



2026–2027

OPEN DOOR GRANT

FLORIDA STATE GRANT PROGRAM (ODG)



Quick Guide for Students & Staff

The Open Door Grant Program (ODG) is a Florida state grant that may help eligible MTC students pay remaining eligible education costs in qualifying career and technical education programs.

WHO MAY BE ELIGIBLE?

A student may qualify if they:

- Are enrolled in an approved training program at an eligible Florida institution.
- Complete the scholarship application found in their FOCUS portal.
- **Have an error-free 2026-27 FAFSA on file** so eligibility can be determined. Complete the FAFSA at StudentAid.gov using MTC School Code 031039.
- Meet all other state eligibility requirements.
- **Apply while funding is still available.**

WHICH PROGRAMS QUALIFY?

The grant is limited to these approved training programs offered at MTC:

Automotive General Technician (AGT)
Applied Information Technology (AIT)
Baking and Pastry Arts (BPA)
Commercial Vehicle Driving (CDL)
Commercial Class B Driving (CDB)
Nursing Assistant (Long-Term Care) (CNA)
Cosmetology (COS)
Diesel Systems Technician 1 (DST)
Emergency Medical Technician ATD (EMT) *Please apply for FFRS before applying for ODG.*
Fundamental Foodservice Skills (FFS)
Firefighter (FFR) *Please apply for FFRS before applying for ODG.*
Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician – Combined (FMT) *Please apply for FFRS before applying for ODG.*
Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning/Refrigeration (HVA)
Massage Therapy (MAT)
Mental Health Technician (MHT)
Phlebotomy (PHB)
Practical Nursing (PNR)
Professional Nursing (LPN-RN) (RNR)
Radiologic Technology (RAD)
Welding Technology (WDG)

Important: Simply being enrolled at MTC does not automatically make a student eligible. The student must be enrolled in a qualifying program.

WHAT CAN THE SCHOLARSHIP PAY?

ODG is considered last-dollar funding.

This means that it may cover remaining eligible educational expenses after other grants, scholarships, and financial aid have been applied. ODG may then help cover remaining eligible costs (if applicable). The scholarship may cover:

- Eligible tuition and required fees
- In-state tuition
- Certain required program fees
- Out-of-state tuition/fees are **not** covered



EXAMPLE:

Eligible tuition & fees: \$4,000
Other state/federal financial aid: ~ \$3,000
Remaining eligible tuition & fees: \$1,000
ODG may be used toward that remaining eligible amount, subject to program rules and available funding.

HOW ARE STUDENTS SELECTED?

ODG is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

The student's place is based on the date and time MTC receives a completed scholarship application.

Funding is limited and depends on the amount provided by the State of Florida. Submitting an application does **not** guarantee an award.

WHAT STUDENTS SHOULD KNOW:

ODG is not automatically awarded. Students must apply and be determined eligible.

Other financial aid matters. The scholarship amount is determined after all applicable state and federal financial aid is considered.

Funding is limited. Awards are first-come, first-served and depend on available state funding.

Not every school or program qualifies. The student must be enrolled in an approved training program.

A student is permitted to receive ODG funding at **one** school per academic year. A student **cannot** receive ODG at more than one school in the 2026-27 academic year.

QUESTIONS OR READY TO APPLY?

Contact the MTC Financial Aid Office for:

- Help accessing the ODG application in their FOCUS portal
- Help determining whether your program qualifies
- Questions about your financial aid and potential scholarship amount
- Information about eligible additional program expenses

When in doubt—ask Financial Aid! We can review your individual situation and explain what funding may be available.

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