

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
January 17, 2024

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-20.045, Open Door Grant Program

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 1001.02(1), (2)(n), and 1009.895(7), F.S.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Modifications to the Open Door Grant Program are required due to recent legislation included in Chapter 2023-81, Laws of Florida, that includes the conversion the Open Door Grant Program to a financial aid program for students of a state college or technical center to incentivize current and future workers to enroll in career and technical education programs that lead to a credential, certificate, or degree. Effective July 1, 2023, students of a state college or technical center who enroll in an eligible program will now be eligible to receive an award equal to the amount needed to cover 100 percent of the cost for the eligible program after all other federal and state financial aid, and any other private or public financial assistance, is applied. These costs may include tuition and fees, exam or assessment costs, books, or related materials. Additionally, a student is eligible to receive a stipend up to \$1,500 per academic year to cover other educational expenses related to cost of attendance.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-20.045, F.A.C.

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