

INDEPENDENT ASSOCIATION OF FRAMINGHAM STATE ALUMNI
UNIVERSAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2024

IAFSA Engages Alumni, Supports Students and Preserves Alumni House

- Over 25 different scholarships and awards
- Scholarships based upon major
- Scholarships based upon home residence
- Scholarships based upon campus activities
- Graduate scholarships
- International scholarship
- Commuter scholarship
- Multiple awards for several of our scholarships
- Awards for sophomores, juniors, and seniors*
- **with at least 1 semester remaining.*

If you are a full time Framingham State University undergraduate or graduate student, have a minimum QPA of 2.75, and are in need of financial assistance, you may be considered for several of IAFSA's scholarships.

A separate application for an interest-free Ellen Hyde loan is also available. It is due on March 15 for the fall semester and due on November 15 for the spring semester.

IAFSA is a self-governing, non-profit organization established in 1874 by dedicated alumni and continues its tradition of service by receiving and administering funds that provide scholarship and benevolent assistance while maintaining Alumni House and collaborating with Framingham State University in pursuit of its mission.



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2024 UNIVERSAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Class Year _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Personal Email _____

Dorm or Local Address _____ Campus Email _____

Student ID # _____ Number of Completed Courses as of Jan. 2024 _____

Major _____ Minor _____ Cumulative QPA _____ Undergrad _____ or Grad _____

Date entered FSU _____ Anticipated Graduation Date _____ How did you hear of this opportunity? _____

Do you identify as a racial minority? No _____ Yes _____ Race/Ethnicity (Optional) _____

Parent(s)/Spouse Name _____ Home Phone _____ Email _____

Parent(s)/Spouse Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

How is your education being financed? Work Income _____ Family Help _____ Scholarships/Grants _____ Loans _____

List **all** scholarships/grants that you have received **with amounts** and the **total amount of outstanding loans**, including those from previous institutions and IAFSA. (Attach a second page if necessary.)

INSTRUCTIONS: See FAQ's next page: 1. Complete this page, sign and date. 2. Review the scholarship descriptions inside for **specific criteria** and check off those scholarships for which you qualify. (See separate list of IAFSA Scholarships, Awards, and Loans for more details about each scholarship.) 3. **Submit the following with this application:**

- **Personal Letter** written by the applicant and including: your academic goals; campus and community activities; honors and awards; work experience; financial needs; special considerations; information about other family members who have special financial needs; and your plans for the future.
- **Letter of recommendation** from an FSU professor, advisor, or administrator. Submit one copy only.
- **A copy of your 2023-2024 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) SAR form. Download this form at studentaid.ed.gov (with EFC score). In lieu of the FAFSA, you may send a copy of your most recent tax return.**

The Independent Association of Framingham State Alumni maintains and promotes a policy of equal scholarship opportunity for all students regardless of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, religion, creed, disability, veteran status, age, national origin, or marital status.

I authorize FSU Registrar's Office/Division of Graduate and Continuing Education to release my student enrollment status and cumulative QPA to the Independent Association of Framingham State Alumni. If I am selected as a recipient, I authorize the Association to use my name and photograph in publicity related to the award.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Please submit this completed application packet as .pdf to Alumni House by March 15, 2024.

Email your .PDF to scholarships@alumnihouse.org

Applications must arrive by March 15th to be considered.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

We want **you** to have the best chance of receiving a scholarship. To accomplish your goal, **you** need to make sure your application and related materials are filled out completely and accurately.

General FAQs

My application and personal letter are complete. I'm waiting for a letter of recommendation or my final Student Aid Report.

Can I submit? Yes, submit your completed application and personal letter with a note indicating what is pending.

I am studying abroad next year. Do I still qualify? Yes.

I transferred this semester and don't have a QPA yet. Does my QPA from previous school count? Yes, submit your most recent grade report.

I transferred to FSU. Do my credits from previous schools count? Yes, if FSU accepts the credits.

Will my scholarship be paid directly to me? No. Scholarship aid is applied to any charges you have at FSU.

Can I still apply if I don't see a scholarship for my major? Yes. We encourage that. There are several general scholarships.

I received an IAFSA scholarship award last year. May I apply again? Yes.

Application Form FAQs

Do I need to list the scholarships and grants I have received just for this year, or each year that I have been a student? List ALL, including any previously received from IAFSA.

What is the deadline? The completed application packet needs to be **RECEIVED** at the Alumni House by **March 15, 2024**.

Be sure to submit your application on time.

Personal Letter of Qualification FAQs

What form should my personal letter take? A standard letter format: date, salutation, body and *signature*. Be sure to list any and all sports and campus activities. If you don't mention what you are involved in, the scholarship committee members won't know that you are the high scorer on the soccer or basketball team, or helped raise money for a cause. Note **all** income, including babysitting, pick up work or work/study. Differentiate paid on campus jobs vs. volunteer jobs.

TIP: *Spend time on this letter.* This letter tells the story of **you** and why you need assistance.

Letter of Recommendation FAQs

What is an FSU administrator? Someone in a position of supervisory authority, such as a Vice President, Director of Career Services, but not a coach. You could include a second letter from a coach.

I'm applying for three scholarships. Do I need three recommendations? No. This is a universal application, so one recommendation is adequate, with the exception of the McCarthy Scholarship which requires two recommendations.

