

**FLORIDA EASTERN STAR GRANT TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
AND OUTLINE OF PROPOSAL**

Request for Proposal	Offer the Florida Eastern Star Tuition Grant Program to the students, who are legal residents of Florida and who will be graduating from the High School(s), including home schooled students, in all 67 Florida School Districts in 2026 and who will be thereafter attending an accredited university, college, junior college, community college or vocational institution within the State of Florida.
Sponsor of Program	The Grand Chapter of Florida Order of the Eastern Star, Charitable Foundation, Inc.
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Name of Program	Florida Eastern Star Grant Tuition Assistance Program.
Program Available to:	Florida high school seniors graduating in 2026.
Funds to Pay for:	Tuition to an accredited university, college, junior college, community college or vocational institution. It is a one-time grant for a one-year period. The amount of the award will be based on the amount available in the Fund. The awards will be divided among applicants who will attend college, junior college, community college and vocational school within the State of Florida. The money is issued for tuition ONLY and does not need to be repaid.
Deadline for Submission for Request for Award	January 1, 2026
Amount(s) to be Awarded	A total of \$30,000 to be divided among the particular awardees dependent upon the type of assistance payment.
When Paid	On tuition due date established by the university, college, junior college, community college or vocational institution.
To Whom Paid	The tuition award will be paid directly to the university, college, junior college, community college or vocational institution.
Requirements for Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Florida High School Senior graduating in 2026. • Acceptance to the university, college, junior college, community college or vocational institution of choice. • Submission of a 5-paragraph essay, 500 to 800 words on the subject of “What does patriotism mean to me?” • All submitted essays become the property of The Grand Chapter of Florida Order of the Eastern Star, Charitable Foundation, Inc. • All submitted essays will be screened for generative AI.
How Will Notification of Award be Made?	The student and university, college, junior college, community college or vocational institution will each be notified in writing by The Grand Chapter of Florida Order of the Eastern Star, Charitable Foundation, Inc. The Worthy Grand Matron, or her designee, may present a Certificate to each student at the annual awards ceremony at their school. All funds will be sent directly to university, college, junior college, community college or vocational institution by the tuition due date.