



David F. Griffin Graduate Scholarship in Exceptional Student Education

Awarded to qualified candidates to encourage and assist special education teachers from the TampaBay area as they pursue their Master's Degree from the College of Education at the University of South Florida. Applicants must have been a resident of Pinellas, Pasco, or Hillsborough County for the current and previous two consecutive years, at a minimum. Preference is given to students demonstrating a strong interest in working with students with special needs. An undergraduate 3.2 GPA or higher is required.

- Applicants must be currently enrolled in the College of Education Exceptional Student Education program
- Applicant must be pursuing a master's degree
- Applicant must have an undergraduate GPA of 3.2 or higher
- Applicant must provide proof of residency in Pinellas, Pasco, or Hillsborough counties for 2024 and 2025

Application Procedures

- Form **must be** accompanied by the required essay
- Form must be accompanied by a form of residency verification as stated above
- Including letters of recommendation are optional but encouraged
- Return this completed form and essay to EDUScholarships@usf.edu no later than **Friday, August 1, 2025**.
- Awardees will be notified via their USF email.

Essay Prompt

- In 500 words or less describe your commitment to Exceptional Student Education and your long-term career goals.

Name _____ UID _____

USF Email _____ GPA _____

Expected Graduation _____ Current Program: M.A M.A.T. M.ED.

Applications submitted without the required essay will be considered incomplete and will not be considered.

By submitting this application, you authorize the release of your academic, enrollment, and Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) information to be used during the review process. If you are selected to receive a scholarship, you authorize your photographic image (from your USF ID card) to be released to your donor in connection with the USF Foundation's donor stewardship initiatives.

Applicant Signature

Date