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Florida's Workforce Education Initiative



## Open Door Grant Program Offerings in Hillsborough County

During the 2021 Florida Legislative Session, House Bill 1507 created section (s.) 1009.895, Florida Statutes (F.S.), to establish the Open Door Grant Program (Open Door), which will provide funds to support student completion of short-term, high-demand credit and non-credit career and technical education (CTE) programs at career centers and Florida College System (FCS) institutions. The Open Door Grant Program was established for the purpose of:

- Creating and sustaining a demand-driven supply of credentialed workers for high-demand occupations by addressing and closing the gap between the skills needed by workers in the state and the skills of the available workforce in the state.
- Expanding the affordability of workforce training and credentialing.
- Increasing the interest of current and future workers in short-term, high-demand career and technical education credentialing and certificate programs.

The Open Door Grant Program funds may be used to cover the cost of tuition, fees, examination, books and materials for up to \$3,000.00 per student. The following are approved Hillsborough Technical College training programs at or under 900 hours which are eligible for Open Door Grant funding through June 30, 2023:

Course	Location(s)	Details
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)	<a href="#">Aparicio-Levy Technical College</a> 10119 East Ellicott St. Tampa, FL 33610 (813) 740-4884	Next Program Start Dates: August 3, 2022 August 9, 2022 August 10, 2022  Training Location: <a href="#">Erwin Technical College</a> 2010 E. Hillsborough Ave., Tampa, FL 33610

Massage Therapy	<a href="#">Erwin Technical College</a> 2010 E. Hillsborough Ave., Tampa, FL 33610 (813) 769-5180	Next Program Start Date: September 12, 2022
Firefighter	<a href="#">Aparicio-Levy Technical College</a> 10119 East Ellicott St. Tampa, FL 33610 (813) 740-4884	Next Program Start Dates: August 8, 2022 – Hillsborough County Fire Rescue  August 9, 2022 – Tampa Fire Rescue  Training Location: <a href="#">Erwin Technical College</a> 2010 E. Hillsborough Ave., Tampa, FL 33610
Computer Systems & Information Technology (CSIT)	<a href="#">Erwin Technical College</a> 2010 E. Hillsborough Ave., Tampa, FL 33610 (813) 769-5180  <a href="#">Aparicio-Levy Technical College</a> 10119 East Ellicott St. Tampa, FL 33610 (813) 740-4884	Next Program Start Date: September 20, 2022 (Erwin)  Next Program Start Date: August 8, 2022 (Aparicio-Levy)
Solar Photovoltaic System Design, Installation and Maintenance – Entry Level	<a href="#">Erwin Technical College</a> 2010 E. Hillsborough Ave., Tampa, FL 33610 (813) 769-5180	Next Program Start Date: September 6, 2022

Students may qualify for Open Door Grant funding through either one of the following methods:

1. Last Dollar Grant
2. Student Investment Grant

The section below defines each funding method and lists the eligibility requirements.

**Last Dollar Grant** – funding method for students who are enrolled in listed approved programs and who are receiving state or federal financial aid.

**Student Investment Grant** – funding method for students who are enrolled in listed approved programs and who are NOT receiving state or federal financial aid. Students applying for this funding method MUST sign an agreement that requires the student to pay an additional one-third of the cost of the program in the event the student does not successfully complete the program.

**Eligibility:**

- Student MUST be admitted to and enrolled full-time in an eligible program at an eligible institution.
- Student MUST have a minimum Florida residency of one (1) year.
- Student MUST be unemployed, underemployed, or furloughed.