

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2025-1077

TITLE: RESOLUTION ADDRESSING THE LACK OF SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

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WHEREAS, the University of Florida is committed to helping all students, regardless of financial need, access a world-class education that prepares them for life-long success [1]; and,

WHEREAS, between 2,000 and 3,000 transfer students get admitted to the University of Florida every semester [2]; and,

WHEREAS, transfer students often come from lower-income backgrounds, making financial assistance a critical factor in their academic success. Many face unique financial challenges, such as limited access to scholarships, increased living expenses, and the need to balance work and school. Providing targeted financial aid and resources can help ensure they have the support necessary to thrive in their new academic environment [3]; and,

WHEREAS, many colleges and universities primarily allocate financial aid to their incoming freshman class, leaving transfer students with fewer funding opportunities [4]; and,

WHEREAS, universities rely on transfer students to maintain healthy enrollment numbers, and they also bring diverse experiences, contribute to a dynamic campus environment, and help strengthen academic programs by adding varied perspectives and skills [5]; and,

WHEREAS, universities should prioritize equitable support for transfer students because they boost enrollment and graduation rates and bring valuable academic and professional experiences that contribute to institutional success; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the importance of supporting our transfer students in their academic journey, recognizing their valuable contributions and the role they play in enhancing institutional success.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the critical need for increased scholarship opportunities for transfer students.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate calls on the University Administration to prioritize providing transfer students with

adequate scholarship opportunities and support systems that ensure their academic success and full integration into the university community.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of Student Financial Aid and Scholarship Tina Lamb.


[1] <https://www.sfa.ufl.edu/>

[2] <https://www.collegetransitions.com/blog/uf-university-of-florida-transfer-acceptance-rate-requirements-application-deadlines/>

[3] <https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED579953.pdf>

[4] <https://www.villa.edu/weighing-the-pros-and-cons-of-transferring-colleges/#:~:text=You%20Could%20Lose%20Financial%20Aid&text=While%20some%20colleges%20offer%20transfer,be%20lost%20in%20a%20transfer.>

[5] <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/institutions/community-colleges/2024/02/07/new-reports-show-fewer-half-transfers-complete>



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