## Florida Student Assistance Grant Program

- The Florida Student Assistance Grant (FSAG) Program is a need-based grant program that receives funding from Florida general revenue and from the Federal Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership Program.
- FSAG is a decentralized program, and each participating institution determines application deadlines, student eligibility, and award amounts up to \$1,672.
- To be eligible for a Florida Student Access grant, a student must:
  - Meet Florida's residency requirements for receipt of state student financial aid by maintaining
    Florida residency for purposes other than education for a minimum of 12 consecutive months prior
    to the first day of class of the academic term for which funds are requested.
  - Not owe a repayment under any state or federal grant or scholarship program unless satisfactory arrangements to repay have been made.
  - o Not be in default on any federal Title IV or state student loan program unless satisfactory arrangements to repay have been made.
  - o Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen. Not have previously received a bachelor's degree.
  - Meet Florida's general eligibility requirements for receipt of state aid. Demonstrate financial need by completing the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* in time to be processed error free by the deadline specified by the institution.
  - Enroll for a minimum of 12 credit hours per term, or the equivalent in an associate or baccalaureate degree program at an eligible institution to participate in the FSAG Postsecondary, FSAG Private, or FSAG Public programs. Enroll for a minimum of six credit hours per term, or the equivalent in an associate or baccalaureate degree program, at a state university or community college in order to participate in the FSAG Public Part-time program.
- If eligible, Talented 20 students are given priority funding for the Florida Student Assistance Grant program.
- To maintain eligibility, a student must:
  - O Have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale at the last institution attended.
  - O Have earned (during the previous summer and two semesters or three quarters) 12 credit hours per term or the equivalent for the number of terms the award was received for full-time enrollment.
  - O Have earned (during the previous summer and two semesters or three quarters) six or nine credit hours per term or the equivalent for the number of terms the award was received for half-time or three-quarter-time enrollment, respectively, for the FSAG Public Part-time program.
  - Demonstrate financial need by completing an (error free) *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* each academic year by the deadline specified by the institution.
- Processes are in place for probationary awards and the restoration and reinstatement of awards.
- The minimum and maximum award amount may vary each academic year. For the 2005-06 academic year the minimum award amount is \$200 and the maximum is \$1.672.
- FSAG award funding may be received for a maximum for 110% of the number of credit hours required to complete a program. Unused hours may **not** be used for further course funding after a student earns a baccalaureate degree.
- Additional terms of eligibility may be granted to a student who is enrolled in an approved five-year degree program or who needs additional time to complete college preparatory or CLAST instruction.