



December 15, 2020

Dear Parents and Students,

Champions For Learning is looking for high school juniors (Class of 2022) who are currently participating in the INCubator, National Academy Foundation (NAF), or Champions For Learning College and Career Preparation programs for an In-Demand Careers Scholars program. This program is made possible with matching funds provided by The Florida Prepaid College Foundation. Students with good grades, attendance and behavior who also have a desire to pursue, in good faith, a post-high school education that includes a technical degree/certificate, AS/AA degree and/or BS/BA in an in-demand career field at a Florida Prepaid College Foundation approved institution are encouraged to apply.

We encourage students, no matter what their career aspirations may be, to include college level coursework in the entrepreneurial field within their post high school studies. 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 weekly college and career preparation programming, and earn a Florida Prepaid Foundation 2-year State College Tuition Scholarship. This scholarship covers tuition for two years at the Florida state public college rate at a Florida Prepaid College Foundation approved institution.

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 weekly in the Champions For Learning College and Career Preparation program during 11th & 12th grade (including summer and winter break)
- Have a desire to pursue, in good faith, a post-high school education that includes a technical degree/certificate, AS/AA degree and/or BS/BA in an in-demand career field at a Florida Prepaid College Foundation approved institution
- Maintain frequent communication with Champions For Learning Alumni Coordinator through college graduation, which includes sending transcripts every semester and completing the FAFSA annually.
- The terms and conditions of the Florida Prepaid College Board.

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: Friday, January 8., 2021

Sincerely,

Jessica Manchette
Vice President
Champions For Learning

2020-2021 STUDENT APPLICATION

Extended application deadline is Friday, January 8, 2021

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 Foundation 2-year State College Tuition 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 tuition costs at a Florida Prepaid College Foundation approved institution, which include technical colleges, 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. Additionally, the student agrees to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Florida Prepaid College Board.
- An Advocate - This is a Champions For Learning staff member who will meet with the student regularly, to assist and encourage the student to achieve the student’s full potential.
- College & Career Preparation Programming – Weekly College & Career Preparation programming at the Champions For Learning Office or virtually (11th & 12th grade) which supports students through ACT/SAT test prep, College and Scholarship application processes, financial aid applications, college tours, developing foundation and employability skills (interpersonal skills, systems thinking, communication skills, critical thinking skills), and much more through a variety of workshops and weekly labs.
- Ongoing support through college graduation – Continued support from Champions For Learning 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?

- Attend a public high school in Collier County and participate in either the INCubator, NAF Academy, or Champions For Learning College and Career Preparation Program
- Minimum of a 3.0 GPA
- Good attendance and behavior
- U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Social Security number
- Have a desire to pursue, in good faith, a post-high school education that includes a technical degree/certificate, AS/AA degree and/or BS/BA in an in-demand career field at a Florida Prepaid College Foundation approved institution
- Be a first-generation college student (neither of your parents/guardians earned a 4-year/Bachelor’s degree in the U.S.) or have 2 or more factors checked off from the below list.
- If in the Champions For Learning College and Career Preparation program, you must be in good standing

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> First generation college student (neither of your parents/guardians earned a 4-year/Bachelor’s degree in the U.S.) <input type="checkbox"/> Student is first in the family to complete high school <input type="checkbox"/> Migrant worker <input type="checkbox"/> English not spoken in home <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of employment within the last year <input type="checkbox"/> Home in foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless or living with extended family or friends <input type="checkbox"/> Serious illness in household <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled student or family member <input type="checkbox"/> Student is or has been in foster care <input type="checkbox"/> Student attends low-performing school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Single parent <input type="checkbox"/> Incarcerated parent <input type="checkbox"/> Deceased parent <input type="checkbox"/> Absent parent (no contact or support) <input type="checkbox"/> Poor relations between biological parents <input type="checkbox"/> DCF involvement (Department of Children and Family) <input type="checkbox"/> Extended family in home <input type="checkbox"/> Extended family raising student <input type="checkbox"/> Student applicant is teen parent <input type="checkbox"/> Parent was teen parent <input type="checkbox"/> Family has received TANF/SNAP benefits within last year (food stamps, welfare, Medicaid) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):
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(eligibility continued on next page)

Are you eligible? (continued)

- Meet income eligibility guidelines (outlined below) based on your **2019** taxes.

IN-DEMAND CAREERS SCHOLARSHIP INCOME ELIGIBILITY 2020-2021 (Please refer to **2019 taxes)**

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUAL INCOME GREATER THAN	ANNUAL INCOME LESS THAN
1	23,607	63,607
2	31,895	71,895
3	40,183	80,183
4	48,471	88,471
5	56,758	96,758
6	65,047	105,047
7	73,335	113,335
8	81,623	121,623

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 **Friday, January 8, 2021**. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Applications will be reviewed by Champions For Learning staff to confirm eligibility and by a community based selection committee. Participants will be notified of the result by Monday, March 8, 2021. Selected students would begin participating in programs in April 2021. Applications must be submitted to Champions For Learning, 3606 Enterprise Avenue, #150, Naples, FL 34104.

