

Venture Miami Scholarship | Application Guidelines

History

Established in 2021, Venture Miami is an office within the City of Miami 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 support through gap funding for at-need City residents who have been accepted into STEM or in-demand occupation programs at participating colleges and universities, which include Florida International University (FIU), Florida Memorial University (FMU), Miami Dade College (MDC), and the University of Miami (UM). Venture Miami is committed to building *Miami Forever and a Miami for Everyone*.

Deadline: For the Spring 2023 term, applications must be submitted online by Monday, January 9 at 5 p.m. Submit your application here; <https://www.grantinterface.com/sl/ylwlx>.

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. We encourage you to apply early.

Eligibility

- City of Miami resident for 3-consecutive years at time of application
 - Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
 - High school senior or recent graduate within last 4 years at time of application
- Must be a Pell Grant recipient determined by the Florida Student Aid FAFSA guidelines OR, for Miami-Dade College students ONLY, have a household income less than 80% of the AMI for the City of Miami. * Please check the [Housing Income Limits](#) on the City of Miami Website to see if you qualify.
- Received acceptance into a bachelor's degree program in a defined science, technology, engineering, and math ("STEM") or a defined high wage/demand occupation, currently nursing. †
- 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.

*80% of Area Median Income was calculated based on the [Housing Income Limits](#) as determined by the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). For the University of Miami, you will also need to meet [institutional requirements](#) to qualify for aid. Please contact their Department of Financial Aid for more details.

†Apart from the specified associate programs from Miami-Dade College.

Documents Needed to Apply

You will need to upload copies of the documents listed below. All required documents must be uploaded in PDF or JPEG format. For documents with multiple pages, you must combine them into a single document before they can be uploaded. Free online applications, like Adobe pdf merger, can be used to combine pdfs.

1. FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) Upload all pages for the applied year.
Please ensure you have also shared your FAFSA with your school before submitting this application.
2. Proof of Residence
Choose one of the following options to show proof of residency. Documents can be in the name of a parent/guardian.
 - One utility statement with a City of Miami address from each of the last 3 years (combine the 3 documents into 1 pdf),
 - Lease agreement(s) for each of the last 3 years (combine the 3 documents into 1 pdf), or
 - Deed from a homestead property bought more than 3 years ago.

Unhoused Applicants: If you are currently unhoused or have been in the last three years, please provide letters of support from other City of Miami residents who can confirm you are a City of Miami resident. Consider asking teachers, family, friends, and/or shelter employees.

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 on the application. Because they are based on unmet need for full-time enrollment at specific school, they are not transferable to another institution after the scholarship is awarded. If an award is made and you transfer schools, or enroll less than full time, the award will be withdrawn.**
- Scholarships are not automatically renewed. You must re-apply each **semester**.
- A committee will review applications for eligibility on a rolling basis and make final decisions on scholarship awards. Students will be notified whether they are a scholarship recipient via email.
- **We will use the email address you provide in your application to notify you.** Please be sure it is correct.



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Venture Miami Scholarship | Application Questions

Spring 2023 Semester Application Deadline: Monday, January 9 at 5 p.m.

This is a template of the application that shows the information you will need to submit online. **Mailed, emailed or faxed applications will not be accepted.** Use this as a worksheet to gather the information you will need to provide online. To submit your application, go to <https://www.grantinterface.com/sl/y1wllx>.

Student/Applicant Name:

Select Your School:

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| Miami-Dade College Florida International University Florida Memorial University University of Miami None/Other |
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| Miami-Dade College | Florida International Univ. | Florida Memorial Univ. | University of Miami |
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| <i>Select a Qualifying Associate's or Bachelor's Degree Program</i> Animation & Game Art (Associate) Biomedical Engineering Technology (Associate) Biotechnology – Bioinformatics (Associate) Biotechnology – Chemical Technology (Associate) Biotechnology (Associate) Business Intelligence Specialist (Associate) Civil Engineering Technology (Associate) Computer Crime Investigation (Associate) Computer Engineering Technology (Associate) Computer Information Systems (Associate) Computer Science (Associate) Computer Information Technology (Associate) Computer Programming and Analysis – Business Applications Programming (Associate) Computer Programming and Analysis – Internet of Things (IoT) Applications (Associate) | <i>Select a Qualifying Bachelor's Degree Program</i> Biological Sciences Biomedical Engineering Business Analytics Civil Engineering Computer Engineering Computer Science Electrical Engineering Environmental Engineering Information Technology Internet of Things Management Information Systems Mathematics Mechanical Engineering Nursing Physics Statistics | <i>Select a Qualifying Bachelor's Degree Program</i> Computer Science Cybersecurity Information Systems | <i>Select a Qualifying Bachelor's Degree Program</i> Aerospace Engineering Architectural Engineering Biochemistry Biology Biomedical Engineering Chemistry Civil Engineering Computer Engineering Computer Science Electrical Engineering Engineering Science Environmental Engineering Geological Sciences Industrial Engineering Innovation, Technology and Design Marine Affairs Marine Biology and Ecology Marine Science Mathematics Mechanical Engineering Meteorology Microbiology Neuroscience Nursing Oceanography Physics |

