



Financial Assistance, Scholarships and Tuition Waivers For FGCU International Students

In the U.S. higher education is not free. Students are expected to finance their tuition and educational expenses. Higher education can be considered expensive compared to the costs in other countries. Some international students find it difficult to meet these costs and seek sources of funding. There are several types of financial support. They can be classified as either scholarships, grants, loans, financial aid or fellowships. Private foundations, government, educational institutions, nonprofit non-government organizations, community agencies, community service organizations, banks and professional associations provide these types of financial support. Below you will find a listing of grants, scholarships and loan programs to assist students in their pursuit to study at Florida Gulf Coast University.

FGCU Cost of Attendance: For a breakdown of the costs on tuition at FGCU, go to:
<http://www.fgcu.edu/Cashiers/tuition-and-fees.html>

For an estimate of the cost of attending FGCU as an International Student, see page 8 (eight) of the following document:
http://www.fgcu.edu/Admissions/files/International_Admissions_Guide_08-05-09.pdf

Tips for Seeking Financial Support and Completing Application for Financial Assistance

- Begin with a clear idea of your professional and personal objectives.
- Consider your obligations and plans following completion of your education (return to home country, supporting family members, etc.). Some scholarships may obligate you to certain requirements, affecting your personal plans.
- Do a cost-benefit analysis of investing in your education.
- Understand and be certain you meet the eligibility criteria.
- Meet application deadlines; make sure the application is completed.
- Discuss your goals and express your interests.
- Be truthful and concise.
- Issues such as family, hobbies or your life as a young child are generally not appropriate to include unless specifically requested.
- Request references from people who know your skills, abilities, work qualities and goals. Ask them in advance if they would be willing to give you their support.
- If appropriate, submit any additional documents that may support your application.
- Emphasize your unique qualities, academic goals, and personal interests that make you a highly qualified candidate. Make yourself "marketable".

Scholarships, Financial Assistance and Tuition Waivers:

Undergraduate FGCU Institutional Tuition Waiver for Non-Florida Residents

Instructions for the Out of State Tuition Waiver:

<http://www.fgcu.edu/Admissions/Prospective/admitugoutofstatewaivers.html>

Application Form:

<http://www.fgcu.edu/Admissions/files/Out-of state Application form January 2009.pdf>

Latin American Caribbean Scholarship: Granting in-state tuition rate to students from certain nationalities:

<http://www.fgcu.edu/AS/FinancialAid/Files/Latin American Caribbean Scholarship Application Form.pdf>

FGCU Foundation Scholarships:

<https://itech.fgcu.edu/es-secured/financialaid/scholarships.asp>

Florida Linkage Institute Program: Florida Linkage Institutes have been created by the Florida Legislature to assist in the development of stronger economic and social ties between the State of Florida and strategic foreign countries. Each institute is affiliated with a university or community college and sponsors specific country or countries. Only international students from these countries may apply for the Linkage tuition waiver program. International students who are selected for this program receive the in-state tuition rate for course fees. Students who receive this award are required to return to their home country within three years after their tenure of graduate or undergraduate degree or may be required to pay back the equivalent amount waived. See website:

<http://global.usf.edu/linkages.php>

<http://www.international.ucf.edu/eeli/tuition.php>

<http://www.international.ucf.edu/fcli/index.php>

<http://uwf.edu/intered/fjli/>

<http://international.fsu.edu/Types/Linkage/Forms/florica.pdf>

<http://www.unf.edu/dept/flawi/>

<http://global.usf.edu/florida france/exempt.htm>

<http://uwf.edu/fcli/>

<http://www.floridaisrael.org/>

<http://lacc.fiu.edu/>

General Information

Eastern Europe Linkage Institute

Canada Linkage Institute

Japan Linkage Institute

Costa Rica Institute

West Africa Institute

France Linkage Institute

China Linkage Institute

Israel Linkage Institute

Latin American & Caribbean Center

FGCU Honors Program: The Honors Program gives exceptional student scholars and leaders the opportunity to experience the best that higher education offers. Scholarships available: <http://www.fgcu.edu/honors/>

On Campus Work for International Students F-1 and J-1 visa students are permitted to work on-campus up to 20 hours a week during the spring and fall semesters and up to 40 hours during the summer and academic breaks. Wages are usually minimal and not sufficient to support the entire student's expenses. Therefore, an international student should not rely on this as a guaranteed source of income. International students should not apply for a "work-study" job on campus, as it is partially funded by the Federal government. Search and apply for on campus jobs well in advance, as they are limited. For more information about finding a job on campus, please visit the website of FGCU Career Development Office: <http://studentservices.fgcu.edu/Careers/hiringstudents.html>

Southern Foundation Scholarship: This scholarship is available for *female* students (including international students) who are accepted to study at FGCU and assists with on-campus housing expenses. Students need to demonstrate a financial need in order to qualify. For further information, please click here: www.southern scholarship.org

The Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund: Scholarships for *female* students from Developing Countries: www.mmmf-grants.org Deadline: early-mid February

A Comprehensive List of Scholarships for International Students: The following list is meant to guide and assist you in your research and should be considered as an introduction to financial support. As you continue with your research you will encounter other sources and information. http://www.isoa.org/list_scholarships.aspx

External Scholarship Search:

<http://www.studentscholarshipsearch.com/cgi/page.cgi?g=Detailed/291.php>

The AAUW Educational Foundation, which is one of the largest private sources of funding for graduate women in the world, supports aspiring scholars around the globe, teachers and activists in local communities, women at critical stages of their careers, and those pursuing professions where women are underrepresented. Information and applications for fellowships and grants are available on this site. The Foundation also makes several prestigious annual awards to recognize excellence in achievement. <http://www.aauw.org/3000/felgrawa.html>

Scholarship Search helps you locate scholarships, loans, intern-ships, and other financial aid programs from non-college sources that match education level, talents, and background. Search this site and Scholarship Search will find potential opportunities from a database of more than 2,000 undergraduate scholarships, internships, and loan programs. <http://cbweb10p.collegeboard.org/fundfinder/html/fundfind01.html>

Fast Web Scholarship Search http://edu.fastweb.com/v/o_registration/flow/step1

Institute of International Education (IIE) administers over 250 programs on behalf of sponsors that include U.S. Department of State and U.S. Agency for International Development, foundations, corporations, other government agencies, international organizations and development assistance agencies in the U.S. and abroad. For a sense of the range and diversity of IIE sponsored projects, please see the list of programs with dedicated Web sites at: <http://www.iie.org/pgms/>.

The **John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation** is a private, independent grant-making institution dedicated to helping groups and individuals foster lasting improvement in the human condition. The Foundation seeks the development of healthy individuals and effective communities; peace within and among nations; responsible choices about human reproduction; and a global ecosystem capable of supporting healthy human societies. The Foundation pursues this mission by supporting research, policy development, dissemination, education and training, and practice <http://www.macfdn.org/>

The Soros Foundations Network offers international student scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students. Many are restricted to students from specific countries. <http://www.soros.org/initiatives/scholarship>

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship: The Rotary Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational and cultural exchange programs.

<http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/EducationalPrograms/AmbassadorialScholarships/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

International Education Financial Aid (IEFA) is an internet resource for financial aid information for international students. At this site, you will find a comprehensive listing of grants, scholarships, loan programs, and other information to assist students in their pursuit to study in the U.S. <http://www.iefafa.org/>