

Jose Marti Scholarship Challenge Grant 2025

A Complete Checklist & Application Guide for Florida's
Hispanic Students



What Is the José Martí Scholarship?



Need- and Merit-Based

- Combines financial need **and** academic performance.



Award Amount

- Up to **\$2,000 per year**.



Who Can Apply

- High school seniors
- Undergraduate students
- Graduate students



Where It's Used

- For students attending **public or private colleges in Florida**.



Who's It For

- Students of **Hispanic origin** with ties to **Mexico, Central/South America, or the Caribbean**.
(Excludes Brazil, Spain, Haiti)

Why This Scholarship Matters

- Named after **José Martí**, Cuban writer & educator
- Supports **equal access to education** for Hispanic students
- Honors a legacy of freedom, justice, and learning
- *"The best way to be free is to be educated."* – José Martí

Eligibility Checklist for Jose Marti Scholarship

Do You Qualify?

- ✓ Hispanic origin (see eligible countries)
- ✓ Florida resident
- ✓ U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- ✓ GPA of 3.0 or higher
- ✓ Full-time student (12 credits undergrad / 9 grad)
- ✓ Financial need (Submit FAFSA)
- ✓ Not in default on state/federal aid

Important Dates






Mark These Dates for Jose Marti SCholarship!

Milestone	Date	Note
Application Opens	October 1, 2024	Start preparing documents early
FAFSA Submission Deadline	March 15, 2025	Required for financial need eligibility
Scholarship Application Deadline	April 1, 2025	No late applications accepted
Award Notifications	Summer 2025	Check your email and FSFA account

How to Apply in 6 Steps

- ✓ Submit FAFSA before March 15
- ✓ Create an account at Florida Student Financial Aid portal
- ✓ Select and complete the José Martí Scholarship form
- ✓ Upload transcripts (high school or college)
- ✓ Review all info carefully
- ✓ Submit by April 1, 2025

Pro Tips for a Strong Application

-  Apply early — spots may fill up
-  Double-check transcript GPA
-  Show clear proof of Hispanic origin
-  Ask a school counsellor to review your application
-  Stay enrolled full-time to remain eligible

Who Gets Selected First?

- Renewal applicants
- First-time high school seniors
- Reinstatement applicants
- Restoration applicants
- Graduate applicants

Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Answer
Can graduate students apply?	Yes, but they receive the lowest priority during the selection process.
Is the scholarship renewable?	Yes, if you continue to meet all eligibility requirements.
Do I need to write an essay?	No essay is required for the state application, but some schools like FIU may request one separately.
Can I use this scholarship at a private college?	Yes, as long as it's an eligible private institution in Florida.
What GPA do I need to qualify?	A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is required.
Can I apply if I was born in Brazil or Spain?	No. The scholarship is for students with origins in Hispanic countries (excluding Brazil, Spain, and Haiti).
What happens if I drop below full-time status?	You may lose your eligibility for the scholarship. Full-time enrollment is required.

Ready to Apply? Let's Go!

- You've got this — apply early and follow all steps
- This is more than a scholarship. It's a chance to grow, learn, and lead
- Visit: floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org
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