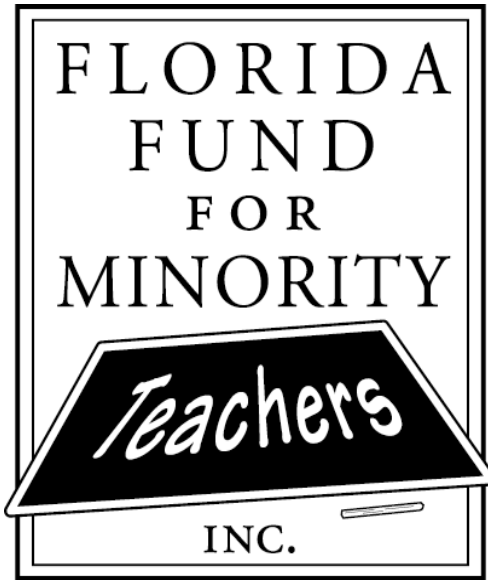


*"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains.  
The superior teacher demonstrates.  
The great teacher inspires."  
---William Arthur Ward*



***Cracker  
Barrel  
Minority  
Teacher  
Education  
Scholarship***

*(A Scholarship for Part-Time Students)*

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Fall\_\_\_ Spring\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_ Application

# CRACKER BARREL MINORITY TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

## ***IMPORTANT: READ AND RETAIN FOR YOUR RECORDS***

This is a collaborative performance-based scholarship program for African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino, Asian American/ Pacific Islander, and American Indian/Alaskan Native students. The primary purpose of this program is to attract capable and promising minority students to pursue teaching careers in Florida public schools. The scholarship is offered to Florida residents who are newly enrolled as upper division undergraduates in a state approved teacher preparation program and who will become full-time teachers in a K-12 Florida public school classroom.

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### **1. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- a. Applicant must be a resident of the state of Florida, as provided in Section 240.1201, Florida Statutes.
- b. Applicant must be a member of the following racial/ethnic groups: African American/Black; Hispanic/Latino; Asian/Pacific Islander; American Indian/Alaskan Native.
- c. Applicant must teach in a Florida public school for the period of time the scholarship was received.
- d. Applicant must meet requirements for admission into, and attend, one of Florida's public or private universities or colleges (accredited regionally or nationally) as a student in a state approved teacher education program.
- e. Applicant must be enrolled in at least six credits for each academic term in which an award is received.
- f. **Applicant must be admitted into an upper level/division teacher education program.**
- g. A participant must maintain the GPA required for continued enrollment in the college and/or department of education, as stipulated by each institution. In addition, a student must maintain a state minimum 2.50 GPA (Semester/Cumulative). The semester and cumulative GPA, as well as the number of credit hours earned, will be determined for each participant at the end of each semester/quarter. A GPA under 2.50, withdrawal, change of major or any other infraction on an institutional standard will affect future awards.
- h. Applicant must have met the registration requirements of the Selective Service Act.
- i. Applicant must not owe a repayment under any state or federal grant or scholarship.
- j. Applicant must not be in default on any federal Title IV or state student loan program unless satisfactory arrangements to repay have been made.
- k. **Special consideration is given to community college graduates.**

### **2. SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES**

Applications should be submitted to Primary Contact at the participating institution that applicant plans to attend. The deadline for applicants planning to enroll in the Fall semester is August 1<sup>st</sup>. The deadline for applicants planning to enroll in the Spring semester is November 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **3. SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATIONS**

Each eligible and participating institution shall establish a screening committee to review each application and the supporting documentation received. This committee will nominate candidates.

### **4. SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

- a. The annual amount of a scholarship will be \$2,000 and the program mandates attendance at the Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc.'s Annual Recruitment and Retention Conference.
- b. Students are eligible to receive a scholarship for a maximum of two semesters. Awards are issued during the Fall and Spring semesters **only**, and cease when a student is eligible for initial certification.
- c. Awards may not be transferred during a student's first semester in his/her teacher education program.
- d. FFMT will notify all applicants nominated for a scholarship of the status of their applications.
- e. FFMT will provide scholarship funds to one institution per semester.

