



2021 Give Kids A Chance Scholarship | Application Guidelines

Deadline: Friday, April 30th at 4 p.m.

Notification of Award: June 1st

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 grant through the Give Kids A Chance scholarship program will also be eligible to apply for additional grants 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.

Submission + Deadline

Applications must be submitted online by Friday, April 30th at 4 p.m.

You must submit your application through the Foundation's online application portal. To access the online portal, please visit the Foundation's [Scholarships](#) website page. Carefully review the registration instructions.

The Foundation will not accept any late online applications or mailed attachments. **No exceptions.** Documents cannot be emailed or faxed. 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 May or June 2021
- 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: Friday, April 30th at 4 p.m.

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 miamifoundation.org/scholarships and select this scholarship. No emailed or faxed documents 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		
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) _____

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 members who will be enrolled in higher education in fall 2021 (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)
	\$	
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Narrative Questions: (There is a 1,250 online character limit, including spaces, for each narrative question.)

- 1. About You Essay or 2-minute video link:** 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?
- 2. Accomplishments and Experience:** Describe what you consider to be your most important project or activity benefiting your school or community and/or outside jobs that have contributed to the support or welfare of your family. You may also include awards or recognitions received for your accomplishments.
- 3. 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.

Required attachments: The four (4) items below must be submitted for your application to be complete.

Upload Your Photo:

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

Upload the following as PDF attachments: Scan each form as a PDF document to upload and submit online with your application.

- 1. Parental Information Form:** This should be completed and signed by your parent or legal guardian. Please **scan the form as a PDF** to upload online and submit with your application.
- 2. Unofficial Transcript:** Please **scan your unofficial transcript as a single PDF document** to upload online as a single document and submit with your application.
- 3. Two (2) Letters of Recommendation:** The letters should be from a teacher or community representative. They should speak to your character, integrity, maturity, and independence and should state how the recommender knows you and for how long they have been acquainted with you. Please **scan each letter into a single PDF document** to upload online and submit with your application.