

# Council2College Scholarship

An essay contest sponsored by the Florida League of Cities

Submissions Due: April 1, 2026

## ABOUT

The Florida League of Cities (FLC) **Council2College Scholarship** is an essay contest that assists Florida municipal youth council leaders who are pursuing post-high school education.

### Two scholarship recipients will be selected:

First place will receive **\$500**; second place will receive **\$250**.

## ELIGIBILITY

The FLC scholarship is open only to youth councils sponsored by a city, town, or village government that is a member of the FLC. The councils also must be active in the League's youth council programs.

Applicants must be graduating during the 2025-2026 school year.

## JUDGING CRITERIA

The judging criteria for the essay will be based on the applicant's response to the following instructions:

*Participants in youth councils can often improve the likelihood of admission to college by demonstrating commitment, volunteer efforts, and leadership skills. Describe the most impactful experience you had on the youth council and how it has helped prepare you for college or a technical career institution.*

The essay is to be no more than 750 words long.

Judging will be based entirely on the submitted entry. The judges' decision is final, and all material received becomes the property of the FLC, with permission to use it perpetually and universally, in any manner deemed appropriate by the League, with no additional compensation beyond the scholarship money presented to the winner.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications must be emailed to **Eryn Alcorn** at **[ealcorn@flcities.com](mailto:ealcorn@flcities.com)** by **April 1, 2026**.

Please type "Council2College Applicant" in the subject line. The applicant will receive a confirmation email. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

*The application must contain:*

**1 Completed Application Form**

Completed scholarship application form located at the bottom of this page.

**2 Letter of Recommendation**

Letter from the youth council coordinator or city staff person who recommends the applicant for the award based on their activities as part of the youth council.

**3 Student Essay: 750 words or fewer**

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**4 School Acceptance Letter**

Acceptance letter from an accredited university, community college, or technical career institution.

Scholarship recipients will be notified in May 2026. *The League reserves the right not to award all prizes in any categories.*

Note: These youth councils are established by the city, town, or village and serve as an advisory board to the Commission/Council. They are composed of students from schools within the municipality.

## COUNCIL2COLLEGE APPLICATION FORM

The Florida League of Cities (FLC) Council2College Scholarship is open only to members of youth councils sponsored by a city, town, or village government that is a member of the FLC. The councils also must be active in the FLC's youth council programs.

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Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Council: \_\_\_\_\_ Years on Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

College/Technical Career Institution of Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Please email your completed scholarship application, along with your essay, letter of recommendation, and acceptance letter, to Eryn Alcorn at [ealcorn@flcities.com](mailto:ealcorn@flcities.com) by April 1, 2026. Please type "Council2College Applicant" in the subject line.