Florida Keys Community College & Florida Keys Educational Foundation
welcome you to the

Scholarship Donor Appreciation Reception

A celebration to honor the generosity of our community!
Jenna
Full-time Degree Seeking Scholarship Recipient

“The scholarship money helps me out with tuition and the cost of relocating. I also used the money to help with my rent.

I was unsure if I would be able to afford to come to FKCC, so I put off applying. Then one day, I got a call about this scholarship and knew there was no going back. I would just have to work really hard and enjoy school in Key West, Florida.”
“I want to give a special thank you to Mrs. Diana for really taking me into consideration and helping me out on finding a scholarship.

I then want to say thank you to Dr. William A. Seeker on donating money to support me going to school.

I promise that I’ll make the best of this scholarship and really concentrate on my studies in order to further my career.”
**Evelyn Kawaler Memorial Scholarship**

**Eligibility:** Offered to any student who successfully demonstrates the following:
- A need for financial assistance
- Dedication to scholarly pursuit - maintains a minimum 2.5 GPA
- Involvement in the learning process
- Commitment to leadership behavior and initiatives
- Desire to make a positive impact on the community and society
- Available for part-time or full-time status and in-state or out-of-state residents
- May be applied for on a semester basis

**Award:** Full tuition scholarship for each semester. Covers tuition, lab fees, books (up to a maximum of $200 for books)

**Application and info:** Interested students can download an application, reapplication form, and selection criteria at www.fkcc.edu
“Receiving this scholarship has given me the chance to go to FKCC, since I didn’t have the funds to pay for college myself. I recently moved to Florida and out of state tuition was beyond my pocket book.

I was upset when I realized I might not be able to attend school. Then I heard about this scholarship. I applied and was awarded. No one could understand how grateful I truly am. Thank you!!”
“This scholarship has helped me in paying for my college education. It has taken a huge weight off my and my parents’ shoulders.

We knew college was going to be expensive, but when we saw how much, it was overwhelming.

I’m just happy that the money issue didn’t put a stop in my education.”

Karen
Kawaler Scholarship Recipient
Latavia
First Generation in College Scholarship Recipient

“I am very happy that Dr. Seeker was generous enough to make this scholarship. It will help assist me in all my college expenses.

This is a great idea to help students in need. This scholarship is uplifting to me because I know that there is someone there who cares. It also gives me enthusiasm to keep going and to strive hard to succeed!”
Christina
Kawaler Scholarship Recipient

“Since receiving the Kawaler Scholarship, I feel my life has changed in a very positive direction.
For quite a few years, I have wanted to return to college and graduate. Now, this dream will be accomplished!”
First Generation in College Scholarship

**Eligibility:** Florida residents whose parents or primary parent has not obtained a Bachelor's Degree

**Award:** Provided on a semester basis (fall and spring) - $1,000 for fulltime, $750 for 3/4 time students, $500 for half-time students & $250 for 1/4 time students

**Application and info:** Download the application, scholarship instructions and Information, and reapplication form at [www.fkcc.edu](http://www.fkcc.edu).

First Generation In College Scholarship benefactor Dr. William A. Seeker, surrounded by 2007 FGIC Scholarship recipients.
Jose
First Generation in College Scholarship Recipient

“I have been out of high school for almost five years now and have now decided to make a change in my life.

Thanks to Dr. Seeker’s First Generation in College scholarship, I am able to feel good about something positive, further my education and become a great role model for my kids.”
“The FGIC scholarship has helped me out a lot. When I first enrolled, I was kind of upset because I didn’t have the finances available at the time and going to college is something I really wanted. I’m very thankful for the scholarship and this opportunity is something I will always remember throughout my life.”
Eligibility: In-state and out-of-state students

Award: Provided for fall and spring semesters to fulltime, degree seeking students:
  • $4,500 for out-of-state students
  • $2,250 for in-state students

Application and info: Interested students can download an application and scholarship terms and conditions: www.fkcc.edu
Victoria
Full-time Degree Seeking Scholarship Recipient

“The Full-time Degree Seeking Scholarship has changed the course of my future. Without it, I would be unable to attend college and pursue a degree. I am grateful to Florida Keys Community College for the wonderful opportunity it has offered me.”
Christopher
Full-time Degree Seeking Scholarship Recipient
Robert
Full-time Degree Seeking Scholarship Recipient

“I am excited about going to FKCC because I have friends who are enrolled too.

