

# MIAMIBEACH

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## LETTER TO COMMISSION

To: Honorable Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

From: Alina T. Hudak, City Manager 

Date: April 17, 2023

Subject: Miami Beach First Generation Scholarship Program

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to update you on the status of the City's First-Generation Scholarship Program for Miami Beach residents attending Florida International University (FIU).

This new innovative scholarship program resulted in **44 Miami Beach residents** attending FIU in the 2022-23 school year receiving a need-based **scholarship of \$2,386.36**. Funding for this program is provided through a partnership between the City of Miami Beach, Miami Beach Police Athletic League, and the Miami Beach Chamber Education Foundation contributing \$35,000, as well as 2:1 matching funds from the state at \$70,000 under the FIU First Generation Scholarship Program. Total funds available in 2022-23 were \$105,000.

In addition to being a Miami Beach resident and FIU student, recipients of the Miami Beach scholarship program must qualify for financial aid through the Federal Pell Grant Program, which provides need-based grants to low income undergraduate and certain post-baccalaureate students.

As of April 12<sup>th</sup>, all funds from the state match allocation have been exhausted. Florida International University will work with the City of Miami Beach to help obtain the 2:1 matching funds from donors to ensure the partnership with Miami Beach and FIU continues strong for the coming years.

For more information on city educational programs supporting youth in Miami Beach, visit [www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/education/](http://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/education/).

We will continue to support our vision of being a prosperous city with a special flavor of arts, culture, education, and business with management objectives of being known for (K-12) educational excellence. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Leslie Rosenfeld, Chief Education Officer.

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