

Florida Prepaid College Foundation
Project STARS (Scholarship Tuition for At-Risk Students)

- The Project STARS program targets low-income students who are at risk of dropping out of school and gives them the incentive and opportunity to go to college.
- The majority of Project STARS Scholarships are purchased for middle school students, although they may be purchased for students through the 11th grade.
- Project STARS recipients must be Florida residents, must be eligible for the free and reduced lunch program, must remain drug- and crime-free, and must be at risk of dropping out of school. (Donors may establish additional criteria, subject to Foundation approval).
- Most program partners also require Project STARS students to sign an agreement to progress academically, meet school attendance requirements, abide by their school's code of conduct, and meet with a mentor on a regular basis. Students are provided with academic, mentoring, and other support services throughout middle and high school.
- Since its inception, more than 15,400 tuition and local fee scholarships of this type have been purchased, totaling in excess of \$75 million.
- Almost 54% of Project STARS students are minorities.
- More than 50% are from single-parent homes.
- More than 91% of Project STARS students are meeting the Project STARS requirements and are preparing for college.
- The foundation offers four tuition scholarship options:
 - A four-year university plan for 120 credit hours at a state university.
 - A 2+2 plan, covering 60 credit hours at a community college and 60 credit hours at a state university.
 - A two-year community college plan for 72 credit hours.
 - A two-year community college plan for 60 credit hours.
 - The scholarships are flexible, allowing the student to use the university plan at a community college and vice versa.
- The Foundation also offers a supplemental dormitory scholarship and a supplemental local fee scholarship that covers the required student activity and service, health, and athletic fees charged by Florida's public universities and community colleges.
- All Foundation scholarships are Florida Prepaid plans, so Foundation students are entitled to the same benefits as all other Florida Prepaid students. [When the student is ready for college, the scholarship is guaranteed to pay the actual cost of the fees covered by the scholarship at any Florida public college, or the value of the scholarship may be transferred to most private colleges in Florida, select technical schools, and most out-of-state colleges.]