



PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES — EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

Pensacola State College’s 71st academic year has just commenced. Enthusiasm is high at our campuses and centers. With more than 8500 students enrolled for the fall semester, 3927 students (almost 50%) are the first in their families to pursue a higher education. As they matriculate, those first generation students face unique hurdles but like many classmates the financial hurdle is the largest to overcome. No family history of higher education means there is also a lack of knowledge about the financial demands that college life (even on a part-time basis) represent.

The First Generation Matching Grant Program (FGMG) is a need-based grant program available to degree-seeking, resident, undergraduate students who demonstrate substantial financial need, and are enrolled in eligible participating postsecondary institutions. Eligible students have a parent(s) who has not earned a baccalaureate or higher degree. Public colleges must raise \$1 for every \$2 matched by the state of Florida.

HOW YOU CAN HELP	
2019-2020 Fall Semester Students	8,501
Associate of Science	2,091
Associate in Arts	3,418
Baccalaureate	668
Advanced Certificate; Career & Technical Certificate (Vocational Certificate)	317
First Generation Match Needed Annually	\$27,000

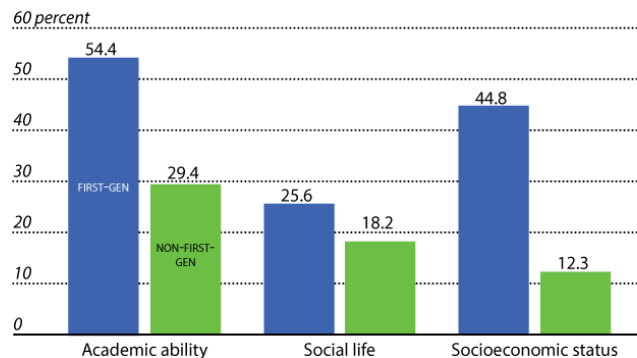
SCHOLARSHIP IMPACT:

“This scholarship will allow me to continue my studies at PSC where I have the advantage of working hands-on in the Biology Department, and to keep my education a top priority by alleviating some financial burdens. I am a first generation college student with four daughters of my own. It warms my heart knowing my girls are watching me work so hard to keep my 4.0 GPA and earning scholarships like this one. It is moments like these that show us that hard work really does pay off. It is my hope that they see me as an example and are brave enough to pursue a higher education themselves. There may even be another future scientist in the family.”

- **Amy**, PSC First Generation Student working toward graduating in 2020 with a degree in Biology.

Feelings of inadequacy among first-generation students

First-generation students are more likely than non-first-generation students to feel inadequate about their academic ability, social life and socioeconomic status.



Source: March 2-3 Herald Poll

YOU CAN HELP

One-time Scholarship Funds: One-time scholarship awards will be designated to the Foundation's Universal Scholarship Fund. The scholarship award may be made in the name of a specified person and the donor may choose criteria for the award.

Named Annual Scholarship Funds: A minimum donation of \$5,000 is required to establish and name an annual scholarship. An annual scholarship fund provides awards to current students within an academic year with no long-term investment of money used to establish the fund.

Endowed Scholarship Funds: Endowed scholarships can be established with a single payment or the fund can be built with payments over a period of ten years to reach the minimum level of \$20,000. The fund will pay an annual distribution that will be used as the scholarship award.

In addition to naming the scholarship fund, the donor may choose awarding guidelines for how any distributed funds will be used. In addition to academic scholarships, scholarships created for the purpose of helping working students with supplies noted on the syllabi are beneficial.

Scholarships can be combined with other gifts to create programmatic or building naming opportunities.

Every Gift Has a Story and Leaves a Lasting Legacy!



Emily A.
Marjan Mazza Business and Management Endowed Scholarship Recipient

"I am extremely grateful to have been given this amazing opportunity in the form of the Marjan Mazza scholarship. This will help me continue to pursue my BAS degree in Organizational Administration here at Pensacola State College at a lower cost that would; otherwise, be unattainable without an amazing scholarship opportunity such as this one. I feel very blessed to have been given this opportunity and look forward to being able to put these funds to great use to continue my education."

Daryl L.
Pensacola State College Scholarship Recipient

"Not everyone gets this opportunity. We are truly blessed to be able to go to school and play basketball which is something we love. I just want to tell them thank you so much!!"



At Pensacola State College, the Foundation manages 250 scholarships that have been privately funded as a legacy that over 258 donors have helped create. Through these scholarships, 175 that are endowed, donors have supported the passions and interests of students who apply for financial assistance.

In 2018, the impact these donors created was felt by the students who were helped with awards that exceeded \$660,000.