



Bethune-Cookman University Student Financial Aid Office

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MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE SCHOLARSHIP CHALLENGE GRANT APPLICATION

Section A: Applicant Certification

I have read and understand the conditions for participation in this program. The information I am supplying in this application is true, complete and correct. To the best of my knowledge and belief, I am eligible for this program as defined under Florida law.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

NOTICE: If you purposely give false information on this form, you may be subject to fine or imprisonment or both under Section 837.06, Florida Statutes.

Section B: Applicant's Identification Information

Social Security Number _____

Name _____
Last First MI

Permanent Address _____
Street City State/Zip

Home Telephone Number _____

Birth date _____ Sex ____M ____F

Race/ethnic group _____ 1- White 2- Black 3- Hispanic 4- Asian/Pacific Islander
5- American Indian/Alaskan Native

I am applying for financial aid for the 20__ - 20__ academic year during which I will be classified as a:
Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____

Section C: Statement of Selective Service Registration Status

____ I certify that I am registered with the Selective Service.

____ I certify that I am not required to be registered with the Selective Service because:

- I am a female
- I am in the armed services on active duty. (Note: This exception does not apply to members of the reserves and National Guard who are not on active duty)
- I have not reached my 18th birthday
- I was born before 1960
- I am a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands or permanent resident of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Palau)

Section D: Additional Applicant Information

1. I am a Florida resident. Yes _____ No _____ (See eligibility criteria in program conditions)
2. I am a high school senior applying for the first time. Yes _____ No _____
3. I graduated or will graduate from high school on _____
Month Day Year
4. I am applying for reinstatement. Yes ___ No___ (See eligibility criteria in program conditions)
5. I completed a current FAFSA application. Yes___ No___ (See eligibility criteria in program conditions)

Awards are provided to eligible applicants without discriminating on the basis of race, sex, national origin, marital status or handicap.

NOTE TO FIRST-TIME APPLICANTS:

To meet the academic requirements for receipt of this grant, an applicant must have earned, at the end of the seventh semester, a minimum cumulative, unweighted and unrounded grade point average (GPA) of 3.000 on a 4.000 scale for all subjects creditable toward a high school diploma.

COMPLETE APPLICATION AND MAIL OR FAX TO:

**BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIVERSITY
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Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship Program Fact Sheet

Florida Statutes 1009.73

State Board of Education Rule 6A-20.029

Program Description

The Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship (MMB) provides financial assistance to undergraduate students who meet scholastic requirements, demonstrate financial need, and attend Bethune-Cookman University, Edward Waters College, Florida A&M University, or Florida Memorial University. Available funds are contingent upon matching contributions from private sources on behalf of eligible institutions. MMB is a decentralized state of Florida program, which means that each participating institution determines application procedures, deadlines, and student eligibility.

What are the Initial Eligibility Requirements to Receive Funding?

The student will:

- Be a Florida resident and a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen. A student's residency and citizenship status are determined by the postsecondary institution. Questions regarding such status should be directed to the financial aid office of the institution the student plans to attend.
- Not owe a repayment or be in default under any state or federal grant, loan, or scholarship program unless satisfactory arrangements to repay have been made.
- Not have previously received a baccalaureate degree.
- Enroll as a degree-seeking, undergraduate student for a minimum of 12 credit hours per term or the equivalent. Applications must be obtained from financial aid office.
- Have earned a minimum, unweighted, cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent, for high school subjects credited towards a diploma.

How Does a Student Apply?

- Demonstrate financial need as specified by the participating institution.
- Meet the application procedures and deadlines established by the participating institution. Applications may be obtained at the financial aid office.

How Does a Student Renew?

- A renewal applicant must have earned a minimum institutional cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, and earned the equivalent of 12 credit hours for each term an award was received during the academic year.
- Eligibility is determined at the end of the second semester or third quarter of each academic year. Credit hours earned during the previous summer can be counted toward the total number of credit hours required.
- A student should consult his/her postsecondary institution for renewal requirements established by the institution.

What if a Student Does Not Maintain the Minimum GPA Required for Renewal?

