

IFT FLORIDA SECTION SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Florida Food Products Undergraduate Scholarship: \$2,000 scholarship for an undergraduate student studying food science, food engineering, human nutrition, or culinology at a Florida University.

Florida Food Products Graduate Scholarship: \$1,500 scholarship a graduate student doing research in areas such as food microbiology, phytonutrients, food protection, food process engineering, etc.

Richard F. Matthews Memorial Graduate Scholarship: \$1,500 scholarship for **seniors** attending a Food Science Program in Florida. *TWO Available for a total of \$3,000

Robert P Bates Graduate Scholarship: \$1,500 scholarship for a **graduate student** demonstrating outstanding research and academic skills. *TWO Available for a total of \$3,000

Dr. Ronald H Schmidt Professional Service Graduate Level Memorial Scholarship: \$1,500 scholarship for a **graduate student** whose extensive professional and leadership activity have benefited the IFT Florida, and/or the FSHN (Food Science & Human Nutrition Department). *TWO Available for a total of \$3,000

Janna Underhill Undergraduate Scholarship: \$1,500 scholarship for an **undergrad** student inspired by Janna's passion for industry networking, internship experiences and job opportunities.

Florida IFT Innovation Award: \$1,000 scholarship sponsored by IFT Florida. *TWO Available for total of \$2,000

Raymond A Dennison Undergraduate Memorial Scholarship: \$1,500 in recognition of Raymond A. Dennison, IFT Florida awards this scholarship to an undergraduate majoring in food science or human nutrition.

Albert "Sandy" J. Sanders Scholarship: \$1,500 in recognition of Albert "Sandy" Sanders, IFT Florida awards this scholarship to an undergraduate majoring in food science or human nutrition.

FIU Hospitality & Food Award: \$1,000 scholarship recognizing the partnership between FIU and IFT Florida.

Program Guidelines & Priorities

- * Recipients are required to Volunteer at two (2) separate IFT Florida events during a calendar year: 1) Suppliers Night Expo, and 2) a minimum of one other IFT Florida event during the calendar year.
- * Applicants must exhibit history of community volunteerism and participation in extracurricular activities.
- * Please include a copy of your resume with your application.
- * Requirements: GPA of 3.0+ and be attending a 4-year Food Science Program (for Graduate students a 2- year requirement is applicable). * *Exceptions for FIU Hospitality Students*
- * Scholarships to be presented at Suppliers Night Expo in Orlando. It will be the student's responsibility to submit the application to the IFT Florida by the deadline specified below.
- * Applicants must have the endorsement of their Guidance Counselor on their application attesting to the fact that they are a qualified fit for this scholarship program.

*** PLEASE NOTE APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 23, 2026 by 4:00 p.m.**

Email Application to: amaris1.turner@gmail.com & Copy: fsectionift@outlook.com

Sorry, but late applications cannot be accepted.

2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if chosen as a scholarship winner my picture may be taken and used to promote the IFT Florida Section scholarship program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to IFT Florida Section Scholarship policy, I must be present at any awards ceremony to receive my scholarship award.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT BY GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

I hereby affirm that this applicant meets the application criteria set forth by this scholarship program and that I support this application to IFT Florida Section.

Name of Guidance Counselor submitting the application:

University: _____

Contact information (email and phone): _____

Signature of Guidance Counselor: _____ **Date:** _____

Checklist to Include with Your Application:

- ☐ Scholarship Application
- ☐ Resume
- ☐ Two Letters of Recommendation
- ☐ Statement of Purpose and Financial Need
- ☐ Guidance Counselor signature

Email Application to:

fabianavbp@gmail.com & cc: flsectionift@outlook.com