

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Student must be 22 years of age or younger as of September 30 of the scholarship year
- Student must demonstrate financial need (as determined by the student's financial aid forms)
- Student must have a physical or mental disability (indicate the nature of the student's disability)

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

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| - Seminole Community College (2025/2026) | - Beacon College (2026/2027) |
| - University of Central Florida (2025/2026) | - Florida A&M University (2026/2027) |
| - University of Florida (2025/2026) | - Florida State University (2026/2027) |
| - Valencia College (2025/2026) | - Orange Technical College (2026/2027) |

SCHOLARSHIP USES

Each participating school has **up to \$5,000 available** for distribution. The participating institutions are able to recommend educational scholarships to provide individual students with scholarships to cover the cost of tuition. Scholarships are available at a minimum of **\$1,000** per student, and a maximum of two students per school.

The only students who should receive the information below on how to apply are the student who you nominate to receive the scholarship (this should be no more than two students per school).

HOW DOES A STUDENT APPLY?

Students who are eligible will be nominated by staff at each institution. These nominations should be the students whom the institutions want to receive the scholarship. Central Florida Foundation will review nominations for eligibility and approve the selections, if warranted.

To access the application, students should follow these steps:

- Go to [MyScholarship](#)
- Click "Create New Account" and follow the instructions
- Once logged into [MyScholarship](#), type "ECCLC2026" in the box labeled "Access Code" to the right
- "Click Enter Code"
- Review the information on the Application Page
- Click "Apply"
- Complete all required fields and click on "Submit Application" when done

**2025-2026 ECCLESTON-CALLAHAN MEMORIAL FUND
INFORMATION AND CRITERIA SHEET**

Note: You may "Save Application" in order to go back to your application at a later time after starting it.

FUND HISTORY

The Eccleston-Callahan Memorial Fund was created in 1972 when the building and assets of the Eccleston-Callahan Memorial Hospital for Crippled Children were placed in trust to benefit needy handicapped children and youth. The Trust was transferred to the Central Florida Foundation in 1996, and is now an endowed scholarship.

The Fund is named in memory of Dr. C.L. Eccleston, a dentist, and Dr. J. B. Callahan, a physician, both of Orlando.

Dr. J. B. Callahan was the first black physician to practice and perform surgery in Orlando. Dr. Callahan died in 1947, having practiced medicine in Orlando for over 40 years. Callahan Elementary School (now the Callahan Neighborhood Center) was named in his honor.

A native of Jamaica, Dr. C. L. Eccleston, moved to Orlando in 1928, was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church. He died in September 1948 and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery.

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