

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to First Generation Matching Grant
3 Programs; amending s. 1009.701, F.S., relating to the
4 First Generation Matching Grant Program for state
5 universities; clarifying provisions relating to
6 eligibility for receipt of a grant; revising provisions
7 relating to allocation and reallocation of funds;
8 authorizing the award of grants for summer-term enrollment
9 if funds are available; providing duties and reporting
10 requirements of institutions participating in the program;
11 providing for the use of balance of funds; creating ss.
12 1009.702 and 1009.703, F.S.; creating the First Generation
13 Matching Grant Program for community colleges and the
14 First Generation Matching Grant Program for colleges and
15 universities eligible to participate in the William L.
16 Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program; providing
17 for financial aid to eligible undergraduate students who
18 demonstrate financial need and whose parents have not
19 earned a baccalaureate or higher degree; providing for the
20 appropriation, allocation, and distribution of funds;
21 providing eligibility criteria; providing an effective
22 date.

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24 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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26 Section 1. Section 1009.701, Florida Statutes, is amended
27 to read:

28 1009.701 First Generation Matching Grant Program for state

29 universities.--

30 (1) The First Generation Matching Grant Program for state
31 universities is created to enable each state university to
32 provide donors with a matching grant incentive for contributions
33 that will create grant-based student financial aid for
34 undergraduate students who demonstrate financial need and whose
35 parents, as defined in s. 1009.21(1), have not earned a
36 baccalaureate or higher degree. In the case of any individual
37 who regularly resided with and received support from only one
38 parent, an individual whose only such parent did not complete a
39 baccalaureate or higher degree would also be eligible.

40 (2) Funds appropriated by the Legislature for the program
41 shall be allocated by the Office of Student Financial Assistance
42 to match private contributions on a dollar-for-dollar basis.
43 Contributions made to a state university and pledged for the
44 purposes of this section are eligible for state matching funds
45 appropriated for this program and are not eligible for any other
46 state matching grant program. Pledged contributions are not
47 eligible for matching prior to the actual collection of the
48 total funds. The Office of Student Financial Assistance shall
49 reserve a proportionate allocation of the total appropriated
50 funds for each state university on the basis of full-time
51 equivalent resident undergraduate enrollment. For the 2007-2008
52 fiscal year, funds that remain unmatched as of December 1 shall
53 be reallocated to state universities that have remaining
54 unmatched private contributions for the program on the basis of
55 full-time equivalent resident undergraduate enrollment.
56 Beginning with the 2008-2009 fiscal year, funds that remain

57 unmatched as of August 1 shall be reallocated to state
58 universities that have remaining unmatched private contributions
59 for the program on the basis of full-time equivalent resident
60 undergraduate enrollment.

61 (3) Payment of the state matching grant shall be
62 transmitted to the president of each participating institution
63 or his or her representative in advance of the official drop-add
64 deadline as defined by the institution.

65 (4) Each participating state university shall establish an
66 application process, determine student eligibility for initial
67 and renewal awards in conformance with subsection (5), identify
68 the amount awarded to each recipient, and notify recipients of
69 the amount of their awards. A university may award grants for
70 summer-term enrollment if funds are available. Grants for
71 summer-term enrollment may be used only at the institution
72 awarding the grant. For the purpose of this subsection, "summer-
73 term enrollment" means enrollment in the term at the end of the
74 academic year which is the period of time from one fall term to
75 the next in which a full-time student is expected to complete
76 the equivalent of two semesters, two trimesters, or three
77 quarters.

78 (5) In order to be eligible to receive a grant pursuant to
79 this section, an applicant must:

80 (a) Be a resident for tuition purposes pursuant to s.
81 1009.21.

82 (b) Be a first-generation college student. For the
83 purposes of this section, a student is considered "first
84 generation" if neither of the student's parents, as defined in

85 s. 1009.21(1), earned a college degree at the baccalaureate
86 level or higher or, in the case of any individual who regularly
87 resided with and received support from only one parent, if that
88 parent did not earn a baccalaureate or higher degree.

89 (c) Be accepted at a state university.