- If a student does not meet the minimum GPA, he/she may be granted a probationary award for two semesters or three quarters.
- To be eligible for renewal the following year after probation, the student must have earned the required credits and institutional cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

What if a Student Does Not Meet the Minimum Credit Hours Required for Renewal?

- A student who does not meet the annual minimum 12 hour per semester (for one or both semesters) requirement for renewal may not receive funding the following academic year.
- To be eligible for funding in a subsequent year, the student must apply for restoration and meet the general eligibility requirements for restoration and have earned an institutional cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

How Does a Student Restore?

- A student may be eligible for restoration if he/she has earned an institutional GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale at the end of the second semester or third quarter of the academic year for which he/she was ineligible.
- The student may apply for restoration with the postsecondary institution after two semesters or three quarters at the end of the spring term.

How Does a Student Reinstate?

A student who met the requirements for a renewal award, but did not receive an award during a full year of eligibility and wishes to reestablish use of the grant, may apply for reinstatement with the postsecondary institution in a subsequent year provided the student has earned an institutional cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale as of the end of the second semester or third quarter of the academic year preceding the year the award is sought.

What is the Award Process?

- The postsecondary institution shall rank all eligible applicants on the basis of financial need.
- If additional ranking is needed, the institution shall further rank applicants on the basis of highest GPA.
- The institution shall notify each student in writing of the status of each student's application.
- The annual award for an academic year is usually \$3,000.
- The institution may prorate its scholarship allocation equally among all eligible initial, renewal, and reinstatement students.

How are Awards Disbursed?

From funds available, the postsecondary institution will disburse awards to eligible students each term.

How Long May a Student Receive Funding?

- A student is eligible to receive an award for a maximum of 8 semesters (12 quarters) over a period of 6 consecutive years, until the student receives a baccalaureate degree, or whichever occurs first.
- Undergraduate students participating in college-preparatory instruction, students requiring additional time to complete the college-level communication and computation skills testing programs (CLAST), or students enrolled in a 5-year undergraduate degree program are eligible to receive financial aid for a maximum of 10 semesters or 15 quarters.
- Unused hours may **not** be used for further course funding after a student earns a baccalaureate degree.

How May a Student Appeal?

An applicant who believes financial aid has been wrongly denied has certain rights to appeal.

If aid is denied for failure to meet satisfactory academic progress requirements, an applicant may appeal the denial to the institution by providing proof of illness or other emergency beyond the applicant's control. An institutional academic progress appeal is to be filed in writing within 30 days of the denial letter or by the date established by the institution's financial aid office, whichever is later.

How Does a Student Make Changes in Information?

An applicant must notify OSFA of any change in name, address, or institution attended. A student may update information in the following ways:

- By accessing and updating the student record on the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) website at www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org, using the assigned User ID and PIN:
 - Select **State Grants, Scholarships & Applications**,
 - select **Application Status & Award History**,
 - select **Initial Student Update**, and then the appropriate option.
- By calling OSFA toll-free at 1-888-827-2004.

Transferring from one institution to another could affect an applicant's award.

Use of an Applicant's Social Security Number/Non-discrimination Statement

The Privacy Act of 1974 requires state agencies to inform applicants of the reasons for requesting their Social Security numbers (SSN). The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) requests an SSN on all applications for student financial assistance in order to correctly identify applicants, match each applicant's financial aid record with the student record at the postsecondary institution the applicant attends, and help coordinate state student aid programs with federal student aid programs.

An applicant will not be denied financial assistance for failure to disclose the SSN. Without an SSN, correct identification of an applicant's record cannot be assured and may result in an error in the award amount or a delay in the disbursement of an award.

Pursuant to Section 1000.05, Florida Statutes, state student financial assistance is provided to eligible applicants without discriminating on the basis of race, sex, national origin, marital status, or handicap. Minority status will be considered when required by law as a condition of eligibility or selection.

For further information contact the college's financial aid office or contact OSFA, State Programs, Suite 70, 1940 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32303-4759. Contact OSFA toll-free at 1-888-827-2004.