

**Guidelines**  
**First Generation Matching Grant (FGMG) Program**  
**For Florida Colleges**

The 2023-24 General Appropriations Act, Specific Appropriation 61, provides \$2,654,332 for FGMG at Florida colleges to be administered by the Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA).

- Each Florida college is allotted the minimum amount shown on the 2023-24 FGMG Allocation – Florida colleges. The Florida college institution should certify all eligible funds received for this purpose, **even if above the minimum requirement.**
- Certification of private contributions for FGMG should be received on or before December 1, 2023.
- The Florida college president must certify contributions for this program to the Division of Florida Colleges and submit the *Certification of Private Contributions for FGMG Program Form* by email to [collegereporting@fldoe.org](mailto:collegereporting@fldoe.org), **no later than December 1, 2023.**
- Unmatched contributions may be used as match for this appropriation. Each college may certify to the Division of Florida Colleges all or portions of matching funds on or before December 1, 2023. **Early submission of the certification form is encouraged** so that students may benefit from these funds in the fall term.
- OSFA will submit payments to institutions for eligible private contributions on a ratio of two-dollars in state funds to every one-dollar in private contributions (\$2 state funds to \$1 private contribution) up to the individual institution's allocation.
- If required matching funds are not raised by participating Florida colleges or state universities by **December 1, 2023**, the remaining funds shall be reallocated to FGMG programs at Florida colleges or state universities that have remaining unmatched private contributions.
- Matching funds may be used for students enrolled in baccalaureate degree programs.
- Section 1009.701, Florida Statutes (F.S.), along with the provisions of the General Appropriations Act, provides need-based financial assistance to Florida residents. In order to be eligible to receive a grant, an applicant must:
  - Be a resident for tuition purposes pursuant to section 1009.21, F.S.
  - Enroll as an undergraduate, degree-seeking student.
  - Attend a Florida College System institution.
  - Enroll in a minimum of six credit hours per term.
  - Meet the eligibility requirements for demonstrated need in s. 1009.50, F.S., Florida Public Student Assistance Grant Program. A student must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which must be complete and error free. First priority of funding shall be given to students who demonstrate need by qualifying and receiving federal Pell Grant funds up to the full cost of tuition and fees per term.
  - Be a student whose parents did not complete a baccalaureate degree as defined in s. 1009.21(1), F.S. If the student regularly resides with only one parent who provides the majority of support, that one parent must not have completed a baccalaureate degree.
  - Meet additional criteria established by the individual Florida colleges.

**Note:** This document was prepared by the Division of Florida Colleges and accepted by the Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance, for the administration of this program.