



Wayne M. Densch

First Generation Scholarship Application

Through a generous donation from Wayne M. Densch Charities Inc., the First Generation Scholarship Program is available to **first time in college, first-generation students who demonstrate financial need, seeking an associate degree**. The goal of the program is to provide first-generation students at Seminole State College of Florida with the support, skills, and resources needed to make the initial transition to college and to be successful towards completion of a degree.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Must be a first-generation College Student (neither parent has earned a 4-year/bachelor's degree)
- Must be your first time in college and have applied to Seminole State for the **Fall 2021** term
- Demonstrate financial need (Pell Grant eligible as determined by 2021-2022 FAFSA)
- Be a Florida resident for tuition purposes

BENEFITS:

- Receive \$750 per semester (fall and spring) for up to two consecutive years at Seminole State College of Florida (total award = \$3,000)
- Assigned First Generation advisors to assist you through every step of the college process including academic advising, financial aid assistance, getting involved on campus, and transfer preparation
- Peer mentoring, social activities, and workshops to enhance your college experience

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS IF SELECTED:

First Year (Fall 2021/Spring 2022)

- Attend one of two designated First-Generation New Student Orientation sessions at either the Sanford/Lake Mary campus or Altamonte campus in July 2021 (exact dates to be determined)
- Attend the mandatory First Generation Freshmen Retreat at the Sanford/Lake Mary campus in August 2021 (exact date to be determined)
- Enroll in a designated first year course at the Sanford/Lake Mary or Altamonte campuses in Fall 2021
- Communicate with assigned Peer Mentor regularly during the Fall 2021 semester
- Attend six (6) on-campus events or workshops (three in fall, three in spring) during the first year
- Maintain a minimum college GPA of 2.0 or higher and complete at least 67% of all courses attempted

Second Year (Fall 2022/Spring 2023)

- Attend a minimum of three (3) campus events or workshops including at least one Career Development Center event/workshop
- Provide a resume critiqued by the Career Development Center
- Attend and participate in your advising meetings with your advisor each semester
- Maintain a minimum college GPA of 2.0 or higher and complete at least 67% of all courses attempted

SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL:

This scholarship is renewable for a second year provided all scholarship requirements in the first year have been satisfied.

Priority Application Deadline: March 26, 2021

Official Application Deadline: June 1, 2021



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SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS AND STEPS

The following instructions must be followed, and all four parts submitted to be eligible for consideration. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.** You may submit your completed application along with **all** required documents starting January 11, 2021.

1. **Complete the application on the next page.**
2. **Complete a [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) for the 2021-2022 academic year.** Include a copy of your full FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR), which shows estimated financial aid eligibility and parental education levels.
For assistance completing the FAFSA and/or accessing your SAR, contact TRiO Connections: <https://www.seminolestate.edu/trio>
3. **Type an essay describing your extra-curricular activities; educational and career goals; and how this scholarship would help you reach your goals (500 words max).** Remember to include your name, date, and title of the essay.
4. **Include a current letter of recommendation** on letterhead, dated, and signed from an employer, teacher/guidance counselor, or community member.

Submit all four parts (application, SAR, essay, and letter of recommendation) in one of the following ways:

Email (preferred)

Send documents as an attachment to fgf@seminolestate.edu

Mail

First Generation Freshmen Program
Attn: Jennifer Zelek
100 Weldon Boulevard
Sanford, FL 32773

In person

On the Sanford/Lake Mary campus to Advising & Counseling Suite in the Student Center (SC-140)

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STUDENT INFORMATION:

Full Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ Seminole State ID #: _____

Please check one which degree you will be pursuing:

Associate in Arts (AA) – I plan to transfer into a bachelor’s degree upon completion.

Intended Major: _____

Associate in Science (AS) – I do not plan to transfer into a bachelor’s degree. I plan to enter the workforce after completing the associate degree.

Program: _____

High School Attended: _____

High School Cumulative GPA: _____ High School Graduation/GED Date: _____

What is your preferred campus? Sanford/Lake Mary Altamonte Oviedo Heathrow

I hereby authorize Seminole State College of Florida to release this application and any relevant supporting Academic and/or financial aid reports to persons involved in the selection process of scholarship recipients.

Signature _____ Date _____

Notification of Social Security Number Collection and Usage

Seminole State College of Florida recognizes that an individual's Social Security number is a unique form of identification that can be utilized to obtain sensitive information regarding that particular individual. However, the College must collect Social Security numbers in order to be able to properly perform its duties and functions as an educational institution and in order to ensure that such duties and functions are performed accurately and efficiently.

The College is allowed to collect Social Security numbers in accordance with 119.071(5) (a), FS; and Section 1008.386, F.S.; IRC Section 25A and SBE Rule 6A-1.0955(3) (e) and FWS 34 CFR 668.36 (June 2011)

For more information, visit us at seminolestate.edu/first-generation