



## EMPOWERING GREATNESS SCHOLARSHIP 2021 – 2022 Student Application

The EMPOWERING GREATNESS SCHOLARSHIP will award five students a 2-Year Florida Prepaid College Plan. The 2-Year Florida College Plan prepays tuition, registration fees and local fees for 60 lower division semester credit hours at any of the 28 Florida Colleges.

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To be eligible for consideration of the EMPOWERING GREATNESS SCHOLARSHIP, the student must:

1. Attend a public or charter high school in Jacksonville, Orlando, Tampa, Gainesville, Ocala or Fort Myers areas
2. Be a resident of Florida for 12 consecutive months
3. Be a rising senior, Fall 2021 & under the age of 21
4. Have a GPA of 2.7 or above
5. Agree to remain drug free [This means not being convicted of, or adjudicated delinquent for, any violation of chapter 893 after being designated a recipient of a Florida Prepaid College Foundation Project STARS Scholarship.]
6. Agree to remain crime free [This means not being convicted of, or adjudicated delinquent for, any felony or first-degree misdemeanor as defined in ss. 775.08 and 775.081 after being designated a recipient of a Florida Prepaid College Foundation Project STARS Scholarship.]
7. Agree to meet with a mentor as provided
8. Be a US citizen or resident alien with a valid SSN
9. Qualify for free/reduced public school lunch program
10. Be seeking a college degree in Florida
11. Agree to submit an Annual Online Student Survey once scholarship is in use
12. Commit to providing 10 hours of community service per semester, totaling 20 community service hours in the 2021-2022 academic year.

A completed application packet must be emailed to [farahandfarah@goodwilljax.org](mailto:farahandfarah@goodwilljax.org) by **Friday, September 10, 2021**. Participants will be notified of the result by **Friday, October 15, 2021**. Selected students will begin participating in programs in August 2022.



## Section I: Basic Information

### Student Information

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender pronoun preference: \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

Current High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Media Profiles: (check the platforms you use and list your handle)

Tiktok \_\_\_\_\_

Instagram \_\_\_\_\_

Facebook \_\_\_\_\_

Twitter \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Is student a Florida Resident and U.S. Citizen or Resident Alien?  Yes  No

Social security # (required): \_\_\_\_\_

*If the student is not a U.S. citizen, the student must be a resident alien or the child of a resident alien - proof must be provided.*

The scholarship you are applying for requires proof of Florida residency. Please provide the proper documentation proving student and/or parent/guardian is a Florida resident as marked in your application (one or more of the following):

- Student's most recent report card
- Florida driver's license, for parent or guardian, issued at least one year prior to selection.
- Florida voter's registration card, for the parent/guardian, issued at least one year prior to selection.
- Parent's Military Orders, issued at least one year prior to selection.
- Florida homestead exemption certificate, issued at least one year prior to selection.
- We do accept other forms of residency verification. If you cannot meet one of the forms of proof listed above, please contact the [farahandfarah@goodwilljax.org](mailto:farahandfarah@goodwilljax.org) for more information.

Primary Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section II: Financial Information**

What is your total gross household income? (Before taxes & other deductions)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ (monthly)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ (annually)

Are you eligible to receive the following? (Select all that apply):

Medicaid

SNAP benefits

TANF

HUD "Very Low Income" qualifications (Based on county income limits)

Free/reduced lunch program (Based on individual income qualifications)

Other \_\_\_\_\_

The scholarship you are applying for requires one of the above financial risk factors for eligibility. Please provide the proper documentation proving you are eligible to receive the government benefits selected above based on individual income.

Please check any risk factors that apply to the student:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Poor attendance (more than 5 days absent from school during previous school year) | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent was teen parent                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poor academic performance (less than a 2.5 GPA)                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Student will be first in family to attend college  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More than three school reports showing behavior or other problems                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Student is first in family to complete high school |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single parent   | <input type="checkbox"/> English not spoken at home                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Incarcerated parent   | <input type="checkbox"/> Migrant worker                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deceased parent   | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of employment                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Absent parent (no contact or support)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Home in foreclosure                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poor relations between biological parents   | <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless or living with extended family or friends |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DCF involvement   | <input type="checkbox"/> Serious illness in family                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extended family in home   | <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled student or family member                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student is teen parent  | <input type="checkbox"/> Student is or has been in foster care              |

### **Section III: Student Interest Form**

What is your favorite subject in school? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your top three hobbies and/or interests:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

What clubs/organizations do you belong to, if any?

