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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.)

ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION – Scholarship must be given to student attending a Florida university or 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.**

SELECTION – 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:

Name of College or University

1. Name (Mr., Mrs., Ms.): _____

Last

First

Middle

2. Permanent Address: _____

3. Phone Number (_____) _____

Area Code and Number

4. Sex: M [] F []

5. Date of Birth (Month / Day / Year): _____

6. Social Security Number: _____

7. Marital Status: Single [] Married [] Other []: _____

8. High School G.P.A.: _____ College G.P.A.: _____

9. Junior College or College from which you were graduated or will be graduated:

10. Current Grade Level Status: Junior _____ Senior _____

Filing this application does not imply that a scholarship will be awarded. It does place the applicant in line for consideration. Scholarship will be awarded only to the applicant who has been accepted at one of Florida's universities or colleges.

If I accept this scholarship, it is understood that:

I will be a full-time student as defined by the Office of the Registrar

I will be majoring in: Political Science/Public Administration/

Business Administration _____

Or

Journalism/Mass Communication _____

Signature of Applicant

Date



2020 FSE Scholarship

Applicant _____

County _____

Does student application meet the following requirements?

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| _____ 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 |