

FLORIDA RESIDENT ACCESS GRANT CONDITIONS

The Florida Resident Access Grant provides tuition assistance to resident students attending non-profit private colleges and universities located in the state. The program is administered by the Florida Department of Education pursuant to Florida Statutes and administrative rules adopted by the State Board of Education. Each participating eligible institution administers the program for and on behalf of the eligible students it enrolls. Funds for support of the Florida Resident Access Grant (FRAG) are contingent each year upon the appropriations made available by the Florida Legislature.

APPLICATION

- Applicants must submit applications *each year* to the Office of Financial Aid at Beacon College.
- **Deadline for submission of application: Fall Semester - October 1 ~ Spring Semester - February 1**

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

- An applicant must be a Florida resident for twelve (12) consecutive months prior to the first day of classes of the academic term for which assistance is requested. The primary intent of establishing residence in Florida must **not** be for the purpose of obtaining an education. An individual who comes to Florida as an out-of-state resident to enroll in a Florida postsecondary educational institution will not meet the Florida residency requirement for state financial aid purposes regardless of the length of time enrolled.
- Dependent students may take the residency of either parent who meets the Florida residency requirement even if claimed as a dependent by a non-resident parent. A parent is either a natural or adoptive parent or a legal guardian. A dependent applicant will be considered to have met the requirements of Florida residency if the applicant has lived with a relative for the *past five years* who has had day-to-day supervision of the individual, and the relative meets all the requirements for Florida residency.
- For the purpose of residency, an independent applicant must not be eligible to be claimed as a tax exemption by any person other than a spouse, must be self-supporting for twelve (12) consecutive months prior to the first day of classes of the academic term for which assistance is requested. The primary intent of establishing residence in Florida must **not** be for the purpose of obtaining an education.
- Active duty members of the armed forces stationed in Florida, their spouses and dependent children, and full-time instructional and administrative personnel of state public schools, colleges and universities and their spouses and dependent children are classified as Florida residents. Residents of Florida stationed out-of-state on active military duty, their spouses and dependent children, will retain Florida residency status.
- A student who has been classified a resident by a post-secondary institution for initial receipt of state funded student financial assistance may continue to qualify as a resident if he or she maintains continuous enrollment at the institution with no break in enrollment greater than 12 months.

ENROLLMENT STATUS

- Applicants must be enrolled in a first bachelor's degree program at an eligible independent Florida college or university.
- Applicants must enroll each academic term for a minimum of twelve (12) credits hours.

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Recipients must not owe a repayment under any state or federal grant or scholarship program. Recipients must not be in default on any federal Title **IV** or state student loan program unless satisfactory arrangements to repay have been made.

- Applicants must have met the registration requirements of the Selective Service Act.

RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS

- Renewal applicants must have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 and twelve (12) credits per term or the equivalent for the number of terms for which aid was received. The cumulative grade point average and the number of credit hours earned for renewal or reinstatement of an award will be determined at the end of the spring semester. A course for which a student receives an incomplete at the end of the spring semester will not be used in evaluating the student's eligibility for a renewal or reinstatement.

- Applicants who fail to earn the minimum number of credits required for renewal shall lose their eligibility for renewal for a period equivalent to one academic year. However, they may apply for reinstatement during a subsequent application period and may be eligible for an award if they earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

- A student who earns the minimum number of credits required for renewal but who fails to meet the minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average, may be granted a probationary award for up to the equivalent of one academic year and shall be required to earn a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale by the end of the probationary period to be eligible for subsequent renewal.

- A student who receives an award and subsequently fails to meet the academic progress requirements due to verifiable illness or other emergency beyond the student's control may be granted an exception from the academic requirements. Such a recipient shall make a written appeal to Beacon's Office of Financial Aid. The appeal shall include a description and verification of the circumstances. Verification of the illness or other emergency may include, but not be limited to, a written statement from a physician, parent or college official.

- Applicants must be making satisfactory academic progress as defined in the Beacon College Academic Catalog.

AWARDS

- The award amount is specified by the Florida Legislature each year in the General Appropriations Act and is subject to change without prior notice.

- The award will be adjusted when the amount of other scholarships and grants designated for tuition and fees, combined with the award, exceeds the cost of tuition and fees.

- Eligibility is limited to a maximum of nine (9) semesters.