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# Connecting Students with Local Scholarships

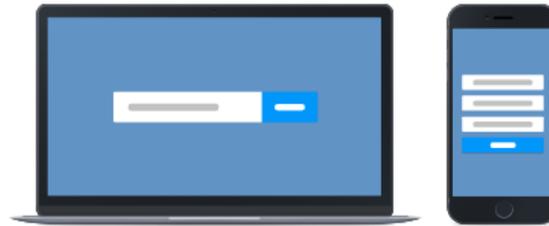
Southwest Florida Scholarship Connector





# How to join

## Web



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# What does the word scholarship mean to you?

# What is a Scholarship?

- “The term scholarship is subject to different definitions. Scholarship may refer to the methods, discipline and attainments of a scholar or scholars. It is also commonly used to refer to a grant of financial aid awarded to a student, as for the purpose of attending a college [school of some sort]. Scholarships are available through numerous organizations and institutions of learning. They may be funded by a certain person or organization or be a fund composed of various sources. Each entity for granting scholarship does so subject to its own rules and regulations. Some scholarships are contingent upon certain conditions, such as requiring the maintenance of a certain grade level or standard of performance in order to retain the scholarship.”
- US Legal, Inc, SCHOLARSHIP LAW AND LEGAL DEFINITION SCHOLARSHIP LAW AND LEGAL DEFINITION | USLEGAL, INC., <https://definitions.uslegal.com/s/scholarship/> (last visited April 2, 2019).

**How much to you think student borrowers  
all throughout the United States owe  
collectively? What is that approximate  
overall student loan debt amount?**

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# Big Picture: Student Debt

As of February 2019

- Total Student Loan Debt: \$1.56 trillion
  - Total U.S. Borrowers with Student Loan Debt: \$44.7 million
  - Student Loan Delinquency or Default Rate: 11.4% (90+ days delinquent)
  - Direct Loans-Cumulative in Default (360+ days delinquent): \$101.4 Billion (5.1 million borrowers)
  - Direct Loan in Forbearance: \$111.1 Billion (2.6 million borrowers)
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- Zack Friedman, STUDENT LOAN DEBT STATISTICS IN 2019: A \$1.5 TRILLION CRISIS FORBES (2019), <https://www.forbes.com/sites/zackfriedman/2019/02/25/student-loan-debt-statistics-2019/#207df70133fb> (last visited April 2, 2019).

# Big Picture: Student Debt

As of February 2019

- “California, Florida, Texas and New York represent more than 20% of all U.S. student loan borrowers who collectively owe more than \$340 billion of student loan debt.”

State	Student Loan Balance (\$ Billions)	Borrowers (Millions)
California	\$111.7	3.4
Texas	\$85.4	2.9
New York	\$73.5	2.2
Florida	\$72.8	2.2
Georgia	\$50.7	1.4
Pennsylvania	\$50.3	1.6

- Zack Friedman, STUDENT LOAN DEBT STATISTICS IN 2019: A \$1.5 TRILLION CRISIS FORBES (2019), <https://www.forbes.com/sites/zackfriedman/2019/02/25/student-loan-debt-statistics-2019/#207df70133fb> (last visited April 2, 2019).

# Why the Scholarship Connector?

- The Scholarship Connector with the LCANs knew affordability for a post-secondary path is a priority.
- The Scholarship Connector is hosted by the Community Foundation of Collier County. With support from the Collier County Public School District, this allows as many scholarship opportunities as possible listed in one easily accessible location.
- This regional website includes scholarships maintained through the foundation and other local scholarships available to students through private donors, corporations and organizations who wish to assist students with their educational paths and dreams. Whether honoring loved ones or supporting students on various paths, each scholarship expresses a deep belief in the power of education.
- The Scholarship Connector would not have happen without the support of the Collier County Public Schools and the Local College Access Networks.



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## Scholarship Finder

1. Intro 2. Start search 3. Review & refine search 4. Save search or apply

### Introduction

The Collier County Scholarship Connector allows you to search, learn about scholarship opportunities, and initiate the application process for scholarships that match your background, interests & educational plans.

**TIPS:** Students should fill out each area of the form. **DO NOT LEAVE ANY SECTION BLANK.**  
If you choose to skip a section, you may see scholarships that do not apply to you & your background.

Each scholarship opportunity has their own reason for starting a scholarship and application directions. Make sure you use the search function, the basket function, and research the scholarship provider by linking to them directly from your search. All students are encouraged to follow all directions provided by each of the scholarship providers that are listed on the connector.