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| Computer Programming and Analysis – Mobile Applications Development (Associate) Cybersecurity (Associate) Database Technology – Oracle Database Administration (Associate) Electronics Engineering Technology (Associate) Engineering – Architectural (Associate) Engineering – Chemical (Associate) Engineering – Civil (Associate) Engineering – Computer (Associate) Engineering – Geomatics [Surveying and Mapping] (Associate) Engineering – Electrical (Associate) Engineering – Industrial (Associate) Engineering – Mechanical (Associate) Engineering – Ocean (Associate) Engineering – Science (Associate) Game Development & Design (Associate) Graphic Design Technology (Associate) Graphic Internet Technology (Associate) Network Services Technology – Network Infrastructure (Associate) Networking Services Technology – Enterprise Cloud Computing (Associate) Networking Services Technology – Network Security (Associate) Nursing – R.N. [Accelerated] (Associate) Nursing – R.N. [Generic Full-Time] (Associate) Nursing – R.N. [Transitional Full-Time] (Associate) Biological Sciences (Bachelor) Cybersecurity (Bachelor) Data Analytics (Bachelor) Electrical and Computer Engineering Technology (Bachelor) Information Systems Technology (Bachelor) Nursing (Bachelor) | | | |
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Program Acceptance/Declaration:

Have you been accepted into/registered for the program above or declared it as your major?

MDC Only: Authorization for Release of Educational Records

Please **download, date, and sign** the [Authorization for Release of Educational Records](#). Once you have signed, please **upload** the PDF.

MDC Only: Upload Photo ID

Per Miami-Dade College FERPA requirements, please upload a photo ID.

Personal Information:

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| University/College ID Number: | | |
| Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name: |

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| Date of Birth: | Race & Ethnicity: | Gender Identity: |
| Ability Status: | | |
| Address: | | |
| Preferred Phone Number: | Email: <i>(For all notifications. Be sure it's correct)</i> | |
| High school at the time of graduation | University/College e-mail address (if applicable): | |

Additional Questions:

Additional Scholarship Opportunities

Review the scholarship opportunities below. Keep in mind this is a last-dollar scholarship. We ask you to take advantage of all other aid available to you before submitting this application. If you qualify, consider applying to the scholarships below if you have not already done so.

Click on your school link below to access other scholarship opportunities.

- [Miami Dade College](#)
- [Florida International University](#)
- [Florida Memorial University](#)
- [University of Miami](#)

College Experience Questions

- How do you plan on commuting to campus?
 - Drive, Carpool, Walk, Bicycle, Scooter, Bus, Metrorail, TriRail, Brightline
- Do you have a computer that you will use while enrolled at this university? Yes/No
- Is your computer older than 5 years old? Yes/No
- Not including work study, do you work, or do you intend to work while enrolled at this university?
 - No
 - Yes, 1-10 hours per week
 - Yes, 11-20 hours per week
 - Yes, 21-30 hours per week
 - Yes, 31-40 hours per week
- If you intend to work while enrolled, in what industry? If you do not plan to work, please type n/a.
- Were you accepted by any other universities outside of Miami-Dade County? If so, list them here.
- If you were not accepted by any other universities outside of Miami-Dade County, please type n/a.
- Why did you choose to not attend a school outside of Miami-Dade County? If you were not accepted by any other universities outside of Miami-Dade County, please type n/a. _____
- Where do you potentially want to start your career? Please select 3 options.
 - Tech Startup
 - Late-Stage Tech Company
 - Public Tech Company
 - Financial Institution
 - Government
 - Nonprofit
 - Other
- If you selected "other" above, list your preferred career sector here. If you did not select "other", you may skip this question. _____

How did you hear about us?

