

## 2025-2026 Gainesville Charitable Foundation, Inc. Masonic Scholarship

### \* FOUNDATION HISTORY \*

Since 1981, the Gainesville Charitable Foundation, Inc., has assisted children and adults who live in Alachua County and surrounding areas who suffer from disabling or other deleterious conditions. Through charitable donations, scholarships, grants, and other means, the Foundation has contributed more than \$1,500,000, since its inception, to deserving individuals and organizations. The *Gainesville Charitable Foundation, Inc. Masonic Scholarship* is awarded annually to an undergraduate or graduate student at the University of Florida who is a Master Mason or the relative of a Master Mason, who is a member of a Masonic Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida.

### \* QUALIFICATIONS \*

This scholarship award of not less than \$1,000 will be awarded to an undergraduate or graduate student who has completed at least one academic semester at the University of Florida with a cumulative grade point average of no less than 3.0 (undergraduate) or 3.5 (graduate). The recipient of the award must be in good standing with the University and free of conduct probation. He or she must be a Master Mason or relative of a Master Mason, in good standing, of a lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida. The University of Florida Office for Student Financial Aid and Scholarships will inform the Gainesville Charitable Foundation of the applicant's (or the applicant's relative's) Mason affiliation and lodge. The Gainesville Charitable Foundation will verify Florida Grand Lodge recognition. For those not familiar with the Masonic organization, members in good standing in the Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shriners, and many other appendant bodies are Master Masons.

### \* HOW TO APPLY \*

- 1)! Complete the attached application
- 2)! Write a personal narrative of no more than 1000 words describing your background (difficulties encountered or obstacles overcome) and your academic and professional goals
- 3)! Submit the completed application and narrative **by July 1, 2025**

Email to: [sfa-help@mail.ufl.edu](mailto:sfa-help@mail.ufl.edu)

A recipient will generally be selected by August 1<sup>st</sup> for the academic year; however, if no qualified applicant is identified, the application process will remain open. The recipient will be notified in writing if selected.

