



Florida Retired Educators Foundation

The Florida Retired Educators Foundation (FREF) awards scholarships to graduating seniors who wish to become teachers. Applications are submitted to the local Scholarship Chairs, and then forwarded on to FREF for evaluation. Winners are selected in March with funding that begins in time for the fall term of college. This scholarship pays \$4000.00 over a four-year period: \$1,000 per year. Money is given to the student, not sent to the institution.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Info needed to fill out FREF Scholarship Application fully:

- Family Income
- Community Service Information
- Leadership Info
- 2 References with full contact info
- Single page typed essay
- Recommendation Letters
- Official high school transcript with ACT or SAT scores circled. In the event the ACT/SAT scores are not printed on the transcript, a student applying for this scholarship must supply these scores. If the school needs to send transcripts to FREA directly, that is acceptable. Our address is below.
- **Submit your application by January 20.**
- **All transcripts and supporting paperwork, not available to be uploaded with application, must reach the FREA Office by January 31.**
- Questions? info@frea.org or 727-577-6400

Send Applications and Required Documents to:

FREA
8950 9th St N #105
St Petersburg, FL 33702



Scholarship for Future Florida Teachers

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Since 1980, FREF has awarded scholarships for high school graduates who wish to teach in the State of Florida. The amount is \$4000 over a four-year period, \$1000 per year.

Eligibility Criteria

- ⇒ Seniors graduating from an accredited Florida high school (public/private)
- ⇒ Unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher
- ⇒ Minimum test scores –SAT - 1000 or ACT – 22
- ⇒ Must attend an accredited Florida college/university (public/private)
- ⇒ Must teach in Florida, following graduation. A copy of the OFFICIAL FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL TEACHING CERTIFICATE must be sent to the State FREA Office. The scholarship requires recipients to teach in the State of Florida for one year for every year the scholarship was awarded. If not, they must repay any scholarship monies received.

Application Process

Deadline: January 20, 2026, for application. Other supporting documents must be in by January 31, 2026.

Apply Online: www.frea.org/scholarships. If you do not have a computer, see your Guidance Counselor or the College & College Advisor.

FLORIDA RETIRED EDUCATORS FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
Must be postmarked by: January 20, 2026

Please print or type all information.

Date:

Applicant Information:

1. Name		Phone	
Address			
City		Cell Phone	
County		E-Mail	
State	Zip	fax	
2. Date of Birth	M	F	
3. High school currently attending:			
Phone			
Address			
City		State	Zip
4. Other members of your household:			
Name	Relationship	Employer	Age
(If additional space is needed, add an extra sheet with heading: <i>Other Members of Your Household</i>)			
5. Family income for the past twelve months: \$			
6. Are there special conditions affecting the ability of your family to pay your college expenses, such as illness, support of a relative or other member of the family attending college while you are doing so? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, add an extra sheet with heading: <i>Special Family Conditions</i> .			
7. Name each scholarship and/or award for which you have applied.			
8. Estimated financial assistance needed:			
a. For each of the first two years:			
b. For each of the last two years:			

9. On a single separate sheet, type a 300word essay which includes the following:		
A. Why you want to become a teacher.		
B. Attributes or circumstances that qualify you to be a recipient of this scholarship.		
C. Your educational and career goals.		
D. The impact of your participation in extracurricular school and/or community activities.		
10. Tentative plans for attending college:		
Name school(s) to which you have applied.		
Name schools(s) that have accepted your admission.		
What are your plans after receiving your Bachelor's Degree in Education?		
11. Academic Requirements - All items listed below must be documented on official high school transcript.		
a. Unweighted GPA (3.0 minimum)		
b. SAT test scores-Reading and Math, 1000 minimum ____ and/or ACT test score 22 minimum ____		
12. Leadership positions and participations in high school activities		
Activity	Position if Officer	Dates of Participation
a)		
b)		
c)		
d)		
If additional space is needed, add an extra sheet with heading: <i>High School Activities.</i>		
13. Leadership positions and participation in church, community or other volunteer services.		
Activity	Position if Leader	Dates of Participation
a)		
b)		
c)		
d)		
If additional space is needed, add an extra sheet with heading: <i>Community Activities.</i>		
14. Work Experience:		

15. References:		
a. Name	Phone	
Address	Email:	
City	State	Zip
Relationship	Years known	
b. Name	Phone	
Address	Email:	
City	State	Zip
Relationship	Years known	
16. Letter of Recommendation: Attach a Letter of Recommendation from one of the following: Teacher, Guidance Counselor or Administrator.		
17. PLEASE READ AND SIGN:		
I understand that if my application is approved, I shall be expected to sign a promissory note each year for the amount of the scholarship, and that each note can be repaid by one year of teaching in an accredited public or private school in Florida or in cash.		
Print Name:		
Signature:		Date:
18. Please mail the completed <u>Application Form</u>, and <u>Official High School Transcript</u> including Freshman through Junior years, with the ACT or SAT score(s) circled. • Must be mailed no later than January 20, to the FREA Office. • All transcripts and supporting paperwork, not available to be uploaded with application, must reach the FREA Office by January 31.		

Checklist for Scholarship Submission:

- Completed Application
- Separate typed page stating additional information for questions 4, 6, 12, and 13 if used.
- Single page typed Essay
- Recommendation Letters
- Official high school transcript with ACT or SAT scores circled. In the event the ACT/SAT scores are not printed on the transcript, a student applying for this scholarship must send an official copy of these scores along with this application in order for consideration.

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