- Where did you hear about the Venture Miami Scholarship?
 - Social Media, Email, Event, News, Other
- From whom did you hear about the Venture Miami Scholarship?
 - Venture Miami, City of Miami, Miami Foundation, FIU, MDC, UM, FMU, Other

Application Attachments:

Carefully review the application guidelines for details about each attachment. **For each item, you may only upload one document.** For documents with multiple pages, you must combine them into a single document before they can be uploaded.

- 1. Documents Sent to Your University/College:** By checking each box, you are agreeing to the corresponding statement:
 - I have sent my Student Aid Report (SAR) to the school I am attending.
 - UM only: I have completed my CSS profile.
 - UM only: I have submitted all relevant tax documentation needed to be considered for financial aid.
- 2. FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR):** Upload **all pages** as a single PDF document (File limit: 5 MB)
- 3. Proof of Residence:** Upload **one** of the following documents to show proof of residency. (File limit: 5 MB)
 - One utility statement with a City of Miami address from each of the last 3 years (combine the 3 documents into 1 pdf),
 - Lease agreement(s) for each of the last 3 years (combine the 3 documents into 1 pdf), or
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Certification: In submitting the online application, you verify 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, including the release of your high school transcripts to the Miami Foundation. Limited access does not give authority to make changes to the student's educational record.

Effective dates: This authorization is effective on the date this application is submitted and expires on October 12, 2024.

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. Release of high school transcripts is requested as well.

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

- 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 _____

Today's Date _____

For questions regarding the Venture Miami Scholarship, please contact The Miami Foundation at scholarships@miamifoundation.org and put Venture Miami and your name in the subject line.

Venture Miami Scholarship | Frequently Asked Questions

What does “last dollar” scholarship mean?

Last-dollar scholarships are designed to cover remaining tuition* costs after all scholarships, grants, and institutional aid have been applied. Simply put, last dollar scholarships cover the “unmet need” or gap.

*If attending the University of Miami, awards will be based on total cost of attendance, not tuition.

Do I have to apply to the FAFSA to be eligible for this scholarship?

Yes. The Venture Miami Scholarship is a last dollar, needs-based scholarship. This means you have exhausted all other scholarship and grant opportunities available to you, most notably federal aid. In addition, we are using Pell Grant qualifications as one metric to determine need.

*Do I still qualify if I am **not** a Pell Grant recipient?*

Completing the FAFSA and qualifying for the Pell Grant is a requirement for all applicants **except select students attending Miami-Dade College**. Miami-Dade College students who have a household income less than 80% of the AMI for the City of Miami qualify for the Venture Miami Scholarship. * To check your eligibility, please check the [Housing Income Limits](#) on the City of Miami Website.

Why do I need to upload my FAFSA?

The committee reviewing your application will use your FAFSA to verify the information provided on your application. Additionally, because completing the FAFSA is a requirement for this application, we request a copy to ensure this requirement is met.

Who can I talk to at my school if I have questions about Financial Aid and whether I am eligible for this scholarship?

Miami-Dade College

Antonio Delgado - adelgad9@mdc.edu
VP of Innovation and Technology Partnerships

Florida International University (FIU)

Laura Castillo - lccasti@fiu.edu
Senior Director, Enrollment Planning and
Scholarship Operations

Florida Memorial University

Kimberly Jones - kimberly.jones@fmuniv.edu
Director of Financial Aid

University of Miami (UM)

Daniel T. Barkowitz - dbarkowitz@miami.edu
Assistant Vice President, Office of Student
Financial Assistance & Student Employment

Why do I have to apply each semester?

The Venture Miami Scholarship is a needs-based scholarship. Each semester, we will reevaluate your need to see if you still qualify and the amount needed to fulfill your unmet need is up to date.

Where can I do to find more information about other scholarship and financial aid opportunities available to me?

The [Miami Foundation scholarship page](#) is a great resource to learn about other scholarship opportunities. Additionally, each school has a scholarship page dedicated to helping you learn about opportunities.

[Miami-Dade College](#)

[Florida International University](#)

[Florida Memorial University](#)

[University of Miami](#)