



Florida Resident Access Grant (FRAG) Program

What is the Florida Resident Access Grant?

The William L. Boyd, I.V., Florida Resident Access Grant (FRAG) Program provides non-need-based tuition assistance to eligible full-time degree-seeking students enrolled in certain independent nonprofit colleges and universities in Florida.¹ For the 2010-11 academic year, the maximum award amount is \$2,425.²

The program is administered by the Florida Department of Education (DOE) pursuant to rules adopted by the State Board of Education.³

What are the student eligibility criteria for a FRAG award?

To be eligible for a FRAG award, a student:

- ❖ Must have resided in Florida for at least one year prior to receipt of a FRAG award and must be a United States citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- ❖ Must enroll as a full-time student in a baccalaureate degree program at an eligible college or university for a minimum of 12 credit hours per term.
- ❖ May not be enrolled in a program of study that leads to a degree in theology or divinity.
- ❖ May not have previously received a bachelor's degree.
- ❖ May not owe a repayment or be in default on any state or federal grant, loan, or scholarship program unless satisfactory arrangements for repayment have been made.
- ❖ Must meet any application procedures and deadlines established by the participating institution.⁴

What are the renewal criteria for a FRAG award?

A student's eligibility to renew a FRAG award is determined at the end of the second semester or third quarter of each academic year. To renew, a student must have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale and 12 credit hours for each term an award was received. Credit hours earned during the previous summer may be counted toward the total number of credit hours required.⁵

¹ Section 1009.89(1), (3), and (4), F.S.

² Specific Appropriation 62, s. 2, ch. 2010-152, L. O. F.

³ Section 1009.89(2), F.S.

⁴ Sections 1009.40(1) and 1009.89(1), (3), and (4), F.S.; rules 6A-10.444, F.A.C.; Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance, *2010-2011 Florida Resident Access Grant Program Fact Sheet*, <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/factsheets/FRAG.htm> (last visited Sept. 14, 2010)[hereinafter *FRAG Fact Sheet*].

⁵ Sections 1009.40(1)(b)1. and 1009.89(4)(a), F.S.; rule 6A-20.007(1)(i), F.A.C.; *FRAG Fact Sheet*, *supra* note 4.

A student should consult his or her postsecondary institution for additional renewal requirements established by the institution.⁶

Where may a student use a FRAG award?

A FRAG award may be used at independent nonprofit colleges or universities that are located in and chartered by the State of Florida; are accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; grant baccalaureate degrees; and have a secular purpose. The FRAG award may not be used at institutions within the State University System or Florida College System.⁷

Thirty colleges and universities are eligible to participate in the program for the 2010-11 academic year. A list of participating institutions is available on the DOE's website.⁸

How is the award amount determined?

The amount of the FRAG award is specified each year in the General Appropriations Act (GAA). The 2010-11 GAA appropriates \$83,856,500 for the FRAG Program and indicates that these funds will provide an estimated 34,580 students with an award amount of \$2,425. If more than the estimated 34,580 students are deemed eligible, the Office of Student Financial Assistance within the DOE may prorate the award and provide a lesser amount in the second term.⁹

In the 2009-10 academic year, 38,674 students received FRAG awards with an average award amount of \$2,175.34.¹⁰

Where may I obtain additional information?

Florida Department of Education

Office of Student Financial Assistance

1-888-827-2004

(850) 410-5200

<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org>

Florida House of Representatives

Education Committee

(850) 488-7451

<http://www.myfloridahouse.gov>

⁶ *FRAG Fact Sheet*, *supra* note 4.

⁷ Section 1009.89(3), F.S.

⁸ Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance, *2010-2011 Florida Resident Access Grant Program Eligible Institutions*, https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/admin/SAWELIGPSI_ByProg.asp?ByProg=FRAG (last visited Sept. 14, 2010).

⁹ Specific Appropriation 62, s. 2, ch. 2010-152, L. O. F.

¹⁰ Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance, *End of Year Report 2009-2010 – FRAG*, (Sept. 1, 2010) available at https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/pdf/EOY_Reports.asp?year=2009.