Can my professor email my recommendation to you? Yes. They can email directly to scholarships@alumnihouse.org

FAFSA FAQs

Framingham State University has my FAFSA information.

IAFSA is independent of the University and does not have access to your FSU records.

Go to Financial Aid and ask them to email a copy to you to turn in with your application.

You may be able to obtain it online at studentaid.ed.gov

Can I instead turn in my most recent tax return information? Yes.

APPLICATION FORM - PLACE A CHECK NEXT TO THE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED.

✓	Name of Scholarship	Min. QPA	Course Credits Earned	Other Criteria
ANY MAJOR				
	James Akillian Scholarship	2.75	8	Undergraduate student who is involved in co-curricular activities
	Alumni General Scholarship	2.75	8	Undergraduate Student
	Class of 1964 Commuter Scholarship	2.75	8	Undergraduate Student who is a commuter
	Mary Melley Cotter Scholarship	2.75	8	Undergraduate student with financial need.
	Marilyn Minahan Foley Scholarship	2.75		Editor-in Chief of Gatepost for next semester, if qualified
	Dr. Irene M. Foster Community Service Scholarship	2.70	4	Undergraduate Student with demonstrated community service Preference given to Gold Award Girl Scouts and members of 4H.
	D. Justin McCarthy College Community Service Scholarship	2.70	12	Student with Campus or Community Involvement who is the recipient of honors/awards Two letters of recommendation required, one from a faculty member in your major and one from an FSU administrator - No FAFSA Required
ANY MAJOR - GEOGRAPHICAL				
	John A. and Eileen F. Carr and Kathryn V. Whalen Scholarship	3.00	8	Resident of Bristol County in Massachusetts Preference given to Food and Nutrition majors
	David A. and Margaret E. Foley Scholarship	2.75	0	Graduate of Hopkinton Jr-Sr High School
	Mildred Boice Germain Scholarship	2.75	0	Resident of Franklin or Hampshire County in Massachusetts with Campus or Community Involvement
	Murtaugh Scholarship	3.00	4	Graduate of a Framingham high school; preference given to offspring of police, fire, or military personnel
	Catherine S. Parker Scholarship	3.00	8	Resident of one of the following towns: Attleboro, North Attleboro, Plainville, Wrentham, Foxboro, Mansfield, Norton, Rehoboth, or Seekonk Preference given to Fashion Design and Retailing or Food and Nutrition majors
ANY MAJOR - INTERNATIONAL				
	Dorothy Larned International Scholarship		4	Undergraduate international student with a student visa Applicants must share their culture with FSU community and intend to share acquired knowledge in their home country-No FAFSA Required but Income and Expense Statement must be submitted
S.T.E.M. MAJORS				
	Nancy Gustavson Hendrickson Scholarship	TBD	TBD	Underrepresented racial or ethnic minority (URM) student Student majoring in a STEM field.
COMMUNICATION MAJORS				
	Paul T. Murphy Memorial Scholarship	2.75	12	Student Leader with Community and Campus Involvement Letter of recommendation from a Communication Arts faculty member
EDUCATION MAJORS				
	Margaret Judge Akillian Scholarship	3.00	12	Education - Early Childhood or Elementary - Undergraduate
	Mary F. Bond Scholarship	2.75	8	Education - Early Childhood Resident of Massachusetts
	Susana R. Bernard Scholarship	3.00	4	Education - Elementary Resident of Massachusetts Preference given to those interested in psychology, counseling, social work, or bilingual education
	Janet Chisholm Dolan Scholarship			Education undergraduate student with a strong interest in Special Education Female resident of Massachusetts
EDUCATION or FASHION DESIGN and RETAILING or FOOD and NUTRITION or FOOD SCIENCE MAJORS				
	Class of 1961 Textbook Assistance Award	2.75	8	Must submit evidence of working to contribute to educational expenses
FASHION DESIGN and RETAILING MAJORS				
	Boston Chapter of the American Sewing Guild Memorial Scholarship	2.75	4	Resident of Massachusetts - full or part-time student Must document sewing ability in garment construction
FASHION DESIGN and RETAILING or FOOD and NUTRITION MAJORS				
	Ethel Groves Lucas Scholarship		4	Resident of Massachusetts or New York State Preference given to Fashion Design and Retailing major
	Debra Osier Scholarship	2.75	8	Undergraduate Student
	Gladys Felton Taylor Scholarship	2.75		Undergraduate Student
FOOD and NUTRITION MAJORS				
	Stuart B. Foster Scholarship	3.00	4	Future Goal of Dietetics
	Elizabeth Schmitt Scholarship	3.00	12	For Food and Nutrition majors with a goal of becoming a dietician Documented financial need
GEOGRAPHY or EDUCATION Specializing in GEOGRAPHY MAJORS				
	Ada Shawkey Scholarship	2.75	12	Must have had part-time employment
GRADUATE STUDENT				
	Margaret Judge Akillian Scholarship	3.00	12	Graduate and Teaching Certificate Students Graduate students must submit copy of most recent grade report
	Alumni General Graduate Scholarship		4	Graduate Student with at least two courses remaining - Must submit copy of most recent grade report
	Janet Chisholm Dolan Scholarship			Special Education graduate student - Must submit copy of most recent grade report Female resident of Massachusetts