## 5. PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Scholarship awards will be disbursed by the Student Financial Aid Office at each institution to eligible students in equal installments each academic term. The Student Financial Aid Office will determine your total financial aid package. The Minority Teacher Education Scholarship may not necessarily increase your total financial aid. Please review your financial status at your institution's Student Financial Aid Office before you accept the scholarship award.

## 6. CHANGES IN INFORMATION/TRANSFERS BETWEEN INSTITUTIONS

An applicant must notify FFMT of any change in name, contact information, or institution to be attended. All notifications must include the student/applicant's name and Social Security number, the name of the new institution if changing institutions, and the date(s) of attendance.

If funds are to be received by the new institution during term registration, a notice of transfer must be received by FFMT no later than **August 1** for Fall term transfers or **November 15** for Spring term transfers. Notices of transfers received by FFMT after these dates could result in funds not reaching the new institution on time.

Transferring from one institution to another could affect the applicant's eligibility for a program award.

## 7. REQUIREMENT FOR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Graduates through this scholarship program will be required to teach for one year in a Florida public school for each year they received scholarship funds. **If scholarship recipients do not graduate within six (6) years, or if graduates do not teach in a Florida public school, they will be required to repay the total amount of scholarships they received with interest at eight percent annually.** Interest on a scholarship begins to accrue the first day of the thirteenth month after the month in which the recipient has completed an approved teacher education program or after the month in which enrollment as a full-time student was terminated. Interest will not accrue during any period of deferment or eligible teaching service. The scholarship must be repaid within 10 years of the date of graduation or termination of full-time enrollment, including any periods of deferment. Deferments may be granted for full-time study, inability to secure an eligible teaching position, temporary disability or other hardships. Deferment may be granted for a total of 24 months and may not exceed 12 consecutive months. In the event of a default on this scholarship, the entire unpaid balance, including interest accrued, will become immediately due and payable at the option of the holder of the Promissory Note.

## 8. USE OF APPLICANT'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER/NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The Privacy Act of 1974 requires a state agency to inform applicants of the reasons for requesting their Social Security number (SSN). The FFMT requests a SSN on all applications for student financial assistance in order to correctly identify applicants and match each applicant's financial aid record with the student record at the institution the applicant attends.

An applicant will not be denied financial assistance for failure to disclose the SSN. Without a 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 Florida Statute 228.2001, 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 it is required by law as a condition of eligibility or selection.

## 9. DEFERMENTS OF FUNDS FOR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Deferments must be submitted for approval in writing to the Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc. Deferments are generally, but not necessarily, allowed (except during a student's first semester in his or her teacher-education program).

## APPLICATION CHECK LIST:

Complete applications should be turned into Primary Contact at the participating institution you plan to attend (see page 5). Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Did you remember to:

\_\_\_\_\_ Indicate semester and year you are applying for on the front cover?

\_\_\_\_\_ Sign Section A?

\_\_\_\_\_ Get Section E completed by the primary contact at the institution you are planning to enroll in the teacher education program?

\_\_\_\_\_ Attach **official** transcripts from every college/university attended and currently enrolled! Unofficial transcripts will not be accepted.

\_\_\_\_\_ Attach the essay?

**If this application was reviewed by a community college contact before being submitted to FFMT, please have contact initial here \_\_\_\_\_**

**Application Deadlines**  
**Fall Semester: August 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Spring Semester: November 15<sup>th</sup>**

*For further information, please write:*  
*Cracker Barrel Minority Teacher Education Scholarship Program*  
*Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc.*  
*G415 Norman Hall/PO Box 117045 • Gainesville, FL 32611-7045*  
*or contact FFMT at (352) 392-9196 ext. 21 or [info@ffmt.org](mailto:info@ffmt.org)*

# Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc. Cracker Barrel Minority Teacher Education Scholarship Application

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**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, I am eligible for this program as defined by the Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc. In addition, I authorize FFMT to collect information about my internship experience(s).

