



Pinellas Education Foundation

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The Pinellas Education Foundation is offering Jump Start Scholarships for graduating students who demonstrate financial need and meet the eligibility requirements. Recipients receive a Florida Prepaid College Plan valued at over \$3,400 to attend a Florida public college, university, or career and technical college.

Jump Start Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

1. Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA) in order to be eligible. **To show FAFSA completion, applicants must upload their Student Aid Report.** Students can find this document or apply for the FAFSA [here](#).
2. Students must show financial need in order to be eligible. Eligibility is determined by the student qualifying for Free or Reduced Lunch and submission of the determination letter from their school's Cafeteria Manager.

If the student attends a school where all students receive free lunch, they will instead need to submit one of the following documents: **1040 tax form for the 2021 or 2022 tax year, HUD, Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF Recipient Documentation.** The student's name must appear on the submitted documentation. If you're qualifying based on your 1040 tax form, your household income must be below the following thresholds set by the USDA:

| Household Size | Maximum Annual Income |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | \$23,828 |
| 2 | \$32,227 |
| 3 | \$40,626 |
| 4 | \$49,025 |
| 5 | \$57,424 |
| 6 | \$65,823 |
| 7 | \$74,222 |

3. **Students must be a US citizen or legal permanent resident.** Finalists will be required to submit a social security number before receiving the award.
4. Students must attend a Pinellas County public school and be a Florida resident.
5. Jump Start Scholarships can only be used at a Florida public university, college, or technical school. Finalists will be asked to provide enrollment documentation for a qualifying school.