

October 1, 2018

Dear Parents and Students,

The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools is looking for high school juniors (Class of 2020) who are currently participating in any Lee County Public Schools business or entrepreneurship classes/clubs or our College and Career Center (C3) programs for an In-Demand Careers Scholars program. This program is made possible with matching funds provided by Florida Prepaid College Foundation. Students with good grades, attendance and behavior who also **aspire to obtain a college degree or certificate in Florida with an entrepreneurship focus** are encouraged to apply.

The skills that accompany entrepreneurial studies include customer service, communication, problem solving/troubleshooting, writing, and computer skills. These skills will prepare students to enter a variety of workforce sectors and help them to be versatile.

As participants in the In-Demand Careers Scholars program, students will have the opportunity to work with a supportive advocate, receive college and career preparation programming, and earn a Florida Prepaid 2-year state college scholarship. This scholarship covers tuition for two years at a Florida state public college.

Students brought into the In-Demand Careers Scholars program commit to:

- Stay drug and crime-free
- Maintain at least a 3.0 GPA and a "C" or above in all courses
- Attend school regularly
- Exhibit good behavior in and out of school
- Volunteer and become involved in the community
- Participate in The Foundation for Lee County Public School's College and Career Center program during 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Pursue a college degree that includes a technical certificate, AS, or college minor in entrepreneurship at a technical college, state college or university in Florida
- Maintain frequent communication with The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools through college graduation, which includes sending transcripts every semester and completing the FAFSA annually.

The eligibility criteria for the program are enclosed, along with the application. Please pay special attention to the supporting documents that are required with the application.

**Application Deadline: November 2, 2018**

Sincerely,



Kelly K. Thawley  
Director of Student Programs

**2018-2019 STUDENT APPLICATION**  
**Application deadline is November 2, 2018**

**In- Demand Careers Scholar** recipients receive:

- A Scholarship – When the student has successfully completed the program requirements and graduates high school he/she will earn a Florida Prepaid 2-year state college scholarship. At minimum, this Florida College Prepaid Scholarship provides tuition at the Florida state public college rate for two years. This scholarship may be applied toward the total expense of a variety of post-secondary education options, ranging from state colleges, state universities, and eligible training programs. Depending on the choices your student makes, there will likely be additional tuition/fee expenses. This scholarship does **not** include room, board, books, travel or other incidental costs and expenses—these are the responsibility of the student/parent.
- An Advocate - This is a FLCPS staff member who will meet with the student regularly, to assist and encourage the student to achieve the student's full potential.
- College & Career Center Programming – College & Career Preparation programming at The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools' office (11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade) which supports students through ACT/SAT test prep, college and scholarship application processes, financial aid applications, developing foundation and employability skills (interpersonal skills, systems thinking, communication skills, critical thinking skills), and much more through a variety of workshops.
- Ongoing support through college graduation – Continued support from FLCPS staff & volunteers to ensure students are making adequate process towards a degree, completing financial aid and scholarship applications, and connecting students with career coaches.

**Are you eligible?**

- Be a junior (class of 2020) attending a public high school in Lee County Public Schools and participate in either a business or entrepreneurship class/club or FLCPS College and Career Center Programs
- 3.0 GPA
- Have good attendance and behavior
- U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident Alien
- Social Security number
- Have a desire to pursue a college degree that includes a technical certificate, AS, or college minor in entrepreneurship at a State College or University in Florida
- Be a first-generation college student or have two or more of the following factors: **(please mark below any that apply)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Single parent                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Received Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits in the last year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deceased parent                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Student will be first in family to attend college                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Incarcerated parent                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> English not primary language spoken in student's home                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Absent parent                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/guardian is a migrant worker   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poor relations between biological parents           | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/guardian loss of employment within last year                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Department of Children & Families (DCF) involvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Family is homeless or living with extended family/friends                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parents did not graduate from college               | <input type="checkbox"/> Home is in foreclosure  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extended family in home                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Serious illness in household  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parents did not graduate from high school           | <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled student or household family member                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More than two siblings                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Student is or has been in foster care   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/guardian was a teen parent                   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student is a teen parent                            |  |

(eligibility continued on next page)

## Are you eligible? (continued)

- Meet income eligibility guidelines (outlined below) based on your 2017 taxes.

### INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Income eligibility is above the USDA guidelines for free & reduced lunch, but within the middle- class income "gap".

| HOUSEHOLD SIZE | ANNUAL INCOME<br>GREATER THAN | ANNUAL INCOME<br>LESS THAN |
|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1              | 22,460                        | 62,460                     |
| 2              | 30,452                        | 70,452                     |
| 3              | 38,444                        | 78,443                     |
| 4              | 46,436                        | 86,435                     |
| 5              | 54,428                        | 94,427                     |
| 6              | 62,420                        | 102,419                    |
| 7              | 70,412                        | 110,411                    |
| 8              | 78,404                        | 118,403                    |

*Total income before taxes, social security, health benefits, union dues, or other deductions must be reported.*

### Application Deadline

Completed applications and all supporting documents are due by **November 2, 2018**. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Applications will be reviewed Champions For Learning staff to confirm eligibility and by a community based selection community. Participants will be notified of the result by the first of January 2019. Selected students would begin participating in programs in January 2019. Applications must be submitted to Champions For Learning, 3606 Enterprise Avenue, #150, Naples, FL 34104.

### 2018-19 Scholarship Application Student/Parent Checklist

#### Use blue or black ink to complete the application.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Completed application including student & parent signatures
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Signed "Information Release" form
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Signed "Commitment of Agreements" form
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Parent & Student Essays (include challenges; honesty will help you)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of parent's **2017** Tax Return
6. \_\_\_\_\_ The last two month's paystubs or other proof of income
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of student's transcript (Unofficial is acceptable)
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Completed teacher/program advocate certification form
9. \_\_\_\_\_ One letter of recommendation from a current teacher
10. \_\_\_\_\_ A copy of the student's **U.S. birth certificate, certificate of naturalization, US passport, or permanent resident card**
11. \_\_\_\_\_ A copy of the student's **social security card**
12. \_\_\_\_\_ **Return the completed application packet to The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools by November 2, 2018**

## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

### **Instructions:**

Attached is an application for the In-Demand Careers Scholars program. The information in this application will be used to determine your child's eligibility. It will also help us determine if the program is right for him/her. Therefore, please answer the questions honestly and thoroughly. Your information will remain confidential and will only be seen by the student selection team and program staff.

*Please complete the application using the following guidelines:*

- Please refer to income eligibility guidelines on front page to determine student eligibility into program. If you qualify based on the income guidelines complete the remainder of the application.
- Sections A & E are for the student to complete.
- Sections B, C, D, & F should be filled in by the parent(s)/guardian(s).
- The "Information Release Form" needs to be signed and included with the completed application.

**Once you and your child have completed and signed the application, please attach a copy of your 2017 federal income tax return(s) and the most recent month's paystubs or other proof of income. Also attach proof of child's legal citizenship (U.S. birth certificate, certificate of naturalization, US passport or permanent resident card) and a copy of their social security card.**

**Please contact Kelly Thawley, Lori Rieselman, or Sarah Newcomb at 643-4755 with any questions regarding the In-Demand Careers Scholars program application. Thank you.**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR INFORMATION RELEASE FORM**

I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Student Applicant's Name)*

hereby grant, authorize and consent to allow Lee County Public Schools and The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools or the designees, including without limitation teachers, and donors, to have access to the cumulative folder and discipline record of the minor child named above. This information includes, but is not limited to, the current and past GPA, test scores, attendance and discipline records on the minor.

I hereby release, discharge and agree to hold harmless The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools and any mentor, representative and employee from any liability by virtue of any use whatsoever of said information contained in the cumulative folder and discipline record. I understand that this release is valid for the application period and if selected, the length of the time that the minor child remains in the In-Demand Careers Scholars program.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Guardian's Signature*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_



### COMMITMENT OF AGREEMENTS

I understand that funds are contingent on my successful completion of high school and acceptance into a technical college, state college, or state university in Florida. I will maintain the minimum grade point average, remain drug & crime free, and will maintain my eligibility for a certificate, or degree with an entrepreneurship focus. I agree to maintain regular communication with The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools and participate in activities as requested.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to support the requirements of my child and submit the required identification and proof of income verification as outlined in the application.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**TEACHER/PROGRAM ADVOCATE CERTIFICATION**  
(To be completed by the teacher or program advocate)

I, the undersigned teacher or program advocate of \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
*(Student Applicant's Name)*

confirm that the above-mentioned student is making satisfactory progress as an active participant in the following program:

(choose one)

\_\_\_\_ Business/Entrepreneurship Class (please list name of class): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Business/Entrepreneurship Club (please list name of club): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools College and Career Center program

Teacher/Program Advocate Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Program Advocate Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

High School Name \_\_\_\_\_

# IN-DEMAND CAREERS SCHOLARS PROGRAM APPLICATION 2018-19

**Application is due by November 2, 2018**

Please contact Kelly Thawley, Lori Rieselman, or Sarah Newcomb at 239-337-0433 or [kelly@leeschoolfoundation.org](mailto:kelly@leeschoolfoundation.org) if you have any questions about this application.

