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JUMPSTART

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



You Can Help Local Students Launch Their Future

Two of every three new jobs created in Florida by 2025 will require education or training beyond high school.

Fast-track technical certificate programs can launch students into many high-demand careers.

For other eligible students, we have an opportunity to get them on a two- or four-year post-secondary path with a remarkable, highly flexible scholarship opportunity that covers a full-year of Florida college tuition for a fraction of the value.

DETAILS:

- Each Jump Start scholarship requires contributions totaling \$1,500, which are matched at 3 to 1.
- For students from low-income families, these scholarships pay for about **\$4,000 in Florida college tuition over five years** (30-credits of tuition and fees or one-year of full-time study).
- Donors can use pre-tax dollars as part of a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), or donations can be a charitable contribution from your taxable 2024 income.
- Some college credit has a nice payoff in Florida! In 2022, when compared to high school grads, college-credit certificate holders in FL had a **\$21,084 annual earnings advantage!**
- Locally, several College-Credit-Certificate programs lead to associate degrees and high-skill wages.

Lake Sumter State College

Education (BS in Elementary Education)
Building Construction Specialist
Engineering Technology Support
Cybersecurity
Nursing

College of Central Florida (Ocala)

Digital Media Technology
Medical Information Coder
Landscape and Horticulture Professional
Early Childhood Development
Equine Technician

COACHES:

Seven WMHS college and career readiness programs can use JUMP START COACHES:

- o Agriculture
- o AICE (College Readiness)
- o Architecture & Construction
- o Hospitality and Tourism
- o Law & Public Safety
- o Health Science
- o Information Technology

Coaches with recent experience and knowledge in these fields will receive training and support, as they work closely with 1-3 students and the lead instructor over 18-24 months. Coaches will be involved in the teaching and learning experiences described on the opposite page.

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Count me in as a JUMP START Supporter for 2026-27!

I'm willing to serve as a **JUMP START COACH** for the coming academic year. Coaches will spend about 5-7 hours per month working with an instructor and 1-3 WMHS seniors. Below, briefly tell us about yourself, and check the learning experiences and college readiness activities you would enjoy supporting.

PROFILE (tell us about yourself)

Having worked _____ years since 1990, as a (job/occupation): _____

For/In (employer/ industry): _____

With the following certifications, licenses, or degrees: _____

VOLUNTEER TALENTS (check all that apply)

I am interested in assisting in these College and Career Readiness Programs at WMHS:

- Agriculture
- AICE (College Readiness)
- Architecture & Construction
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Health Science
- Information Technology
- Law and Public Safety

I am interested in helping students by:

- Helping to prepare for certification exams, competitions, and science/job fairs
- Providing feedback on student work, projects, and portfolios
- Reviewing drafts of resumes, scholarship/college applications, and essays
- Helping find and set-up internships, work, and volunteer experiences
- Conducting mock interviews
- Mentoring learning experiences and field trips

I am interested in helping teachers by:

- Supporting/chaperoning trips to and tours of industry sites, college campuses, and professional meetings
- Judging at competitions and fairs
- Co-hosting career awareness and orientation seminars for parents/others
- Serving on program advisory and fundraising committees
- Helping to develop or expand local industry, community, and college partnerships

I am passionate about helping students and/or teachers to:

PLEDGE AND DONATION

Each JUMP START SCHOLARSHIP(S) requires \$1,500 in pledges by September 30, 2026. For scholarships awarded in May 2027, your donation is due by December 15, 2026.

I am pleased to support Jump Start Scholarships at the following level:

\$6,000 – Platinum	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1,500 – Silver	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: \$ _____
\$3,000 – Gold	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1,000 – Bronze	<input type="checkbox"/>	

NAME: _____ Email: _____ Cell: (____) _____ - _____
(individual or organization)

Checks and completed forms can be addressed to:

Sumter Schools Enhancement Foundation
Attn: WMHS Jump Start Scholarship Fund
Sumter County School Board
2680 West County Road 47E
Bushnell, FL 33513

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on check memo line: WMHS JUMP START SCHOLARSHIP
call SSEF at: 352-793-2315 ext. 50211