90 (d) Be enrolled for a minimum of six credit hours per term
91 as a degree-seeking undergraduate student.

92 (e) Have demonstrated financial need by completing the
93 Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

94 (f) Meet additional eligibility requirements as
95 established by the institution.

96 (6) The award amount shall be based on the student's need
97 assessment after any scholarship or grant aid, including, but
98 not limited to, a Pell Grant or a Bright Futures Scholarship,
99 has been applied. An award may not exceed the institution's
100 estimated annual cost of attendance for the student to attend
101 the institution.

102 (7) The eligibility status of each student to receive a
103 disbursement shall be determined by each institution as of the
104 end of its regular registration period, inclusive of a drop-add
105 period. An institution shall not be required to reevaluate a
106 student's eligibility status after this date for purposes of
107 changing eligibility determinations previously made.
108 Participating institutions shall verify the continued
109 eligibility of awarded students, provide for the disbursement of
110 funds to students, and comply with the department's reporting
111 requirements. Institutions shall certify to the department, each
112 academic term within 30 days after the end of the regular

113 registration period, the student's enrollment, continued
114 eligibility, and the award amount. Any balance at the end of a
115 fiscal year that has been disbursed to an institution for this
116 program shall remain at the institution and shall be available
117 only to provide grants for returning and new awardees. Each
118 ~~participating institution shall report to the Office of Student~~
119 ~~Financial Assistance by the date established by the office the~~
120 ~~eligible students to whom grant moneys are disbursed each~~
121 ~~academic term. Each institution shall certify to the Office of~~
122 ~~Student Financial Assistance the amount of funds disbursed to~~
123 ~~each student and shall remit to the office any undisbursed~~
124 ~~advances by June 1 of each year.~~

125 (8) No later than November 15 ~~July 1~~, each participating
126 institution shall annually report to the Executive Office of the
127 Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House
128 of Representatives, and the Board of Governors the eligibility
129 requirements for recipients, the aggregate demographics of
130 recipients, the retention and graduation rates of recipients,
131 and a delineation of funds awarded to recipients in the prior
132 academic year.

133 (9) This section shall be implemented only as specifically
134 funded.

135 Section 2. Section 1009.702, Florida Statutes, is created
136 to read:

137 1009.702 First Generation Matching Grant Program for
138 community colleges.--

139 (1) The First Generation Matching Grant Program for
140 community colleges is created to enable each community college,

141 as defined in s. 1000.21, to provide donors with a matching
142 grant incentive for contributions that will create grant-based
143 student financial aid for undergraduate students who demonstrate
144 financial need and whose parents, as defined in s. 1009.21(1),
145 have not earned a baccalaureate or higher degree. In the case of
146 any individual who regularly resided with and received support
147 from only one parent, an individual whose only such parent did
148 not complete a baccalaureate or higher degree would also be
149 eligible.

150 (2) Funds appropriated by the Legislature for the program
151 shall be allocated by the Office of Student Financial Assistance
152 to match private contributions on a dollar-for-dollar basis.
153 Contributions made to a community college and pledged for the
154 purposes of this section are eligible for state matching funds
155 appropriated for this program and are not eligible for any other
156 state matching grant program. Pledged contributions are not
157 eligible for matching prior to the actual collection of the
158 total funds. The Office of Student Financial Assistance shall
159 reserve a proportionate allocation of the total appropriated
160 funds for each community college on the basis of full-time
161 equivalent resident enrollment in advanced and professional
162 programs. For the 2007-2008 fiscal year, funds that remain
163 unmatched as of December 1 shall be reallocated to community
164 colleges that have remaining unmatched private contributions for
165 the program on the basis of full-time equivalent resident
166 enrollment in advanced and professional programs. Beginning with
167 the 2008-2009 fiscal year, funds that remain unmatched as of
168 August 1 shall be reallocated to community colleges that have

169 remaining unmatched private contributions for the program on the
170 basis of full-time equivalent resident enrollment in advanced
171 and professional programs.

172 (3) Payment of the state matching grant shall be
173 transmitted to the president of each participating institution
174 or his or her representative in advance of the official drop-add
175 deadline as defined by the institution.

