

MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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LETTER TO COMMISSION

To: Honorable Mayor Steven Meiner and Members of the City Commission

From: Alina T. Hudak, City Manager *Eric Carpenter for*

Date: January 12, 2024

Subject: Miami Beach First Generation College Scholarship Program Update

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 scholarship program resulted in **57 Miami Beach residents** attending FIU in the 2023-2024 school year receiving a need-based **scholarship of \$1,875**. 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 a total of \$35,000, as well as 2:1 matching funds from the FIU Foundation partners at \$70,000 under the FIU First Generation Scholarship Program. Total funds available in 2023-2024 were \$105,000.

The scholarship program saw a 22.8% increase in the number of Miami Beach residents receiving this need-based scholarship from the prior year:

School Year	# of Residents	Scholarship Amount
2022-2023	44	\$ 2,387
2023-2024	56	\$ 1,875
Total Impact	101	\$ 210,000

In addition to being a Miami Beach resident and FIU student, recipients of the Miami Beach scholarship 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.

For more information on city educational programs supporting youth and adult residents in Miami Beach, visit 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 the management objectives of being known for (PreK-12) educational excellence.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Leslie Rosenfeld, Chief Education Officer.

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