

Frequently Asked Questions

1. If a student's permanent address is in Pinellas County but the student is living out of the county at college, is the student still qualified to apply?
 - A. Yes, it's the permanent home address that matters.
2. Are all Pinellas County students who apply before the deadline awarded a grant?
 - A. No, selection is on a best-qualified basis determined by an interview, academics, and financial need until allocated funds are expended.
3. What happens when the student's application is received?
 - A. If the submitted information indicates the student is not competitive, a rejection phone call or email will be sent within a month of our receipt of the application. If the submitted information indicates the student is competitive, an email confirming receipt of the application will be sent, and the student will be scheduled for an interview in July.
4. If a student gets an interview, when does he/she know if they have been awarded a scholarship?
 - A. Final selection is made after the last interview. Students selected to receive grants will be notified by phone by the end of August. Students interviewed but not selected will be notified by email before the end of August.
5. What is the amount a student receives per semester?
 - A. A student will receive \$500 if he/she remains qualified.
6. How many student scholarships are awarded each year?
 - A. It depends on how successful we are at raising money and how many continuing recipients we are supporting. We awarded scholarships to 19 new students in 2017 and 21 scholarships in 2018.
7. Is this scholarship renewable?
 - A. Our support for a student continues for 4 years or the completion of a bachelor's degree, whichever comes first, as long as the recipient continues to: (a) remain a full-time student, (b) maintain at least a 2.0 GPA, and (c) receive a Pell grant. The student will be required to submit grades, course registration information and an unofficial transcript each semester and Pell grant information each year but will not have to reapply.
8. What is a “full-time” student?
 - A. You must carry a full load (12 or more hours credited toward graduation) during the fall and spring terms to be considered “full time”.