**2020-21 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 **2019** 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
(Can be submitted with your application OR by your recommender directly to StudentApplications@ChampionsForLearning.org)
10. _____ A copy of the student's **U.S. birth certificate, U.S. passport (valid, un-expired), certificate of naturalization (Form N-550), certificate of citizenship (Form N-560), permanent resident card, or report of birth abroad for U.S. citizen (Form FS-240)**
11. _____ A copy of the student's **social security card**

Return the completed application packet to Champions For Learning by **Friday, January 8, 2021**

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 2019 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, such as: Student's U.S. birth certificate, U.S. passport (valid, un-expired), certificate of naturalization (Form N-550), certificate of citizenship (Form N-560), permanent resident card, or report of birth abroad for U.S. citizen (Form FS-240) and a copy of their social security card.

Please contact StudentApplications@ChampionsForLearning.org or 239-643-4755 with any questions regarding the In-Demand Careers Scholars program application. Thank you.

AUTHORIZATION FOR INFORMATION RELEASE FORM
PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

In accordance with the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"), and related state law as set forth in FS §1002.22 and FS §1002.221, I hereby consent to the release of my child's educational records, including reports, test scores, and related information, to the program staff at Champions for Learning to assist with monitoring my child's academic progress in order to help identify any areas of academic need for my child so that it can provide appropriate enrichment programs as needed.

Student's Name	School
Student ID Number	Grade

Parent/Guardian Name

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

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. I agree to maintain regular communication with Champions For Learning 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 good standing, in the following program:

(choose one)

- INCubator
- National Academy Foundation (NAF)
- Champions For Learning College and Career Preparation

Teacher/Program Advocate Signature _____ Date _____

Teacher/Program Advocate Printed Name _____

High School Name _____

IN-DEMAND CAREERS SCHOLARS PROGRAM APPLICATION 2020-2021**Extended application deadline is Friday, January 8, 2021**

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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

Caucasian

Multiracial

Pacific Islander/Hawaiian

Other _____

Is the student of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? Yes No

Is student a U.S. Citizen? Yes No

Is student a Permanent Resident? 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 InformationParent/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 NoPlease check the services you currently receive: Welfare Food Stamps MedicaidAre you currently receiving assistance from your local Workforce Development office? Yes NoDo 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 (Department of Child and Family), 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 2019 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 such as: Student's U.S. birth certificate, U.S. passport (valid, un-expired), certificate of naturalization (Form N-550), certificate of citizenship (Form N-560), permanent resident card, or report of birth abroad for U.S. citizen (Form FS-240)

For Official Use Only:

_____ Application reviewed by staff

_____ Eligible

_____ Not eligible

_____ Income eligibility confirmed by staff

SECTION E: Student Information-To be completed by student

We recommend that you use a separate sheet of paper to type your answers to the following questions. Please ensure you attach all supplemental sheets to the application. **Please type or complete using blue or black ink.**

Scholarship applications are reviewed for completeness and ability to follow the provided instructions. The essay is scored by a community-based selection committee which will focus on the following factors: formatting requirements, grammar and direct essay response. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- 1) What are your aspirations for your education and why did you choose this path?
- 2) What impact do you hope to make in your prospective field of study?
- 3) What individual, in the career field you wish to pursue (living or past), has made contributions that impact you and your family and how?

SECTION F: Parent/Guardian Statement (To be completed by parent(s)/guardians(s))

(Attach another sheet if necessary).

Apart from financial considerations, how can this opportunity benefit your child? Please include aspirations and hopes for your child’s future and how this program could assist your child in this fulfillment.

**Please submit completed applications to Champions For Learning
no later than Friday, January 8, 2021**

For your application to be considered complete it must include:

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- Signed "Commitment of Agreements"
- Parent and Student Essays (attach additional sheets if needed)
- Copy of parent's **2019** Tax Return
- Parents' last two month's paystubs or other proof of income
- Copy of student's U.S. birth certificate, U.S. passport (valid, un-expired), certificate of naturalization (Form N-550), certificate of citizenship (Form N-560), permanent resident card, or report of birth abroad for U.S. citizen (Form FS-240)
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- Copy of student's transcript (Unofficial is acceptable)
- Completed teacher/program advocate certification form
- One letter of recommendation from a current teacher

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or via email at StudentApplications@ChampionsForLearning.org**