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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 \$1,400, which are matched at 3 to 1.
- For students from low-income families, these scholarships pay for about **\$4,500 in Florida college tuition over five years** (30-credits or 1 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:

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

- o Agricultural, Food & Natural Resources
- o AVID (College Readiness)
- o Architecture & Construction
- o Education & Training
- 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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**Sumter Schools Enhancement Foundation**  
*In partnership with the Wildwood Wildcats Booster Club*

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**Count me in as a JUMP START Supporter for 2024-25!!!**

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:**

- Agricultural, Food & Natural Resources
- AVID (College Readiness)
- Architecture & Construction
- Education & Training
- Health Science
- Information Technology

**I am interested in helping students by:**

- Prepping for certification exams, competitions, & 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
- Sponsor learning experiences/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 local industry, community, and college partnerships

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

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**PLEDGE AND DONATION**

Each JUMP START SCHOLARSHIP(S) requires \$1,400 in pledges by September 30, 2024. For scholarships awarded in May 2025, your donation is due by December 15, 2024.

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

	<i>Check one</i>		<i>Check one</i>	
\$6,000 – Platinum	_____	\$1,500 – Silver	_____	Other: \$ _____
\$3,000 – Gold	_____	\$1,000 – Bronze	_____	

**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 476  
 Bushnell, FL 33513

Tax filing status: 501(c)(3)  
*scan and email to:*

[Melissa.Mesimore@sumter.k12.fl.us](mailto:Melissa.Mesimore@sumter.k12.fl.us)

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