



COLLEGE FUND OF PINELLAS COUNTY, INC.

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What is the College Fund?

The College Fund provides grants to Pinellas County residents who require significant financial aid in addition to a Pell Grant to remain full-time undergraduate college students. Grants are typically \$1,000 per school year (\$500 per semester) for up to four years; however, retention in the program is dependent upon a review of student grades, course load, and financial need after each semester. College Fund directors remain in contact with student recipients to monitor their academic progress and support them in their educational pursuits. In our 54 years of service our all-volunteer, tax-exempt organization has assisted over 790 county residents attend accredited colleges and universities. More information about the College Fund of Pinellas County, Inc. can be found on our website:

www.collegefundpinellas.org

What requirements must an applicant meet?

To qualify for a grant from the College Fund, a student must meet four criteria:

1. Be a U.S. citizen with permanent home address in Pinellas County,
2. (a.) Be a *high school graduate* with a grade point average of at least 3.00, **or**
(b.) Be a current or former *college student* who has demonstrated the ability to complete at least 12 hours in a single term (semester, quarter, etc.) in courses credited toward graduation and with a grade point average of 2.0 or higher (although recent recipients have had a 3.0 or higher).
3. Be a full time (i.e., taking or planning to take a minimum of 12 hours credited toward graduation which cannot include remedial courses) undergraduate student pursuing a bachelor's degree in a regionally accredited (e.g. Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) college or university, and
4. Be a recipient of a Pell Grant.

When should I apply?

New applicants (i.e., students who have not received a College Fund grant in the current or preceding semester) should submit their application as soon as possible after the spring college semester or after graduation for high school students. No applications will be accepted after 32 interview appointments are filled or the third Friday in July, whichever comes first.

How can I apply for a grant?

If you meet the above requirements, then print and complete the application form you can find through a link on our website: <http://www.collegefundpinellas.org/Apply.html>. Mail the application to the address at the top of this page. Applications must be accompanied by a transcript which includes your spring grades, as well as a financial aid notice from your college showing that you have received a Pell grant for the school year beginning in the fall. More details are available on our website.

Questions?

Email your questions to: info@collegefundpinellas.org