176 (4) Each participating community college shall establish
177 an application process, determine student eligibility for
178 initial and renewal awards in conformance with subsection (5),
179 identify the amount awarded to each recipient, and notify
180 recipients of the amount of their awards. A community college
181 may award grants for summer-term enrollment if funds are
182 available. Grants for summer-term enrollment may be used only at
183 the institution awarding the grant. For the purpose of this
184 subsection, "summer-term enrollment" means enrollment in the
185 term at the end of the academic year which is the period of time
186 from one fall term to the next in which a full-time student is
187 expected to complete the equivalent of two semesters, two
188 trimesters, or three quarters.

189 (5) In order to be eligible to receive a grant pursuant to
190 this section, an applicant must:

191 (a) Be a resident for tuition purposes pursuant to s.
192 1009.21.

193 (b) Be a first-generation college student. For the
194 purposes of this section, a student is considered "first
195 generation" if neither of the student's parents, as defined in
196 s. 1009.21(1), earned a college degree at the baccalaureate

197 level or higher or, in the case of any individual who regularly
198 resided with and received support from only one parent, if that
199 parent did not earn a baccalaureate or higher degree.

200 (c) Be accepted at a community college as defined in s.
201 1000.21.

202 (d) Be enrolled for a minimum of six credit hours per term
203 as a degree-seeking undergraduate student.

204 (e) Have demonstrated financial need by completing the
205 Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

206 (f) Meet additional eligibility requirements as
207 established by the institution.

208 (6) The award amount shall be based on the student's need
209 assessment after any scholarship or grant aid, including, but
210 not limited to, a Pell Grant or a Florida Bright Futures
211 Scholarship, has been applied. An award may not exceed the
212 institution's estimated annual cost of attendance for the
213 student to attend the institution.

214 (7) The eligibility status of each student to receive a
215 disbursement shall be determined by each institution as of the
216 end of its regular registration period, inclusive of a drop-add
217 period. An institution shall not be required to reevaluate a
218 student's eligibility status after this date for purposes of
219 changing eligibility determinations previously made.
220 Participating institutions shall verify the continued
221 eligibility of awarded students, provide for the disbursement of
222 funds to students, and comply with the department's reporting
223 requirements. Institutions shall certify to the department, each
224 academic term within 30 days after the end of the regular

225 registration period, the student's enrollment, continued
226 eligibility, and the award amount. Any balance at the end of a
227 fiscal year that has been disbursed to an institution for this
228 program shall remain at the institution and shall be available
229 only to provide grants for returning and new awardees.

230 (8) No later than November 15, each participating
231 institution shall annually report to the Executive Office of the
232 Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House
233 of Representatives, and the State Board of Education the
234 eligibility requirements for recipients, the aggregate
235 demographics of recipients, the retention and graduation rates
236 of recipients, and a delineation of funds awarded to recipients
237 in the prior academic year.

238 (9) This section shall be implemented only as specifically
239 funded.

240 Section 3. Section 1009.703, Florida Statutes, is created
241 to read:

242 1009.703 First Generation Matching Grant Program for
243 colleges and universities eligible to participate in the William
244 L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program.--

245 (1) The First Generation Matching Grant Program for
246 colleges and universities eligible to participate in the William
247 L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program is created to
248 enable each private nonprofit college or university eligible to
249 participate in the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access
250 Grant Program to provide donors with a matching grant incentive
251 for contributions that will create grant-based student financial
252 aid for undergraduate students who demonstrate financial need

253 and whose parents, as defined in s. 1009.21(1), have not earned
254 a baccalaureate or higher degree. In the case of any individual
255 who regularly resided with and received support from only one
256 parent, an individual whose only such parent did not complete a
257 baccalaureate or higher degree would also be eligible.

