



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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THREE \$1,200 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE FLORIDA SUPERVISORS OF ELECTION ASSOCIATION

Diane Hagan, Okeechobee County Supervisor of Elections is proud once again to offer scholarship opportunities to students from around the state. Three scholarships in the amount of \$1,200 each will be awarded in 2020 with the winning students to be announced and recognized at the FSE Summer Conference to be held next May.

The three scholarships are presented in memory of former Supervisors of Elections Dorothy Ruggles of Pinellas County, Joe Oldmixon of Escambia County and Jimmy Whitehouse of Highlands County.

Applicants must be registered voters in Florida who have lived in the state for at least the preceding two years and have maintained at least a "C" average. Applicants must have been accepted or enrolled as a full-time student in a senior college or university in Florida and completed two years of junior college or undergraduate work. Students who apply must be either a Political Science, Public/Business Administration, or Journalism/Mass Communication major.

Guidelines and application for the FSE scholarships are available at www.VoteOkeechobee.com or may be picked up at the Okeechobee County Supervisor of Elections office, located at 304 NW 2nd Street, Room 144, Okeechobee, FL 34972.

The completed FSE scholarship application, resume and two letters of recommendations must be submitted by February 28, 2020 to the Supervisor of Elections office. For more information, please contact the Okeechobee County Supervisor of Elections Office.



GUIDELINES FOR THE FLORIDA SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS SCHOLARSHIP - STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY – To be eligible for the FSE Scholarship the student applicant shall:

- 1. Be either a Political Science/Public or Business administration or Journalism/Mass Communication major.
- 2. Be a citizen of the United States.
- 3. Have been a bona fide resident of Florida for two years preceding the academic year for which an application is made.
- 4. Be enrolled or accepted as a full-time student in a senior college or university in Florida. No postgraduate or second-degree students.
- 5. Have finished two years of junior college or undergraduate work (enough credits for enrollment as a junior).
- 6. Submit two current letters of recommendation: one from the college or university last attended or graduated from; and one from a citizen of good standing in the community.
- 7. Submit a resume of your high school and/or college activities as well as what you have done for your community.
- 8. Demonstrate a financial need and furnish a financial statement, which shows what your own contribution is to your educational expenses. (Student does not have to submit an official form, can just send a statement of their financial need.)
- 9. Have maintained a "C" average or above for the previous year.
- 10. Be available for personal interview by the Supervisor of Elections in the county where you are registered to vote.
- 11. BE REGISTERED TO VOTE. (Written verification required by Supervisor submitting application where you are registered to vote.)

<u>ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION</u> – Scholarship must be given to student attending a Florida university of college which is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

STIPULATION – The scholarship check will be made payable to the winning applicant AND to the school which they will be attending.

STUDENT:

- 1 Must apply in accordance with all eligibility requirements. (Failure to do so could result in non-consideration).
- 2 Must continue to meet all initial eligibility requirements.
- 3 Must maintain a "C" average or above.
- 4 Must remain in good standing at the institution.

APPLICATION:

- 1. Must be received by the Supervisor of Elections in the County that you are registered in by February 28, 2020.
- 2. Letters of recommendation MUST ACCOMPANY APPLICATION OR BE RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE.

<u>SELECTION</u> – Each County's Supervisor will review all applications received and select one finalist to be sent to the FSE Scholarship Committee, along with a written opinion of the applicant. The FSE Scholarship Committee will select THREE winners (\$1,200 each) from the finalist submitted from the Supervisors. A student who has received the scholarship award may make a second application of the following year.

MAIL TO: Diane Hagan

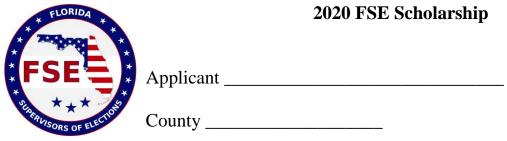
Supervisor of Elections 304 NW 2nd St, Rm 144 Okeechobee, FL 34972



FLORIDA SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

I am applying for the F.S.E. Scholarship and I am enrolled [] or I have been accepted [] at:

	N	Jame of College or University
1. Name (Mr., Mrs., Ms	.):	
Last	First	Middle
2. Permanent Address:		
3. Phone Number		
	Area Code and Numb	per
4. Sex: M[] F[]		
5. Date of Birth (Month	/ Day / Year):	
6. Social Security Numb	oer:	
7. Marital Status: Sing	le [] Married [] Other	r[]:
8. High School G.P.A.:	Colle	lege G.P.A.:
9. Junior College or Col	llege from which you we	ere graduated or will be graduated:
10. Current Grade Leve	l Status: Junior	Senior
Filing this application d	oes not imply that a scho	olarship will be awarded. It does place the applicant in line for
consideration. Scholarsl	nip will be awarded only	y to the applicant who has been accepted at one of Florida's universities
colleges.		
If I accept this scholarsh	nip, it is understood that:	;
I will be a full-time stud	lent as defined by the Of	ffice of the Registrar
I will be majoring in: Po	olitical Science/Public A	Administration/
Busine	ss Administration	
	Or	
Journali	sm/Mass Communication	on
Sign	nature of Applicant	Date



Does student application meet the following requirements?

Yes	No	1. Registered voter having lived as a bona fide resident of Florida for the preceding two years (Written verification by Supervisor of Elections submitting the application)
Yes	No	2. Finished (or now completing) two years of junior college or enough credits for enrollment as a junior
Yes	No	3. Enrolled or accepted as a full-time student in a senior college or a university in Florida
Yes	No	4. Political Science/Public/Business Administration or Journalism/Mass Communication major
Yes	No	5. Maintain a "C" average or above for the previous year.
Yes	No	6. Two letters of recommendation – one from college last attended and one from citizen of good standing
Yes	No	7. Resume of H.S. and/or college activities as well as community activities
Yes	No	8. Financial need information