

Higher Education Opportunity Scholarship

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Our Focus

- What is the HEO scholarship?
- Selection process
- Award and financial obligations
- Eligibility requirements
- HEO scholarship drawing
- Receiving the benefit

What is the “HEO”?

- Opportunity for tuition assistance toward an undergraduate education at the University of Florida
 - If a student is NOT accepted to UF, the HEO will pay for attendance at a public Florida community or state college

Scholarship Award

- Matriculation fees for a maximum of 132 credit hours that may be reduced by completed college hours
 - All completed courses (passed or failed) and withdrawals are totaled in the count of credit hours

What is the Matriculation Fee?

- Actual instruction cost for enrollment as an admitted, degree-seeking student

Per Semester Award Criteria

- In-state matriculation fees for up to 12 credit hours during the fall and spring and 6 credit hours over the course of the entire summer semesters
- The HEO payment amount is determined by the following factors:
 - Florida Prepaid College Plan
 - Florida Bright Futures Scholarship
 - Date of matriculation



Fee Structure: UF

- In Fall 2019, the HEO covered ~70% of the fees up to 12 credit hours if a student did not have BF
- HEO pays only the matriculation fees



UF In-State Fees Fall 19	
Matriculation	\$149.24
Capital Improvement Trust Fund	\$6.76
Student Financial Aid	\$5.25
Technology	\$5.25
Activity and Service	\$19.06
Athletic	\$1.90
Health	\$15.81
Transportation Access	\$9.44
Total	\$212.71

UF HEO Payment Chart

HEO Pays per Credit Hour	Scholarship Type
\$149.24	No Bright Futures Scholarship
\$0	100% Bright Futures Scholarship \$212.71
\$0	75% Bright Futures Scholarship \$159.33

Fee Structure: Santa Fe College

- In Fall 2019, the HEO covered ~73% of the fees up to 12 credit hours if a student did not have BF
- Fees at other community or state colleges may vary

SFC In-State Fees Fall 19	
Matriculation	\$77.98
Capital Improvement	\$8.66
Financial Aid	\$3.83
Student Activities	\$7.80
Technology	\$3.50
Access	\$2.00
Transportation	\$3.00
Total	\$106.77

Selection Criteria



HEO Selection Criteria

- To be considered for selection, the parent must submit a completed HEO Application to Training and Organizational Development by the deadline date, which can be found on the HEO website.
- Student must apply for admission to the University of Florida by the admissions application deadline.



HEO Selection Criteria

- Process of admissions to UF is separate from the HEO Selection
 - Application to UF does not automatically enter a child's name into the drawing
 - Selection for HEO does not guarantee admission to UF



HEO Selection Criteria

- Each eligible full-time TEAMS employee may submit one student's name per year
- More than one full-time TEAMS employee may enter the same eligible student's name for consideration in this program

HEO Selection Criteria

- A new HEO application must be submitted each year for each student, if the student is not selected
- Employee may enter a different student's name in subsequent years as long as the eligibility requirements

Scholarship Eligibility



Eligibility- Employee

- Full-time employee upon selection and at the start of *each* semester
- Only available to TEAMS employees

Eligibility- Student

- Received a high school diploma before the date of entry into the university.
- No older than age 26

Dependency Status

- Student must be the natural, adopted, step, foster, or any other child for which legal guardianship can be documented
- Documentation may be requested

Semester Eligibility

- Parent must be a full-time TEAMS employee at the start of each semester
- GPA must be 2.75 or above each semester
- Age and dependency eligibility criteria must continue to be met

Selection Drawing



HEO Selection Drawing

- Every March, a public drawing will be held to select 150 names from the pool of eligible HEO applicants to receive the scholarship
- All eligible HEO applicants will be given appropriate notice of the date, time, and location of the drawing

Accepting the Scholarship

- The 150 students who are selected to receive the HEO Scholarship must complete and return an HEO Acceptance Form
- The HEO funding for those selected begins each fall semester

Receiving the Scholarship


- Each semester, HEO participants will be required to verify their status via a web form
- The Education Coordinator will use the web form information to verify student's eligibility and to forward payment to the appropriate school

Important Date

- Higher Education Opportunity Scholarship application deadline
- University of Florida admissions application deadline

November 1st





Please contact the Education
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