

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE
FIRST GENERATION IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP**

FUNDS CAN ONLY BE USED FOR SPRING 2024 SEMESTER

**THERE WILL BE SEVERAL PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED FOR USE TOWARD TUITION AND/OR BOOKS
FOR CHIPOLA COLLEGE SPRING 2024 SEMESTER**

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS NOVEMBER 15, 2023

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

The First Generation in College Scholarship is a need based scholarship to **Florida** residents. The student must enroll as an undergraduate, degree-seeking student for a minimum of six hours per term at Chipola College. **The student must meet the eligibility requirements for demonstrated financial need and must come from a family where neither parent has earned a bachelor's degree.** If the student regularly resides with only one parent who provides the majority support, that one parent must not have completed a bachelor's degree for the student to be eligible.

In order to apply for a First Generation in College Scholarship you must complete a First Generation in College application and mail it in or place in the drop box with all of the required items outlined on the attached application to the Foundation Office by 4 p.m. on November 15, 2023. **Do not turn in the application until all of the required items have been attached to the application.**

Students just entering college must have a **2.0 or better grade point average at high school graduation or earned GED** to qualify for this scholarship. **Students that have previously been enrolled in college must have both a cumulative and semester grade point average of 2.0 or better.** A copy of the student's high school transcript must be submitted if the Fall 2022 semester is the first semester of college enrollment. If you do not have at least 24 college credit hours, submit both high school and college transcripts. You may obtain unofficial Chipola transcripts online at **www.mychipola.edu**.

In order to apply, applicants must meet the eligibility requirements in section 1009.50, Florida Statutes, for demonstrated financial need for the Florida Public Student Assistance Grant, by submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). First priority of funding shall be given to students who demonstrate need by qualifying and receiving federal Pell Grant funds up to the full cost of tuition and fees per term.

Any application received after the deadline, regardless of postmark date, will be declined. After the deadline, the Scholarship Committee will review and rank applications. You will receive a contract in the mail if you are awarded scholarship funds. Contact Chipola College Foundation with any questions at 850-718-2404.

CHIPOLA COLLEGE FOUNDATION – SPRING 2024
FIRST GENERATION IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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APPLICANT MUST BE A FLORIDA RESIDENT

You are required to submit the following items with your application:

- 1. A copy of your most recent high school and/or college transcript.** Must show a minimum of at least one year's college work (minimum of 24 college credit hours earned) if submitting a college transcript. If you have earned less than 24 college credit hours you must submit both a high school and a college transcript. Chipola College transcripts may be obtained online from www.mychipola.edu. Transcripts should show grades through high school graduation or **most recent** semester completed, or proof of GED. Your transcript(s) must be turned in with this application as the college cannot generate your high school transcript. You must have a minimum of **2.0 grade point average from high school**, and if you have had previous college work, you must have a **2.0 cumulative and semester grade point average for last semester enrolled in order to apply.**

- 2. A letter must accompany this application containing the following information:**
 - ❖ a little about yourself and your educational plans
 - ❖ why you feel you need help to attend college
 - ❖ your school and community involvement and any honors
 - ❖ extenuating circumstances you wish to be considered by the scholarship committee.
 - ❖ **Statement confirming that parents have not earned a college bachelor's degree**

- 3. Student must have applied for Federal Pell Grant (FAFSA) and been determined Pell eligible**

- 4. Complete both pages of the application along with the required documents and return to the Foundation Office by November 15, 2023 at 4 p.m.**

DATE _____ CHIPOLA ID NUMBER _____

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE AND ZIP _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN _____

HIGH SCHOOL _____ GRADUATION DATE _____

HIGH SCHOOL GPA _____ COLLEGE HOURS EARNED TO DATE _____

COLLEGE GPA: Last Semester Completed _____ Cumulative _____

PLANNED MAJOR _____

I have applied for Federal Pell Grant (FAFSA) for the 2023-2024 school year and have been awarded a Pell grant for this school year.

YES _____ NO _____

Further, I consent to the release of my grade-point average to the donor of the scholarship if such a request is made. **Also, my signature below confirms that I meet the criteria for this scholarship in that neither one of my parents earned a baccalaureate degree and I am a first generation in college student.**

Student Signature: _____ Date _____

Return completed application by mail: Chipola Foundation
3094 Indian Circle
Marianna, FL 32446

Or, you may place the completed application in the secure drop box beside the Foundation office driveway.

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