Student Financial Assistance (850) 410-5200 Student Hotline: 1-888-827-2004 (toll-free) www.firn.edu/doe/bsfa</p> <p>The Florida House of Representatives Committee on Colleges & Universities (850) 488-3711</p> |