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Applicant Signature

Date

*Applying does not guarantee acceptance to receive the Cracker Barrel Minority Teacher Education Scholarship. All applications will be reviewed to award the best candidates.*

**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.

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**SECTION B: APPLICANT INFORMATION**

1. Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

3. Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

4. Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

5. Permanent telephone number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

7. Local telephone number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ 8. E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

9. Emergency Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to applicant \_\_\_\_\_

10. Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

11. Emergency Contact E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

12. Sex: (Circle one) M F 13. Race/ethnic group: (Circle one)  
a. African American/Black b. Hispanic/Latino  
c. Asian American/Pacific Islander d. American Indian/Alaskan Native

14. Are you a citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident of the United States? (Circle one) Yes No

15. Are you a Florida resident? (Circle one) Yes No

16. Are you a Part-Time Student? (Circle one) Yes No  
(You must be a student that is completing the degree program on a part-time status only)

17. Semester grade point average \_\_\_\_\_ Overall grade point average \_\_\_\_\_

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**SECTION C: STATEMENT OF SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION STATUS (Check one)**

- 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 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 am retired/separated military
- 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 a permanent resident of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Palau)

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**SECTION D: ADDITIONAL APPLICANT INFORMATION**

1. **Name of institution** where lower-division course work was completed:  
\_\_\_\_\_
  2. Above named institution is a: \_\_\_Florida Community College \_\_\_Florida 4-year College or University \_\_\_Other
  3. Date/Year completed lower division coursework: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_
  4. **Name upper division institution** you attend or are planning to attend: \_\_\_\_\_
  5. Area in which you intend to become certified as a teacher (e.g., elementary, special education):  
\_\_\_\_\_
  6. List the type of program that you will be entering or are currently enrolled in (Bachelors, Certification):  
\_\_\_\_\_
  7. Have you taken any graduate coursework? (Check one) \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No
  8. List languages (besides English) that you speak fluently: \_\_\_\_\_
  9. What percentage of your education have you financed through employment? \_\_\_\_\_ %
  10. List campus/community involvement (clubs, sororities/fraternities, volunteer activities, etc.):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  11. Choose the category that best describes your status (Circle One) Paraprofessional    2<sup>nd</sup> Career    N/A
  12. Do you intend to teach in a Florida public school? (Check one) \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No
- NOTE: THIS SCHOLARSHIP MUST BE REPAID IN CASH IF THE RECIPIENT DOES NOT GRADUATE FROM A FLORIDA STATE APPROVED TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM AND/OR DOES NOT TEACH IN A FLORIDA PUBLIC SCHOOL.**
13. To assist me with employment, I authorize FFMT to release my name to the Florida Department of Education's Office of Teacher Recruitment & Retention and to Florida public schools. (Check one) \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No
  14. **TRANSCRIPTS:** Please submit an official copy of transcripts from every college and/or university I have attended. I have attached all transcripts. (Check one) \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No
  15. **ESSAY:** Discuss how your life experiences have impacted you to go into the field of education. (Must be 100-300 words typed). I have attached the essay. (Check one) \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

How did you hear about FFMT's Cracker Barrel Minority Teacher Education Scholarship?

Community College Contact  
 Contact at Participating 4-year Institution  
 FFMT Website  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Aid Contact  
 Letter/Postcard from FFMT  
 FFMT Scholarship Recipient

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**SECTION E: College Verification Section**

**(To be completed by the Primary Contact at the Upper Division Institution)**

All complete applications (with attached official transcript(s) and typed essay) must be submitted to the Primary Contact at the participating institution (upper division) for appropriate verification and signature. Failure to submit completed application to Primary Contact will result in denial of the application.

