



## History

In 1977, the Miami-Dade County Public School System started a pilot advisory program with 10-12 part-time college assistance advisors. They were in the school system tasked with helping students find potential financial aid opportunities. The following year, CAP, Inc. was founded to financially support the Miami-Dade County Public School's College Assistance Program (CAP) and awarding scholarships to graduates that needed significant financial assistance to attend college.

CAP, Inc. provides scholarships to Miami-Dade County Public High School graduates who have exhausted all avenues of financial assistance (federal, state and institutional), but still have significant unmet needs to attend the college of their choice.

## Deadline

Applications must be **submitted online by Friday, May 26, 2017 at 4 p.m.**

## Eligibility

- Financial Need
- Graduation from a Miami-Dade County Public High School or G.E.D. earned after November 1, 1996 with a minimum of two years in Miami-Dade County Public High School
- Full-time attendance, seeking a degree at a post-secondary institution
- Study towards completion of first undergraduate degree only

**Application Attachments:** You will be required to upload the following attachments, detailed on Page 4.

- **FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR).** Please upload **ALL** pages for the applied year
- **Copy of your College Financial Aid Award Letter** (details by year in school are on Page 4)
- **Unofficial College transcript** if you are a returning for your sophomore, junior or senior year
- **Copy of G.E.D. Diploma** (G.E.D. student applicants only)
  - **All required attachments must be uploaded as a single document in PDF or JPEG format.** For documents with multiple pages, you must combine them into a single document before they can be uploaded. PDF and JPEG are the only formats the online portal will allow.
  - Attachments submitted by email, mail or fax will **NOT** be considered.
  - If an application is missing information or attachments, our offices will **NOT** inform the applicant.
  - A completed application does not guarantee funding.

## Awards

- **Awards are made for attendance at the educational institution you indicate on the application and are not transferable to another institution after grant is awarded. CAP, Inc. If an award is made and you transfer schools, the award will be withdrawn.**
- Grants are not automatically renewed. You must apply each year.
- A committee will review and rate the applications and make final decisions on scholarship awards. Students will be notified of whether they have been selected to receive a scholarship via email by **Friday, July 7, 2017. We will use the email address you provide in your application to notify you.**

For questions regarding CAP, Inc. scholarships please contact Alex Rosales at The Miami Foundation, [arosales@miamifoundation.org](mailto:arosales@miamifoundation.org) or (305) 357-2094.



College Assistance Program of Miami-Dade County, Inc.

2017 Grant Application Questions Online

Deadline: Friday, May 26, 2017 at 4 p.m.

This is a template of the online application. Applications must be submitted online. You can use this as a worksheet to gather information you will provide online. For narrative questions, we suggest your first write them in a word processing program – paying careful attention to character limits - then copy and paste them into the online application. **Attachments must be uploaded as a single document in PDF or JPEG format.** To submit your application, go to [miamifoundation.org/scholarships](http://miamifoundation.org/scholarships) and select this scholarship. **Mailed, emailed and faxed applications or attachments will NOT be accepted.**

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_
2. M-DCPS Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_
4. First Name: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Male/Female: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(The email address that you provide will be used to notify you of whether you have been selected to receive the scholarship.)*
11. Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

### ACADEMIC AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

12. High School Graduation Year/ GED: \_\_\_\_\_
13. Miami-Dade County Public High School GPA Weighted: \_\_\_\_\_
14. Miami-Dade County Public High School GPA Unweighted: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT: Awards are only made for attendance at the college/university you indicate in your application that you will be attending. Awards are NOT transferable to another institution after a grant is awarded. If you do not attend the school listed in your application, your award will be withdrawn.**

15. Year in college for Fall Semester:  Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior
16. College/University you will attend for the upcoming school year: \_\_\_\_\_

