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MEMORANDUM

TO: Florida College System Presidents

FROM: Kathryn S. Hebda, Chancellor 

DATE: July 8, 2021

SUBJECT: 2021-22 First Generation Matching Grant (FGMG) Program Certification

Specific Appropriation 66 of the 2021-22 General Appropriations Act provided \$10,617,326 for the First Generation Matching Grant (FGMG) Program. Of this amount, \$2,654,332 from the General Revenue Fund was allocated to Florida colleges for need-based financial assistance as provided in section 1009.701, Florida Statutes (F.S.). This program is administered by the Florida Department of Education's Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA).

Beginning in 2018-19, certain legislative changes to the program were implemented. The state-to-private match amount increased to a 2:1 match instead of a 1:1 match; the statute now explicitly includes Florida College System (FCS) institution students in the program. Section 21 of Senate Bill 4 (2018) amended subsections (1), (2) and (4) and paragraph (c) of subsection (5), of s. 1009.701, F.S., such that these changes took effect upon the bill becoming law. Therefore, OSFA will begin allocating the appropriated funds to match the eligible private contributions on a ratio of two dollars of state funds to every one-dollar private contribution.

Each FCS institution is encouraged to take advantage of awarding scholarships to students through the FGMG Program. Early submission of the certification form will maximize your institution's access to available funds and will help students benefit from these funds in the fall term. The certification should include all contributions received for the FGMG Program. Private contributions that were not previously matched by state funds are eligible as a private match for the FGMG Program. Existing certifications must be reduced by this amount. The FCS institution president must certify contributions for this program to the Division of Florida Colleges (DFC) by submitting the Certification of Private Contributions for FGMG Program Form to the FCS Budget Office at collegereporting@fldoe.org, no later than December 1, 2021.

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Attachments

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