

The Stanley G. Tate Project STARS Program

Program Overview:

The Stanley G. Tate Project STARS (Scholarship Tuition for At-Risk Students) Program is the Foundation's hallmark program. Project STARS is a private-to-public scholarship program funded annually by the Florida Legislature and matched dollar-for-dollar by private donations. Participating organizations purchase Prepaid Plans and provide additional support through mentoring to help students reach their goals.

The program focuses efforts on low-income students who are at a higher risk of dropping out of school and prepares them to attend and succeed in college. All STARS scholars are assigned a mentor to guide them through their journey to higher education.

Interested donor organizations must complete the following:

- Submit a Pledge Letter to request matching funds
- Mail a check for 50% of the total contract plus a \$50 application fee for each contract purchased
- Provide proof of 501 (c)(3) certification
- Provide the donor organization's focus or objective
- Agree to provide mentorship for students
- Agree to request approval from the Florida Prepaid College Foundation to use its logo
- Agree to allow the Florida Prepaid College Foundation use of your organization's logo on its website

Stanley Tate Project STARS scholarship recipients must meet the following criteria:

- An individual who is under the age of 21 and has not completed the 12th grade
- A resident of Florida for 12 consecutive months
- A United States citizen or a resident alien
- Scholarship recipients must have a valid SSN
- Economically disadvantaged- qualifies for free/reduced public school lunch program at time of selection/designation by the Donor (proof of eligibility required, via tax return or letter from non-Title 1 school)
- An individual that is at-risk of dropping out of school
- Agrees to remain drug and crime-free
- Graduate from an accredited Florida high school
- Agrees to meet with a mentor
- Agrees to submit an Annual Online Student Survey

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Application for the Stanley G. Tate Project STARS Program

Thank you for applying for the 2020 Project STARS Scholarship Program sponsored by the Florida Prepaid College Foundation. Please complete the following fields and submit your **Project STARS Scholarship Proposal** to the Foundation office:

Applying 501(c)(3) Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Principal Name and Title: _____

Principal Email: _____

Primary Contact: _____ Email: _____

Title: _____

Secondary Contact: _____ Email: _____

Title: _____

The above referenced organization is pleased to participate in the Stanley G. Tate Project STARS Scholarship Program. It understands and accepts that it will be bound the Florida Prepaid College Board Master Contract.

Signature of Principal: _____ Date: _____

Please mail or scan a copy of the application and proposal to the following addresses:

Florida Prepaid College Foundation
The Stanley G. Tate Project STARS Scholarship Program
1801 Hermitage Blvd., Suite 210
Tallahassee Florida, 32317

Please mail check only: (Unique account number must be included and will be provided by the Foundation)
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