

**2012 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

Q. When will the Florida Realtors® Education Foundation (FREF) scholarship applications be available?

A. The application will appear as a link on [www.FloridaRealtors.org](http://www.FloridaRealtors.org) on January 1, 2012.

Q. When is the application due?

A. The deadline is Tuesday, February 28, 2012. The online application will close at 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Q. Can I print out the application and mail it to FREF?

A. No. The applications are online and this is the only method accepted by FREF.

Q. What is some of the criteria for the FREF scholarships?

A. Those students considering a career in real estate or allied fields, including, but not limited to, real estate brokerage, real estate finance, real estate management, real estate development, real estate appraisal, real estate planning, and real estate law, will be given special consideration in accordance with the purposes of the Florida Realtors® Education Foundation. Candidates should be either currently enrolled in such a program or document their intent to enroll in such a program within one year of the application deadline.

Q. Do I have to attend a college or university in Florida?

A. There will be no limitations as to location of the college or university attended provided the applicant indicates their intent to return to work in Florida after graduation. Proof of the applicant's legal Florida residency is required.

Q. What amounts are awarded to scholarship winners?

A. The number of scholarships and the dollar amounts are at the discretion of the FREF Board of Directors. Scholarships to be awarded may range from \$1,000 to \$4,000, with a maximum of \$2,000 to students attending a two year College.

Q. If I won a FREF scholarship, am I eligible to apply again?

A. An applicant is eligible to receive one scholarship award per 12-month period, up to a maximum of two scholarships.

Q. Which semesters can be covered by the FREF scholarships?

A. The 2012 scholarships are for the academic year 2012 – 2013, and are not available for any semester which begins prior to June, 2012.

Q. How long is the review process?

A. The review process will be completed by mid April. Winners will be notified by phone.

Q. If I am notified that I am a winner, how soon do I need to claim the scholarship?

A. Funds must be claimed from FREF no later than July 15, 2012, or the scholarship will be revoked.

Q. How will the scholarship award be disbursed?

A. A check will be issued directly to the college/university.

Q. Is this the same scholarship as the Florida Realtors® Essay Contest?

A. No. The successful scholarship essay contest was sponsored by Florida Realtors® for high school seniors for 11 years. However, it is no longer being offered.

Q. Are Realtors and their family members eligible to apply?

A. Yes. The FREF scholarships are available to any student who is a Florida resident and who will be attending an undergraduate college or university, and for students who will be taking graduate level studies in the academic year 2012 – 2013.