

# How to Pay for College

Money for college is more available than you may think.  
Use this guide to start your search for funding that  
will help ensure your success at **FCTC**.



## SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are gifts of money that don't need to be repaid. Thousands of scholarships are offered by schools, employers, individuals, private companies, nonprofits, communities, religious groups, professional associations and social organizations. You may be awarded a scholarship for being a good student or a great basketball player, because your parent works for a particular company or for many other reasons.



## FEDERAL STUDENT AID

Scholarships, grants and loans are available through the federal government. All students are eligible to submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). There are no fees to apply; however, you will need to provide personal information.



## GRANTS

Like scholarships, grants are free gifts of money that do not need to be repaid. Start with the resources listed on this page to identify grants sources for which you may qualify.

Once you have completed the FAFSA, you should pursue and submit as many scholarship and grant applications as you can. But before you apply for any assistance, learn how to spot potential fraud and scams. Protect your identity and remember that most scholarships and grants do not charge a fee for application, so be selective. Do not submit any financial aid applications without thoroughly checking out its legitimacy.

**Start your research early, meet your deadlines, and  
you will be on your way to scholarship success!**

## LOCAL RESOURCES

### CAREER NAVIGATORS

This program helps 16 – 24-year-olds attain education and training for success. It is brought to you in partnership with the CareerSource Northeast Florida and fully supported by the U.S. Department of Labor, Health and Human Services and Agriculture and other agencies as part of awards totaling \$4.3 million. Explore eligibility opportunities at FCTC 2980 Collins Ave, St. Augustine. **(904) 547-3466**  
[ftc-navigators@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:ftc-navigators@stjohns.k12.fl.us) • [FCTC.edu](http://FCTC.edu)

### CAREERSOURCE

This program provides workforce training for certifications leading to employment in high demand occupations.

[CareerSourceNortheastFlorida.com](http://CareerSourceNortheastFlorida.com)

St. Johns County • **(904) 819-0231**

Putnam County • **(386) 530-7089**

Clay County • **(904) 213-3888**

### NORTHEAST FLORIDA COMMUNITY ACTION

This organization provides services for income-qualifying residents to empower Northeast Florida families to achieve self-sufficiency through education and employment. [NFCAA.org](http://NFCAA.org)

St. Johns County • **(904) 824-0978**

Putnam County • **(386) 385-3954**

Clay County • **(904) 297-7500 x 333**

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES SAINT AUGUSTINE

Project Forward Families will transform lives for single mothers and their families through financial aid to low-income female heads of households enrolled in FCTC.

[CCBSTAUG.org](http://CCBSTAUG.org)

[projectforwardfamilies@CBDSTAUG.org](mailto:projectforwardfamilies@CBDSTAUG.org)

### FCTC EDUCATION FOUNDATION

This non-profit organization assists students with access to a high-quality education by eliminating financial barriers.

[FCTCFoundation.org](http://FCTCFoundation.org) • **(904) 547-3466**

[ftcedfoundation@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:ftcedfoundation@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

## WHERE TO START

[fasa.ed.gov](http://fasa.ed.gov)

[collegreenlight.com](http://collegreenlight.com)

[fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com)

[collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com)

[studentaid.ed.gov](http://studentaid.ed.gov)

[petersons.com](http://petersons.com)

[myfloridaprepaid.com](http://myfloridaprepaid.com)

[floridashines.org](http://floridashines.org)

[mycareershines.org](http://mycareershines.org)

[careersstop.org](http://careersstop.org)

[fchoices.org](http://fchoices.org)

[ftc.foundation.org](http://ftc.foundation.org)

[horatioalger.org](http://horatioalger.org)

[floridavets.org](http://floridavets.org)

[floridastudentfinancialaid.org](http://floridastudentfinancialaid.org)