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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. Books/supplies are not covered. 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

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 (list on next page).
3. Enrolled in a course starting on August 10, 2026 – August 14, 2026 only.
4. Complete the 2026-27 FAFSA application process (*not required for Applied Cybersecurity, Child Care Center Operations, Commercial Class "B" Driving, Commercial Vehicle Driving, Facials Specialty, Phlebotomy, Nails Specialty*). 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. Books/supplies are not covered. Refer to the next page for a list of eligible programs.

How to Apply

New Student:

1. Complete the admissions process and receive an acceptance letter from the program counselor/advisor.
2. Meet requirements listed above and submit the Open Door Grant application (page 3) and program acceptance letter to the Office of Financial Aid to determine eligibility (Main Campus - Building 11).

Currently Enrolled:

1. Submit the Open Door Grant application (page 3) to the Office of Financial Aid to determine eligibility (Main Campus - Building 11). A reauthorization from the program instructor must be available upon application submission.

Returning Inactive Student (Withdrawn student who wishes to re-enroll):

1. Contact the program counselor/advisor to discuss steps to re-enroll and obtain the re-authorization form.
2. Meet requirements listed above and submit the Open Door Grant application (page 3) and the counselor/advisor generated reauthorization form to the Office of Student Financial Aid to determine eligibility (Main Campus - Building 11).

Office of Student Financial Aid

5400 Sheridan Street (Building 11), Hollywood, FL 33021

(754) 321-5400

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Eligible Programs

****Click the program name for more information about the program****

Program	Hours	Length (Full-time)	Campus
Accounting Operations	1050	10 MONTHS	Main
Applied Cybersecurity	750	8 MONTHS	Main
Automotive Collision Technology Technician	1400	12 MONTHS	Main
Automotive Maintenance & Light Repair Technician	600	6 MONTHS	Main
Barbering	900	9 MONTHS	Main
Building Trades & Construction Design Technology	900	9 MONTHS	Main
Business Management and Analysis	900	9 MONTHS	Main
Child Care Center Operations	45	8 WEEKS	Main
Commercial "Class B" Driving	150	5-6 WEEKS	West
Commercial Vehicle Driving	320	9-10 WEEKS	West
Computer Systems & Information Technology	900	9 MONTHS	Main
Cosmetology	1200	12 MONTHS	Main
Diesel Systems Technician	1800	18 MONTHS	West
Early Childhood Education	600	6 MONTHS	Main
Electricity	1200	12 MONTHS	Main
Electrocardiograph Technician	465	5.5 MONTHS	Main
Facials Specialty	220	8 WEEKS	Main
Heating Ventilation, Air-Conditioning/Refrigeration (HVAC-R)	1350	12 MONTHS	Main
Legal Administrative Specialist	1050	10 MONTHS	Main
Manufacturer Specific Automotive Service Technology – Audi/Dealer Exclusive Training	2400	24 MONTHS	West
Manufacturer Specific Automotive Service Technology – Mazda MAST	2400	24 MONTHS	West
Manufacturer Specific Automotive Service Technology – MOPAR-MCAP	2400	24 MONTHS	Main
Manufacturer Specific Automotive Service Technology – Ford ASSET	2400	24 MONTHS	Main
Manufacturer Specific Automotive Service Technology – GM ASEP	2400	24 MONTHS	Main
Manufacturer Specific Automotive Service Technology – Nissan/Infiniti Technician Training Academy (NTTA)	2400	24 MONTHS	Main
Master Automotive Service Technology	1800	18 MONTHS	Main
Medical Administrative Specialist	1050	10 MONTHS	Main
Medical Assisting	900	10 MONTHS	Main
Medical Coder/Biller - ATD	1110	11 MONTHS	Main
Nails Specialty	180	7 WEEKS	Main
Network Support Services	1050	10 MONTHS	Main
Network Systems Administration	1050	10 MONTHS	Main
Patient Care Technician	600	6 MONTHS	Main
Pharmacy Technician- ATD	1050	10 MONTHS	Main
Phlebotomy	165	15 WEEKS	Main
Plumbing	1080	10 MONTHS	Main
Practical Nursing	1350	12 MONTHS	Main
Professional Culinary Arts & Hospitality	1200	12 MONTHS	Main
Surgical Technology	1440	13 MONTHS	Main

The list of approved programs are based on the 2026-27 Master Credentials list.



2026-27 OPEN DOOR GRANT APPLICATION – FALL

Sheridan Technical College

All the information requested below must be provided. Incomplete applications will be denied. Applications must be submitted **in-person** to the Office of Student Financial Aid (Main - Building 11) by **Monday, August 3, 2026 (12:00 PM)** at noon.

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 August 10-14, 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):

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

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- Applications must be submitted in-person to the Office of Student Financial Aid (Building 11) no later than 12:00 PM on Monday, August 3, 2026.
- The Open Door Grant applies to eligible CTE programs and is currently being offered for courses starting August 10-14, 2026 only.
- 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.
- 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. Sheridan Technical College is required to reduce or cancel the grant award if the student later becomes eligible for other financial assistance or is receiving any type of aid at another institution during the 2026-27 school year. If this occurs, the student is responsible for any remaining tuition and fees.
- Funds are subject to availability and priority is given to currently enrolled students.
- Notification of application status will be provided at the time of application submission. If awarded, funds must be used for the Fall term (August 10-14, 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.
- Awarded funds only apply to the term for which the application is submitted. The student is responsible for the cost of subsequent terms. Books and supplies are not covered.
- Qualified students who have already paid out-of-pocket for the Fall term (August 10-14, 2026), will be refunded eligible fees upon qualification.

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 HERE _____
Student Signature Date

OFFICE USE 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