



## 2026 Give Kids A Chance Scholarship | Application Guidelines

**Deadline for application submission is Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 pm**

**Notification of Award: April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Annual Award Amount: \$1,250**

### Scholarship Criteria

Give Kids A Chance is offering scholarship grants in the amount of \$1,250 to high school seniors planning to attend college. The scholarship will be offered to those students graduating from public high schools in the State of Florida. Students who are attending college and who have previously received a scholarship award through the Give Kids A Chance scholarship program will also be eligible to apply for additional scholarship awards for each year they remain in college and maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (but for no more than 4 years). However, the fact that an applicant may previously have received a scholarship through this program is no assurance that additional scholarship grants will be awarded.

If awarded, funds can be used to cover eligible educational expenses up to the institution's cost of attendance, as determined by your college or university.

**\*\*These funds can only be used for undergraduate level studies**

### Submission + Deadline

**Applications must be submitted online by Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 pm**

You may submit your application through the Miami Foundation's online application portal. To access the online portal, please visit the Miami Foundation's Scholarship page at [scholarships.miamifoundation.org](https://scholarships.miamifoundation.org). Carefully review the registration instructions.

**These guidelines provide important details on attachments that must be submitted online with your application.** The Foundation will not accept any late applications. **No exceptions.** Documents cannot be emailed or faxed to the Foundation. If an application is missing information, our office will not inform the applicant nor review the application.

### Eligibility - Applicants Must:

- Have a 2.5 GPA average or above
- Document financial need. Eligible students must have a family income that is less than 60% of the median family income of the area in which they reside. [Click here](#) for a resource link.
- Demonstrate an interest in school and community activities
- Be a high school senior graduating in Spring 2026 from a Florida High School
- Provide a complete application, including two (2) required letters of recommendations

The **Give Kids A Chance Scholarship** program is administered in partnership with The Miami Foundation. Applications are submitted through the Foundation's online system and provided to the review and selection committee for the Give Kids A Change Scholarship Fund.



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**Deadline for Online Application: Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

This is a template of the online application. Use this as a worksheet to gather the information you will provide online. To submit your application, go to [scholarships.miamifoundation.org](https://scholarships.miamifoundation.org) and select this scholarship. No emailed or faxed documents to The Miami Foundation will be accepted.

**Incomplete applications will not be considered.** So please respond to each item requested. However, if one or more of the items requested is unavailable to you, note in your response and this will be taken into consideration.

**We recommend that you complete all questions that have character count limits in a word processing program first, paying careful attention to the character count limits - which include spaces - and then copy and paste your responses into the online application.**

### Personal Information + College Plans:

Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Name:
Date of Birth:	Gender:	
Address:		
Preferred Phone Number:		
Email Address:		
What is the Major or Certification you are pursuing?		
Of the schools you have applied to, which are your top 3 preferences? List each college on a separate line and indicate "Accepted" or "Not Accepted":		
_____	Accepted / Not Accepted	
_____	Accepted / Not Accepted	
_____	Accepted / Not Accepted	
College or university you plan to attend. If undecided, please state "Undecided":		

### High School Education:

- Name of high school attended: \_\_\_\_\_
- Location of high school attended: \_\_\_\_\_
- Weighted high school GPA: \_\_\_\_\_
- Unweighted high school GPA: \_\_\_\_\_
- Estimated number of students in your graduating class: \_\_\_\_\_
- What is your estimated class rank? (If your school does not do class ranking put N/A) \_\_\_\_\_
- Provide your highest score on either the SAT or ACT. Write test name and score: (e.g. SAT #####; ACT ##)

### Financial Need:

- What is the anticipated tuition for one year at the college or university you plan to attend? \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Please provide your family's estimated combined annual income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Household Member Size: Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children (under 18) \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of family members who will be enrolled in higher education in fall 2026 (include yourself): \_\_\_\_\_

- Have you applied for/received other forms of financial aid? \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes, Please list:

List Financial Aid sought (Scholarships, Federal grants/loans, etc.)	Amount	Status: (Awarded, Not Awarded or Pending)
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	

**Narrative Questions: (There is a 1250 character limit, including spaces, for each question.)**

- About You:** Tell us about yourself, your education and career goals. How can this award help you to achieve these goals? Why should you receive this award?
- School - Community Involvement:** Describe what you consider to be your most important project or activity benefiting your school or community. Define the role you played in the project or activity.
- Talent:** Describe how you have used your talent or skill for the betterment of your school and community. List contributions related to your major interest area first.
- Employment:** Have you been involved in outside jobs that have contributed to the support or welfare of your family? If you have, please describe how.
- Honors:** List all honors, awards, or recognitions received. List the achievements related to your major interest area first.

**Required attachments: The four (4) items below must be submitted for your application to be complete. Please read carefully the following to understand your options for submitting this information, which must be received by Sunday, March 15, 2026.**

**Upload Your Photo Online with your online application:**

Upload to your online application a professional looking headshot that can be used for publications.

**Upload these three (3) items.** The forms below are included with these guidelines. Print or digitally share with the person required to provide the information and sign the form then upload and submit online with your application.

- Parental Information Form:** This should be completed and signed by your parent or legal guardian. You must **scan the form as a PDF** to upload online and submit with your online application.
- Transcript with Registrar’s Form:** Provide the form to your School Registrar, who must complete the form and provide a copy of your transcripts. Grades downloaded from the internet will not be accepted. You must **scan the form and the transcripts into a single PDF document** to upload online as a single document and submit with your online application.
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation:** As a part of your scholarship application, please provide a letter of recommendation written by a teacher, faculty member, or community member on your behalf. The writer should be an individual that has been involved in your high school education or from a member of the community whom you have worked with. The letter should speak to your character, the nature and quality of your academic work, intellectual depth or breadth, character, strengths, and personal qualities. The letter should also state how the recommender knows you and for how long they have been acquainted with you. You must **scan each letter into a single PDF document** to upload online and submit with your online application.