258 (2) Funds appropriated by the Legislature for the program
259 shall be allocated by the Office of Student Financial Assistance
260 to match private contributions on a dollar-for-dollar basis.
261 Contributions made to a qualified college or university and
262 pledged for the purposes of this section are eligible for state
263 matching funds appropriated for this program and are not
264 eligible for any other state matching grant program. Pledged
265 contributions are not eligible for matching prior to the actual
266 collection of the total funds. The Office of Student Financial
267 Assistance shall reserve a proportionate allocation of the total
268 appropriated funds for each qualified college or university on
269 the basis of full-time equivalent resident undergraduate
270 enrollment. For the 2007-2008 fiscal year, funds that remain
271 unmatched as of December 1 shall be reallocated to participating
272 colleges and universities that have remaining unmatched private
273 contributions for the program on the basis of full-time
274 equivalent resident undergraduate enrollment. Beginning with the
275 2008-2009 fiscal year, funds that remain unmatched as of August
276 1 shall be reallocated to participating colleges and
277 universities that have remaining unmatched private contributions
278 for the program on the basis of full-time equivalent resident
279 undergraduate enrollment.

280 (3) Payment of the state matching grant shall be

281 transmitted to the president of each participating institution
 282 or his or her representative in advance of the official drop-add
 283 deadline as defined by the institution.

284 (4) Each participating college or university shall
 285 establish an application process, determine student eligibility
 286 for initial and renewal awards in conformance with subsection
 287 (5), identify the amount awarded to each recipient, and notify
 288 recipients of the amount of their awards. A participating
 289 college or university may award grants for summer-term
 290 enrollment if funds are available. Grants for summer-term
 291 enrollment may be used only at the institution awarding the
 292 grant. For the purpose of this subsection, "summer-term
 293 enrollment" means enrollment in the term at the end of the
 294 academic year which is the period of time from one fall term to
 295 the next in which a full-time student is expected to complete
 296 the equivalent of two semesters, two trimesters, or three
 297 quarters.

298 (5) In order to be eligible to receive a grant pursuant to
 299 this section, an applicant must:

300 (a) Meet the general requirements for student eligibility
 301 for state financial aid, including residency, as provided in s.
 302 1009.40, except as otherwise provided in this section.

303 (b) Be a first-generation college student. For the
 304 purposes of this section, a student is considered "first
 305 generation" if neither of the student's parents, as defined in
 306 s. 1009.21(1), earned a college degree at the baccalaureate
 307 level or higher or, in the case of any individual who regularly
 308 resided with and received support from only one parent, if that

309 parent did not earn a baccalaureate or higher degree.

310 (c) Be accepted at a private nonprofit college or
311 university eligible to participate in the William L. Boyd, IV,
312 Florida Resident Access Grant Program.

313 (d) Be enrolled for a minimum of six credit hours per term
314 as a degree-seeking undergraduate student.

315 (e) Have demonstrated financial need by completing the
316 Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

317 (f) Meet additional eligibility requirements as
318 established by the institution.

319 (6) The award amount shall be based on the student's need
320 assessment after any scholarship or grant aid, including, but
321 not limited to, a Pell Grant or a Florida Bright Futures
322 Scholarship, has been applied. An award may not exceed the
323 institution's estimated annual cost of attendance for the
324 student to attend the institution.

325 (7) The eligibility status of each student to receive a
326 disbursement shall be determined by each institution as of the
327 end of its regular registration period, inclusive of a drop-add
328 period. An institution shall not be required to reevaluate a
329 student's eligibility status after this date for purposes of
330 changing eligibility determinations previously made.
331 Participating institutions shall verify the continued
332 eligibility of awarded students, provide for the disbursement of
333 funds to students, and comply with the department's reporting
334 requirements. Institutions shall certify to the department, each
335 academic term within 30 days after the end of the regular
336 registration period, the student's enrollment, continued

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337 eligibility, and the award amount. Any balance at the end of a
338 fiscal year that has been disbursed to an institution for this
339 program shall remain at the institution and shall be available
340 only to provide grants for returning and new awardees.

341 (8) No later than November 15, each participating
342 institution shall annually report to the Executive Office of the
343 Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House
344 of Representatives, and the State Board of Education the
345 eligibility requirements for recipients, the aggregate
346 demographics of recipients, the retention and graduation rates
347 of recipients, and a delineation of funds awarded to recipients
348 in the prior academic year.

349 (9) This section shall be implemented only as specifically
350 funded.

351 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.