The location of the Keys allows me to enjoy many sports, such as diving, sailing, water skiing, spear fishing, swimming, running, and bicycling year round. I can’t imagine living away from the water and this scholarship made it possible for me to do all of this. I want to thank the individuals who made this scholarship possible.”
Shanon
First Generation in College Scholarship Recipient

“This scholarship has helped me proceed in my schooling regarding my books, etc. This scholarship has also given me the courage to not give up on college even though things at times may seem difficult.”
Russel Sullivan Memorial Scholarship

**Eligibility:** Students must be employed with the Key West Police Department or the Monroe County Sheriff's Department, subject to annual review by the Governing Board. Scholarship recipients must maintain a 2.5 GPA.

**Award:** Tuition, fees and books for a maximum of six credits each term up to six years or 60 credits applicable to an AA, AAS or AS degree.

**Application due dates:** Beginning of July for Fall enrollment.

**Application and info:** Applications can be obtained by calling the Criminal Justice Department at (305) 809-3200 or bunch_nancy@firn.edu
“As a 40 something year old starting on a second career, this is a BIG help.”
“The First Generation In College scholarship will be extremely helpful. It will allow me to continue to strive for my dreams. Without this scholarship, my days of attending school would be over. I’m grateful for this scholarship and all those who have worked really hard to establish it.”
**Hemingway Look-Alike Society Scholarship**

**Eligibility:** In the spirit of encouraging literary talent, the Ernest Hemingway Look-Alike Society awards scholarships each year to eligible students at FKCC. The Hemingway Society also supports the education of the College’s nursing students. Members of the Hemingway Society select the scholarship recipients in conjunction with the college's English Department and Director of Allied Health.

**Award:** $1,000/year

**Application due dates:** May

**Application and info:** Scholarship can be applied toward tuition, fees and books

5 writing scholarships awarded annually

3 nursing scholarships awarded annually
Troy
Full-time Degree Seeking Scholarship Recipient

“Without the help of this scholarship, there is no way I could attend school. I am so grateful for the help this gives. I, also, would like to personally thank Dr. Boyle for assisting me and pointing me in the right direction.”
Jennifer
First Generation in College Scholarship Recipient

“I am very grateful to have received this scholarship. Many thanks to the committee.”
Student Ambassador Scholarship

Eligibility: Offered to any student who successfully demonstrates the following:
  • Dedication to scholarly pursuit - maintains a minimum 2.5 GPA
  • Has completed at least one FKCC 3 credit course
  • Good communication skills and enthusiasm
  • Provides 2 letters of recommendation
  • Available for full-time status and in-state or out-of-state residents

Requirements:
  • Attend monthly Student Activities Committee meetings
  • Assist with orientation, registration, recruitment events, high school visits, phone-a-thons, campus tours, and special events
  • Available for full-time status and in-state or out-of-state residents

Award: Full payment of all in-state tuition charges.

Application and info: Applications can be obtained by calling the Recruiter at (305) 809-3281 or liz_harrison@firn.edu
Jennifer
Full-time Degree Seeking Scholarship Recipient

“This scholarship has helped me financially on my journey to academic success. With this scholarship helping me, I can fulfill my dreams of becoming an early childhood educator. This scholarship has also helped me realize that staying in college and getting good grades is very rewarding.”
Alicia
First Generation in College Scholarship Recipient

“I was so grateful when I received a call stating I was awarded the scholarship. I was worried about how I was going to pay for books and supplies.

Receiving this scholarship has had a major influence on my life. Because of it, I have extra money to buy other things my family and I need. This scholarship relieved the sense of struggle from my mind regarding my financial situation.

With that said, I would like to thank Dr. Seeker for making this possible. Thank you.”
Florida Keys Educational Foundation extends its sincere appreciation for those donors who have gifted our students with a college education. Your generosity is providing lifelong benefits and opportunities to our students. We honor you for your commitment to support others.