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MEMORANDUM

TO: Florida College System Presidents

FROM: Kathryn S. Hebda

DATE: August 10, 2026

SUBJECT: 2026-27 First Generation Matching Grant (FGMG) Program Certification

Specific Appropriation 62 of the 2026-27 General Appropriations Act (GAA) 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).

Section 1009.701, F.S., states that the state-to-private match amount is allocated on a ratio of two dollars of state funds to one dollar of private contributions. OSFA will allocate the appropriated funds to match the eligible private contributions on this ratio.

Each Florida College System (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 attached guidelines provide student eligibility requirements and additional instructions to complete the certification form.

The FCS institution president must certify contributions for this program to the Division of Florida Colleges by submitting the attached Certification of Private Contributions for FGMG Program form to the FCS Budget Office at collegereporting@fldoe.org, no later than December 1, 2026.

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Attachments

cc: Dr. Kevin O'Farrell, Senior Chancellor, Florida Department of Education
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