

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. If a student is off at college but their permanent address is in Pinellas County then 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 (academics & need) until allocated funds are expended.

3. How long after the student's application and other required documents are received will the student be notified of his/her acceptance or rejection of the scholarship?

**A:** If the submitted information indicates the student is not competitive, a rejection email will be sent within a month of our receipt of the application. If the submitted information indicates the student is competitive, the student will be scheduled for an interview. Final selection is the second Friday in August. Students selected to receive grants will be notified by phone within a day or two after that. Students interviewed but not selected will be notified by letter before the end of August.

4. What is the minimum amount a student receives per semester?

**A:** There is no established minimum. The amount is based on an analysis of the student's funds and expenses. Most students receive \$500/semester, but some receive less.

5. How many student grants are generally awarded each year?

**A:** It depends on how successful we are at raising money and how many continuing recipients we are supporting. We awarded grants to 19 new selectees in August 2009, 9 in August 2010, and 15 in August 2011.

6. Is this scholarship renewable?

**A:** Our support for a student continues (for up to 4 years for an entering freshman) as long as the recipient continues to: (a) remain a full-time student, (b) make good grades, (c) receive a Pell grant, and (d) have a financial need. The student will be required to submit grades and course registration information each semester and Pell grant information each year, but will not have to reapply.

7. If I am a full time student every fall and spring, does that count as qualification to apply or must I be considered full time for the summer, also?

**A:** You only have to carry a full load (12 or more hours credited toward graduation) during the fall and spring terms to be considered "full time."