

2025 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

You may have questions about the Florida Realtors Education Foundation Scholarship. Here are some answers about Who, What, When, Where, and How.

1. Q. When will the Florida Realtors® Education Foundation (FREF) scholarship application be available?
A. The application will open in mid-January. Here is the URL: <https://my.reviewr.com/site/FREF2025>. The platform is hosted by Reviewr.

2. Q. When is the application due?
A. **The deadline is Wednesday, March 6, 2025. The online application will close at 12:00 noon (Eastern Standard Time).**

3. Q. If I won a FREF scholarship, am I eligible to apply again?
A. An applicant is eligible to receive one scholarship award per 12-month period, up to a maximum of two scholarships. **All students must complete an application for 2025, even if they were a scholarship recipient in a previous year.**

4. Q. Are Realtors® and their family members eligible to apply?
A. Yes. The FREF scholarships are available to any student who is a Florida resident and who will be attending an undergraduate college or university, and for students who will be taking graduate level studies in the academic year 2025 – 2026.

5. Q. If the parent is a Realtor, should the student use the parent's email address to sign up for this scholarship?
A. **No. It is essential for the student to use his or her own email address.**

6. Q. Can a parent of an applicant inquire about the status of the scholarship application?
A. Only the student applicant will be communicated with regarding the status of the scholarship application. The only exception will be if the student applicant is under the age of 18 years old.
7. Q. Do I have to attend a college or university in Florida? Is this for Florida residents only?
A. There will be no limitations as to location of the college or university attended provided the applicant indicates their intent to return to work in Florida after graduation. **Yes, proof of the student's legal Florida residency is required.**
8. Q. What is some of the criteria for the FREF scholarships?
A. Applicants will be judged on:
- Academic Standing
 - Financial Need
 - Community Involvement
 - Evidence of Leadership Qualities
- All decisions as to whether or not an applicant qualifies will be at the sole and absolute discretion of the Foundation's Board of Directors.**
9. Q. Are there any requirements about citizenship for this scholarship?
A. Yes. Students must be U.S. citizens or U.S. permanent residents to be eligible for this scholarship.
10. Q. What documents will be required to complete the application?
A. 1. Florida driver's license or government issued I.D. to prove Florida residency.
2. Three(3) reference letters on school letterhead (one of the 3 can be a personal reference but the other 2 must be from teachers, coaches, or school administrators). *If it has been more than 4 years since you have last been enrolled as a student in a school (high school, college, post-graduate), please submit an email to FREF@floridarealtors.org for additional instructions.
3. Transcripts from the last three years of school.

4. Acceptance Letter from one or more colleges that the student plans to attend in Fall 2025 or, if currently enrolled at the school, a copy of the school identification card.

11. Q. I am unable to obtain recent reference letters from teachers or school administrators because I have been out of school for several years, what should I do?

A. If it has been more than 4 years since you have last been enrolled as a student in a school (high school, college, post-graduate), please submit an email to FREF@floridarealtors.org for additional instructions.

12. Q. How do I upload reference letters?

A. This scholarship requires three reference letters, with two of those coming from teachers or administrators from your school, on school letterhead. There are two choices for attaching reference letters: the applicant can upload them, or the applicant can send an email from the program to the recommender asking them to upload the letter.

13. Q. What amounts are awarded to scholarship winners?

A. The number of scholarships and the dollar amounts vary each year. The minimum scholarship amount awarded per scholarship winner for 2025 will be \$1,000. The FREF Board of Directors has the sole discretion on scholarship awards.

14. Q. Which semesters can be covered by the FREF scholarships?

A. The 2025 scholarships are for the academic year 2025 – 2026 and are not available for any semester which begins prior to June 2025.

15. Q. May I e-mail an application or any of the supporting documents to Florida Realtors?

A. No. The only applications which can be reviewed for this scholarship, are the complete applications which are submitted through the above website by the March 6, 2025 deadline.

16. Q. How long is the review process?
- A. The review process will be completed by the end of April. **Winners will be notified by phone.**
17. Q. If I am notified that I am a winner, how soon do I need to claim the scholarship?
- A. Funds must be claimed from FREF no later than July 22, 2025, or the scholarship will be revoked.
18. Q. How will the scholarship award be disbursed?
- A. A check will be issued directly to the college/university (usually in July).
19. Q. What if I have more questions about the scholarship?
- A. Please send an email to JanetV@FloridaRealtors.org