## SECTION A: Student Identification Information

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Middle School \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you attend high school? \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Street, Apt #*

*City, Zip*

Student Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Student Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_

Student Race: American Indian/Native American \_\_\_\_\_ Asian \_\_\_\_\_

Black/African-American \_\_\_\_\_ Caucasian \_\_\_\_\_ Pacific Islander/Hawaiian \_\_\_\_\_

Multicultural \_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Is student a U.S. Citizen? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Is student a Permanent Resident Alien? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Does student have a Florida Prepaid Plan? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_



**SECTION B: Household Information**

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Last, First, MI)

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Last Grade Completed in School \_\_\_\_\_

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Last, First, MI)

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Last Grade Completed in School \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant lives with: Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Stepmother \_\_\_\_\_ Grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
 Father \_\_\_\_\_ Stepfather \_\_\_\_\_ Grandfather \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ward of Court \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Number of brothers \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Sisters \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all persons living in the home other than student/applicant:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Relationship</u> | <u>Highest Level of Education Completed</u> |
|-------------|------------|---------------------|---|
| _____       | _____      | _____               | _____                                       |
| _____       | _____      | _____               | _____                                       |
| _____       | _____      | _____               | _____                                       |
| _____       | _____      | _____               | _____                                       |
| _____       | _____      | _____               | _____                                       |

Independent siblings living outside the home:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Brother/Sister</u> | <u>Currently in School (Yes/no)</u> | <u>Last Grade Completed</u> |
|-------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| _____       | _____      | _____                 | _____                               | _____                       |
| _____       | _____      | _____                 | _____                               | _____                       |
| _____       | _____      | _____                 | _____                               | _____                       |

**SECTION C: Employment Information**

Parent/Guardian's Current Employer

Name of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street, city, zip)

Number of year with current employer \_\_\_\_\_ Gross Monthly Salary \_\_\_\_\_

(Before taxes and deductions)

Parent/Guardian's Current Employer

Name of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street, city, zip)

Number of year with current employer \_\_\_\_\_ Gross Monthly Salary \_\_\_\_\_

(Before taxes and deductions)

**SECTION D: Financial Information**

What is your yearly household income? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Are you eligible to receive any social service? (Food stamps, Medicaid, etc.) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the services you currently receive: Welfare \_\_\_\_\_ Food Stamps \_\_\_\_\_ Medicaid \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently receiving assistance from your local Workforce Development office? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you receive income from any other source for this student/applicant? (Social Security, child support, etc.)? Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, please list type of support and amount per month \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you or the student/applicant have a savings account? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate balance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own your own home? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what is amount of your monthly payment? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, how much did your house cost? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Do you rent? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_ If yes, what is the amount of your monthly payment? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

How long at current address? \_\_\_\_\_

Will the student be the first in family to attend college? Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

Please list all special family situations that might be relevant (serious illness in the family, loss of employment, DCF involvement, homelessness, etc.).

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**I understand that the information contained in this application is accurate and will be shared with the In-Demand Careers Scholar selection committee and the implementers of the program. I also verify that my child meets the program income requirements. I understand that any false information in this application may result in my child losing his or her eligibility in the program.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

Once you and your child have completed and signed the application, please attach a copy of your 2017 federal income tax return(s) and the most recent month's paystubs or other proof of income. Also attach proof of child's legal residency (copy of social security card, birth certificate, US Passport or government issued photo ID card).

*A copy of your child's grades, attendance, and behavior records will be attached to this form*

**For Official Use Only:**

\_\_\_\_ Application reviewed by staff Eligible \_\_\_\_ Not eligible \_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Income eligibility confirmed by staff

\_\_\_\_\_  
Staff Signature Staff Title Date



**Please submit completed applications to The Foundation for Lee County  
Public Schools no later than **November 2, 2018****

**For your application to be considered complete it must include:**

- Student and parent signatures
- Signed "Information Release" form
- Signed "Commitment of Agreements"
- Parent and Student Essays (attach additional sheets if needed)
- Copy of parent's **2017** Tax Return
- Parents' last two month's paystubs or other proof of income
- Copy of student's birth certificate, permanent resident card, US passport, or certificate of naturalization
- Copy of student's transcript (Unofficial is acceptable)
- Completed teacher/program advocate certification form
- One letter of recommendation from a current teacher
- Copy of student's Social Security card
- **Return the completed application packet by **Friday, November 2, 2018** to:  
The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools  
P.O. Box 1608  
Fort Myers, FL 33902  
Attn: Kelly Thawley**