**The applicant has been admitted into the following state-approved teacher education program that will lead to eligibility for a teaching position in a K-12 classroom.**

(See the Florida Department of Education Program Directory of Approved Programs and Codes)

**Do not use your school code.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Program Name i.e. Elementary Education/ESOL: K-6)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DOE Program Code i.e. 444)

After auditing this student's record, he/she will need to complete \_\_\_\_\_ remaining hours to graduate with initial certification.  
(Credits)

The applicant's last semester grade point average is \_\_\_\_\_.

The applicant's overall grade point average is \_\_\_\_\_.

The applicant's expected date of graduation with initial teacher certification is \_\_\_\_\_  
(Semester/Year)

The applicant is a **junior** at your institution  Yes  No

The applicant is a Florida Resident  Yes  No

The applicant is a Part-Time student  Yes  No

**I certify that the above is true and correct.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dean/Director's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Name of Dean/Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number of Dean/Director: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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**FFMT PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS & PRIMARY CONTACTS**

**Public Colleges and Universities**

Chipola College	Dr. Lou Cleveland	(850) 718-2416
Florida A&M University	Gerald McGill	(850) 412-5595
Florida Atlantic University	Dr. Debra Shepherd	(561) 297-3574
Florida Gulf Coast University	Olivia Hung-Simons	(239) 590-7790
Florida International University	Marta Vazquez-Syms	(305) 348-2768
Florida State University	Robert Moore	(850) 644-6798
Miami Dade College	Rebecca Sanchez	(305) 237-3471
St. Petersburg College	Kathy Ralph	(727) 341-4727
University of Central Florida	Tina Smilie	(407) 823-0043
University of Florida	Dr. Michael Bowie	(352) 392-5242 ext. 22
University of North Florida	Dr. John Kempainen	(904) 620-2530
University of South Florida	Dr. Diane Briscoe	(813) 974-0544
University of South Florida-St. Petersburg	Dr. Juanita Fountain	(727) 873-4575
University of West Florida	Melanie DiLoreto	(850) 474-3228

### **Private/Independent Colleges and Universities**

Barry University	Lincoln Pettaway	(305) 899-3705
Bethune-Cookman University	Dr. Helena Walrond	(386) 481-2349
Clearwater Christian College	Dr. Philip Larsen	(727) 726-1153 ext. 221
Edward Waters	TBD	TBD
Flagler College	Dr. John Bruno	(850) 201-8070
Florida Institute of Technology	Debra Blenis	(321) 674-7506
Florida Memorial University	Eugenia Cole-Russell	(305) 623-4279
Florida Southern College	Sheri Nosal	(863) 680-4144
Jacksonville University	Dr. Christina Ramirez-Smith	(904) 256-7132
Lynn University	Myira Camacho	(561) 237-7085
Nova Southeastern University	Maxine Mason	(954) 262-7920
Palm Beach Atlantic University	Dr. Marilyn Stepnoski	(561) 803-2372
Rollins College	Rebecca Cordray	(407) 646-1568
St. Leo University	Dr. Vera Swade	(352) 467-0033
Southeastern University	Dr. Samuel Bennett	(863) 667-5000
Stetson University	Midge McDaniel	(321) 939-7619
University of Miami	Robin Shane	(305) 284-3826
University of Tampa	Dr. Edward Cloutier	(813) 253-3333 ext. 3411
Warner Southern College	Yolanda Ortiz	(863) 638-7243

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### **PARTNER INSTITUTIONS**

Brevard Community College	Miami Dade College
Broward College	North Florida Community College
Central Florida Community College	Northwest Florida State College
Chipola College	Palm Beach Community College
Daytona State College	Pasco-Hernando Community College
Edison College	Pensacola Junior College
Florida Community College at Jacksonville	Polk Community College
Florida Keys Community College	Santa Fe College
Gulf Coast Community College	Seminole Community College
Hillsborough Community College	South Florida Community College
Indian River State College	St. Johns River Community College
Lake City Community College	Tallahassee Community College
Lake Sumter Community College	Valencia Community College
Manatee Community College	