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Florida's Workforce Education Initiative

OPEN DOOR GRANT

Grant Overview

The Open Door Scholarship Program 2026-2027, funded by the Florida Department of Education, is designed to support students completing short-term and technical education credentialing courses. The grant covers 100% of the cost of tuition associated with the eligible courses, not otherwise covered by federal/state grants or other third-party payments.

Awarded funds only apply to the term for which the application is submitted. The student is responsible for the cost of subsequent terms. Funds are subject to availability and will be awarded once the application is approved and all other aid is applied. Refer to application for more details.

Deadline

Submit applications in-person to Office of Student Financial Aid (Main Campus, Student Affairs – Building 1) by Monday, August 3, 2026 (12:00 PM).

Eligible Programs

Refer to the next page for a list of eligible programs.

Requirements

1. Meet eligibility for Florida Residency for Tuition Purposes.
2. Enrolled in an eligible Career Technical Education (CTE) program (refer to next page for a list).
3. Enrolled in a course starting on August 10 – August 15, 2026.
4. Complete the 2026-27 FAFSA application process. Open Door Grant funds are applied after federal and state aid, or third-party payments, to cover a maximum award equal to the amount needed to cover 100% of tuition for the term.

How to Apply

Currently Enrolled Student (Priority)

1. Submit the Open Door application (page 3) to the Office of Student Financial Aid to determine eligibility (Main Campus, Student Affairs - Building 1).

New Student

1. Complete the admissions process and receive an acceptance letter from the program counselor/advisor.
2. Submit the Open Door application (page 3) to the Office of Student Financial Aid to determine eligibility (Main Campus, Student Affairs - Building 1).

Returning Inactive Student

1. Contact the program counselor/advisor to discuss steps to re-enroll in the program.
2. Submit the Open Door application (page 3) to the Office of Student Financial Aid to determine eligibility (Main Campus, Student Affairs - Building 1).

Office of Student Financial Aid

6500 Nova Dr. (Building 1), Davie, FL 33317
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2026-27 Fall McFatter Eligible

Program	Hours	Length (Full-Time)
Accounting Operations	1050	10 Months
Administrative Office Specialist	1050	10 Months
Applied Cybersecurity	750	7 Months
Applied Information Technology	600	6 Months
Automotive Collision Technology Technician	1400	12 Months
Baking & Pastry Arts	600	6 Months
Dental Laboratory Technology	2040	18 Months
Digital Media/Multimedia Design	1050	10 Months
Digital Photography Technology	1050	10 Months
Digital Printing Technology	990	10 Months
Drafting	1500	15 Months
Early Childhood Education	600	6 Months
Electricity	1200	10 Months
Electrocardiograph Technology	465	5.5 Months
Game /Simulation/Animation Programming	600	6 Months
Marine Service Technologies	1350	12 Months
Massage Therapy	750	7 Months
Master Automotive Service Technology	1800	18 Months
Medical Administrative Specialist	1050	10 Months
Medical Assisting	1300	10 Months
Network Support Services	1050	10 Months
Pharmacy Technician- ATD	1050	10 Months
Phlebotomy	165	1.5 Months
Principles of Teaching	600	6 Months
Professional Culinary Arts & Hospitality	1200	10 Months
Television Production Technology	1050	10 Months
Web Development	1050	10 Months
Welding Technology	1050	10 Months
Welding Technology – Advanced	750	7 Months

The list of programs are based on the 2026-27 [Master Credentials](#) approved list.



2026-27 FALL OPEN DOOR GRANT APPLICATION McFatter Technical College

All the information requested below must be provided. Incomplete applications will be denied. Applications must be submitted **in-person** to the in the Office of Student Financial Aid, Student Affairs (Main - Building 1) by **Monday, August 3, 2026 (12:00 PM)**.

Student Name: _____ Student ID#: _____
(Last) (First)

Address: _____ Apt/Unit: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Gender: ☐ M ☐ F Social Security Number: ____ - ____ - ____

Term: Fall (Classes starting Aug.10 – Aug15, 2026 ONLY) Program: _____

Enrollment Status: ☐ Currently Enrolled Student ☐ New Student ☐ Returning Inactive Student

Race: ☐ American Indian/Alaska Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black/African American ☐ Hispanic ☐ Multi-racial
☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ☐ White ☐ Unknown ☐ Other

QUALIFICATION CRITERIA (Answer the questions below):

1. I am considered a Florida resident as determined by Florida Residency for Tuition Purposes guidelines ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. I completed the 2026-27 FAFSA. ☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Are you receiving any additional financial aid/funding: ☐ Pell ☐ Vocational Rehab ☐ Veteran's Benefits ☐ CareerSource
☐ Scholarships ☐ Bright Futures ☐ Grow Your Future Grant ☐ T.E.A.C.H Scholarship ☐ TechForce
☐ Other: _____ ☐ Other: _____ ☐ Other: _____

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

1. Applications must be submitted in-person to The Office of Student Financial Aid, Student Affairs (Building 1) no later than 12:00 PM on Monday, August 3, 2026.
2. The Open Door Grant applies to eligible CTE programs and is currently being offered for courses starting August 10 – August 15, 2026 only.
3. Students who are considered non-Florida residents for tuition purposes do not qualify even if receiving a fee exemption for out-of-state tuition fees.
4. Open Door Grant funds are applied after federal and state aid, or third-party payments, to cover a maximum award equal to the amount needed to cover 100% of tuition for the term. McFatter Technical College is required to reduce or cancel the grant award if the student later becomes eligible for other financial assistance during the school year.
5. Funds are subject to availability and priority is given to currently enrolled students reauthorized to continue in the same program.
6. Notification of application status will be provided at the time of application submission. If awarded, funds must be used for the Fall term (Courses starting August 10- August 15, 2026) only. For current students, funds will be applied to the Focus student portal. New and returning inactive students will receive an award notification letter if eligible.
7. Awarded funds only apply to the term for which the application is submitted. The student is responsible for the cost of subsequent terms.
8. Qualified students who have already paid out-of-pocket for the Fall (Courses starting August10 – August 15, 2026) term, will be refunded eligible fees.

I attest that all the information provided in this application is accurate, complete and correct. I understand that falsification of such information shall result in the denial of a pending application and revocation of an award or grant currently held to the extent that no further payments shall be made. Additionally, I understand that individuals who knowingly make false statements in order to receive state financial aid awards or tuition assistance grants commit a misdemeanor of the second degree subject to the provisions of s. 837.06 and shall be required to return all state financial aid awards or tuition assistance grants wrongfully obtained.

**SIGN
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Student Signature

Date

OFFICE USE

FA Advisor: _____

Tuition and Fee Cost (Applied to ODG): \$ _____

Date/Time Rec ____ / ____ : ____

REASON FOR DENIAL

- ☐ Non-FL Resident ☐ Non-eligible Program ☐ Fully Covered/Tuition Exemption ☐ Depleted/Expired Grant
☐ Outside Processing Window ☐ Incomplete Application ☐ In-Default ☐ Withdrew from School
Denial Notification Date: ____ / ____ / ____ Denial Notification Via: ☐ Email ☐ In-person ☐ Call