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2026 Venture Miami Scholarship | Application Guidelines

History

Established in 2021 within the City of Miami, the Venture Miami Scholarship is focused on improving the City's standard of living through the creation of jobs, support for innovation, increase in wealth, and overall improvement in the quality of life. With this mission in mind, the **Venture Miami Scholarship Fund** was formed in partnership with **The Miami Foundation** to provide tuition gap funding for at-need City of Miami and Little Haiti residents who have been accepted into STEM or defined-demand occupation programs at participating colleges, universities, and trade schools. Venture Miami is committed to building ***Miami Forever and a Miami for Everyone.***

Deadlines:

Application deadline for COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES is May 24, 2026.

Award Notification: June 24th

Creative Hub Rolling Deadlines:

SUMMER:

Application Opening: January 6, 2026

Application Deadline: March 15, 2026

FALL 1:

Application Opening: May 11, 2026

Application Deadline: July 5, 2026

FALL 2:

Application Opening: August 1, 2026

Application Deadline: September 13, 2026

Submit your application here:
www.scholarships.miamifoundation.org

Please note, scholarships will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. Funds are not guaranteed until all unmet need is confirmed, and funds are deemed available.

Eligibility

At the time of application, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a City of Miami or Little Haiti resident
- Must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Complete application submitted online by the deadline. No information will be accepted by email, mail or fax. If an application is missing information or attachments, our offices will **NOT** inform the applicant.

For College-Credit Programs:

- Be a high school senior or a recent high school graduate (within the past four years) who is pursuing a degree, certificate, or license in a STEM program or high-wage/high-demand field and provide an official high school transcript or GED certificate.
- Have a minimum 2.5 GPA
- Be accepted into a participating school
- Must be a Pell grant recipient determined by the Florida Student Aid FAFSA guidelines.

For Vocational Programs:

- Be accepted to or currently enrolled in a participating vocational program and pursuing a certificate or license in a STEM program or high-wage/high-demand field

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Review + Awards Process:

- A completed application does not guarantee funding. It only guarantees review and consideration.
- Please note, scholarships will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. Funds are not guaranteed until all unmet need is confirmed, and funds are deemed available.
- **Awards are made for attendance at the educational institution you indicate in the application. Because they are based on unmet need for full-time enrollment at specific school, they are not transferable to another institution after scholarship is awarded. If an award is made and you transfer schools, or enroll less than full time, the award will be withdrawn.**
- A committee will review applications for eligibility on a rolling basis and make final decisions on scholarship awards. Students will be notified of whether they have been selected to receive a scholarship via email.
- ☐ **We will use the email address you provide in your application to notify you.** Please be sure it is correct.

For questions, please contact scholarships@miamifoundation.org.



Application Attachments:

All required attachments must be uploaded as a single document. For documents with multiple pages, you must combine them into a single document before they can be uploaded. ** Please refer to your school's respective application within the portal for all required documentation.

Certification: In submitting the online application, you certify the following:

As a scholarship recipient, I give permission for pictures, personal quotes and contact information to be used by Venture Miami and The Miami Foundation. I certify that all statements I have made herein are true and correct. I understand that if I submit an incomplete application, do not answer all required questions on the application, or do not submit all required documents, my application will be deemed incomplete and will not be considered for this scholarship. I also understand that a Venture Miami Scholarship if awarded is based on full-time enrollment and is NOT transferable to another institution after a scholarship is awarded. If I do not attend the college/university stated in this application, or I enroll less than full-time, any award will be withdrawn.

- I agree
- I do not agree

Authorization for Release of Educational Records

By typing your name below, you give consent for The Miami Foundation (40 NW 3rd Street, Suite 305 Miami, FL 33128) to have LIMITED ACCESS to your Educational Record. Limited access does not give authority to make changes to the student's educational record.

Purpose: The purpose of the Authorization for Release of Information is to verify the information you have provided on this application including but not limited to the listed degree program and the total amount of unmet needs as not covered by grants and scholarships.

I understand that some of my records may be protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and cannot be released without my written consent. I also authorize the release of my medical records which may be classified as protected health information and covered by stated and federal law, including HIPAA. I hereby waive all provisions of the law and privilege relating to the records described in this disclosure. I certify that this consent has been given freely and voluntarily. I may revoke this consent at any time by providing written notice of such revocation to Miami Dade College, Office of the College Registrar. This authorization is valid for one year from the date I sign this release (unless noted differently above) when presented in person with appropriate identification. The person and/or agency receiving this information may not disclose the information received as a result of this disclosure unless specifically authorized in the "purpose" section of this release.

- I agree to share my Educational Records as listed above with The Miami Foundation.
- I DO NOT agree to share my Educational Records as listed above with The Miami Foundation.

Type your name to sign _____