17. Campus/Branch: \_\_\_\_\_
18. Major: \_\_\_\_\_
19. Minor: (If none write N/A) \_\_\_\_\_
20. Where will you live:  On campus  Off campus with family  Off campus, not with family
21. Have you ever applied for a CAP Grant?  Yes  No
22. If yes, did you receive the CAP Grant?  Yes  No  
*If you said "yes" to prior question, list years and amounts. If you said "No" write None.* \_\_\_\_\_
23. Have you ever participated/donated with a Blood Drive at your high school?  Yes  No
24. Do your parent(s) or guardian(s) own or rent a home?  Own  Rent  Other circumstances  
*If you selected, "Other circumstances," please explain what those circumstances are: (Narrative response with 750 character limit, including spaces)*
25. Parent or guardian's monthly rental or mortgage payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_
26. If home is owned, how much is owed on it? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

27. Please list all immediate family members and/or members of your household who will be attending college during the 2016-2017 school year and indicate whether they are applying for CAP this year.

Name	College/University	Year	Applying for CAP?
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

28. Please list any other scholarships received **other than Florida Bright Futures** not mentioned on your Financial Aid Award Letter.

Scholarship Name	2017-2018 Amount Only
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
7.	

29. Will you be receiving a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship? Please select one of the following:  
 FAS (Florida Academic Scholar)  FMS (Florida Medallion Scholar)  
 GSV (Gold Seal Vocational)  Not Awarded
30. Do you have a Florida Prepaid Contract? Please select one:  
 I have a Florida Prepaid Tuition Contract  I have a Florida Prepaid Tuition & Dormitory Contract  
 I do not have a Florida Prepaid Contract

31. If applicable, please list all private loans from private banks which were taken out **strictly for educational needs**. Personal loan for **non-educational needs will NOT be considered**. You will need to **upload** your most recent bank statement showing the loan amount for each educational-related loan.

Name of Bank	Amount Borrowed	Outstanding Balance
1.		
2.		
3.		

### **HARDSHIP CIRCUMSTANCES (OPTIONAL)**

- If there are special circumstances that you would like the committee to consider when evaluating your application, please document on this page. Hardships are, but not limited to: recent death of parent/legal guardian; caring for older parent or special needs child; loss of employment since submission of financial aid forms; bankruptcy in which you are required to pay creditors from your current earnings; IRS debts (must show documentation of payment arrangements), medical expenses (not covered by health insurance), other students in college (must submit award letters for each student). Please do not write an essay. State the facts in a clear and concise manner (**Narrative response with 1,250 character limit, including spaces**).
- You will also need to **upload documentation** for any hardship. (up to 2 attachments)

### **ADDITIONAL REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS TO UPLOAD TO ONLINE APPLICATION**

- **FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR); We must receive ALL pages**
- **Copy of your College Financial Aid Award Letter**
  - **Rising freshmen:** If your financial aid award letter is not available to you, please contact your college or university’s financial aid office to request they send it to you. If your school is still unable to send your 2017-2018 Financial Aid Award letter by the CAP, Inc. Grant deadline, please request an estimated award letter.
  - **Rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors:** If your financial aid award letter is not available to you, please contact your college or university’s financial aid office to request they send it to you. If after contacting the financial aid office, your school is still unable to send your 2017-2018 Financial Aid Award letter by the CAP, Inc. Grant deadline, you may submit last year’s (2016-2017) Award Letter.
- **Unofficial College transcript**
  - Required of all returning and new applicants starting their sophomore, junior, or senior year
  - Rising freshmen from Miami-Dade Public Schools do not need to their submit high school transcripts
- **Copy of GED Diploma (GED students only)**

### **Certification:**

As a grant recipient I give permission for pictures, personal quotes and contact information to be used by CAP, Inc. and Miami-Dade County Public Schools. I certify that all statements I have made herein to be 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 grant. I also understand that a CAP grant if awarded is NOT transferable to another institution after a grant is awarded. If I do not attend the college/university stated in this application, any award will be withdrawn.