

Wayne M. Densch First Generation Scholarship Program

Through a generous donation from Wayne M. Densch Charities Inc., the First Generation Scholarship Program is available to first-time, first-generation college students at Seminole State College of Florida pursuing an Associate in Arts degree. This program supports students with financial need, helping them successfully transition to college and work toward a bachelor's degree.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be a first-generation college student (neither parent has earned a 4-year/bachelor's degree).
- Must be entering college for the first time, having applied to Seminole State for the Fall 2026 term for an Associate in Arts degree. (Students in the 2026 Summer Bridge Program are also eligible to apply.)
- Demonstrate financial need, as determined by the 2026-2027 FAFSA.
- Be a Florida resident for tuition purposes.

Program Benefits:

- Receive \$750 per semester (fall and spring) for up to two consecutive years (total award = \$3,000).
- Dedicated First Generation advisors to guide you through college, including academic advising, financial aid support, campus involvement, and transfer preparation.
- Access to peer mentoring, social activities, and workshops to enrich your college experience.

Scholarship Requirements (If Selected):

First Year:

- Attend the mandatory First Generation Welcome Event at the Sanford/Lake Mary campus on Friday, August 14, 2026, from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm (lunch provided).
- Enroll in a minimum of 6 credits per term, including IDS 1107 First Year Flight Path in the Fall 2026 term.
- Participate in at least 2 college events/workshops per academic year (1 fall and 1 spring).
- Maintain a minimum college GPA of 2.0 or higher and complete at least 67% of all attempted courses.

Second Year:

- Enroll in a minimum of 6 credits per term.
- Participate in at least 2 college events/workshops per academic year (1 fall and 1 spring).
- Attend and engage in advising meetings each semester with a first generation advisor.
- Maintain a minimum college GPA of 2.0 or higher and complete at least 67% of all attempted courses.

Scholarship Renewal: This scholarship is renewable for a second year, provided all first-year requirements have been met.

Application Deadline: Monday, July 6, 2026.

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Scholarship Application Steps:

All application materials must be submitted for eligibility. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. Apply to Seminole State College via the online application at seminolestate.edu.
2. Access your school email following the first-time user instructions at <https://www.seminolestate.edu/student-email/instructions-ftu>
3. Complete the online scholarship application at <https://forms.office.com/r/ExyevgxFgf>
4. Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2026-2027 academic year at studentaid.gov. Include a copy of your FAFSA Submission Summary, which includes your Student Aid Index information and estimated financial aid awards.
5. Write an essay (250-300 words) detailing your educational and career goals and how this scholarship would help you achieve them. Include any information about extracurricular activities you participate in in school or the community. Include your name, date, and essay title.
6. Optional: Include a letter of recommendation on letterhead, dated, and signed by an employer, teacher, guidance counselor, or community member (recommendations from family members are not accepted).
7. Schedule your Zoom interview. Interviews will involve three questions, and consent to be recorded is required.

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Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until all 50 spaces are filled.

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