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What is your goal or plan for your future/career?

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## Section IV: Scholarship Essay

Please complete your essay on a separate sheet of paper either typed or handwritten in blue or black ink. Attach your completed essay to the application upon submission.

Scholarship applications are reviewed for completeness and ability to follow the provided instructions. The essay is scored by a community-based selection committee which will focus on the following factors: formatting requirements, grammar and direct essay response. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

### Essay Prompt:

Nelson Mandela once said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world". And it was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who said the true goal of education: "intelligence plus character".

In an essay of no more than 500-words, or a video submission of 1-2 minutes, tell us how your pursuit of higher education will help you overcome the challenges you've faced, including but not limited to, the impact of gun violence on your world. What are some ways you plan to use your education to impact positive change in your community and the lives of others?

## Section V: Forms and Agreements

\*The "Information Release" form and "Media Release" form, attached on the final pages, must be signed and included with the completed application.

I understand that the information contained in this application is accurate and will be shared with the EMPOWERING GREATNESS SCHOLARSHIP selection committee and the implementers of the program. I also verify that my child meets the program income requirements. I understand that any false information in this application may result in my child losing his or her eligibility in the program.

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(Student Signature)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

*\*If any information filled out on this application were to change, please contact Farah and Farah applying at **farahandfarah@goodwilljax.org**.*

## SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

For your application to be considered complete it must include:

- Student and parent signatures
- Signed "Information Release" form
- Signed Farah & Farah "Media Release" form
- Signed "Commitment of Agreements"
- Student Essay or Video
- Documentation proving financial risk (one of the forms of proof mentioned)
- Documentation proving Florida residency (one of the forms of proof mentioned)
- One letter of recommendation from a current teacher

Return the completed application packet by **Friday, September 10, 2021** to **[farahandfarah@goodwilljax.org](mailto:farahandfarah@goodwilljax.org)**.



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## *Media Release*

I hereby authorize Farah & Farah (“the Firm”) to publish any photographs, audiotapes or videotapes taken of me (including my name and likeness) for use in the print, online, social media, television advertisements, and video-based marketing materials for Farah & Farah, as well as other publications of the Firm. This may include sharing the aforementioned materials with news stations and outlets in press releases for publication.

I hereby release and hold harmless Farah & Farah from any reasonable expectation of privacy or confidentiality associated with the images described above.

I further acknowledge that my participation is voluntary and that I will not receive financial compensation of any type associated with the taking or publication of these photographs or participation in the Firm’s marketing materials, radio advertisements, internet presence, social media, or other publications. I acknowledge and agree that publication of said photos confers no rights of ownership or royalties whatsoever.

I hereby release Farah & Farah, its contractors, its employees, and any other third parties involved in the creation or publication of said marketing or other Firm materials from liability for any claims by me or any third party in connection with my participation.

## **Authorized**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (Parent/Guardian Signature if participant is under 18)



AUTHORIZATION FOR INFORMATION RELEASE FORM  
PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

In accordance with the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"), and related state law as set forth in FS §1002.22 and FS §1002.221, I hereby consent to the release of my child's educational records, including reports, test scores, and related information, to the program staff at Goodwill to assist with monitoring my child's academic progress in order to help identify any areas of academic need for my child so that it can provide appropriate enrichment programs as needed.

Student's Name	School
Student ID Number	Grade

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name

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Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

COMMITMENT OF AGREEMENTS

I understand that funds are contingent on my successful completion of high school and acceptance into a technical college, state college, or state university in Florida. I will maintain the minimum grade point average, remain drug & crime free, and will maintain my eligibility for a certificate, or degree. I agree to maintain regular communication with EMPOWERING GREATNESS SCHOLARSHIP program and participate in activities as requested.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to support the requirements of my child and submit the required identification and proof of income verification as outlined in the application.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_