Use of the Collier County Scholarship Connector is subject to the following Privacy Terms & Conditions.

### Start Your Search for Scholarships

No login is needed. Four simple steps:

1. Complete short online form about your background and plans, click find matching scholarships. **So we can hide scholarships that do not apply to you, fill out / check every section.**
2. Review details of matching scholarships. Make sure to read all directions for each scholarship opportunity.
3. Add scholarships that interest you to your "basket".
4. Within the basket, "Package & Go" to download application & other documents for the application process, or "Save for Later."

If you want to see a specific scholarship opportunity, in the "Other Options" box and press on "View all scholarships." Use the Find Feature in your web browser. Press "CTRL-F" to search for a specific scholarship by name.

**Note: Updates are Ongoing**

As scholarship programs give us their information for the current school year, application criteria & deadlines will be updated. Please check back frequently for the latest information.

Start Your Search

### Other Options

1. View [all scholarships](#)

2. Find by Name

\$1,000 Study Abroad Scholarsh ▾

Go



### No Login Required

No login is required to search for scholarships. In addition, there is no need to identify yourself during the search process

### Additional Student Resources

Please consider reviewing the following sites for additional scholarships that may be available:

- [Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#)
- [Florida Department of Education](#)
- [Future Ready Collier](#)
- [FutureMakers Coalition](#)
- [Champions For Learning Student & Family Resources](#)
- [Specific Florida Institution Information](#)
- [Goodcall](#) is dedicated to keeping information accessible. It is a national scholarship database.

### Need Volunteer Hours?

Visit [Volunteer Collier](#), an internet based program of the United Way of Collier

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## Start Your Search

### About You

Gender

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Current school year

Select...

School most recently attended

Select...

GPA 

Class rank % 

Select... ▾

County of residence

Select... ▾

City of residence

Select... ▾

Heritage / Ethnicity

- Asian  
 Black / African American  
 Hispanic / Latino  
 Native American / Alaska Native  
 Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander  
 White  
 Other  
 Decline to answer

Student / parent employer(s)

- Other Employer  
 Bay Colony Golf Club  
 Cape Coral Hospital  
 City of Sanibel Employee/Dependent  
 Costco Wholesale Employee or dependent  
 Employed Teacher (by an accredited school)  
 The Glenview at Pelican Bay  
 The Moorings Park / The Moorings Park at Grey Oaks  
 The Club at Pelican Bay  
 The Port Royal Club  
 The Royal Poinciana Golf Club  
 Shadow Wood Country Club / Shadow Wood Association  
 Sheriff's Office: Local Law Enforcement  
 Southwest Florida Marine Industries Association  
 VJ at Bentley Village  
 Parents are Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce Member

Cocurricular activities

- AICE Study / Cambridge AICE Diploma Club  
 Artist  
 Band  
 Baseball



Let's get started & happy searching!

Fill in information about yourself: background, the activities you are involved in, and your educational dreams.

### Search for Scholarships

If you don't know some or all of your educational plans, don't worry! You can still search & find scholarships for you. For any entry where you are uncertain of your plans (i.e. your major, what school you want to attend, etc.), leave that entry blank / incomplete, and you will be shown scholarships without consideration for that particular entry.

You might not qualify for all listed scholarships in this circumstance, so you will need to read the scholarship criteria when deciding whether or not to apply.

### Easily Refine Your Search Results

After you have completed this form & you reach the matching scholarship opportunities page, you can easily change your selections. The system interacts with your choices to allow you to see if you would qualify for more or fewer opportunities.

Refining your search is a great way to explore the various scholarship opportunities that are available for students attending specific schools, going into specific majors, and/or with various GPA requirements.

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parent employer(s) The Glenview at Pelican Bay, The Royal Poinciana Golf Club; Cocurricular activities Artist, Soccer, Youth Leadership Collier Graduate, Other-I have an immigrant parent, Other-I or my parents have a connection with the State of Ohio, Other-Active member in a Church, Synagogue, or Temple., Other-Cancer Affected My Family: Someone in my family has had cancer, Other: Will attend full-time; School type 4 Year College; School(s) to attend Florida Southwestern State College, Florida A&M University, Florida Gulf Coast University, University of Miami, Other: Florida Post - Secondary School, Out of State - Ohio State University, Out of State - Other Post-Secondary School; Major(s) Business, Civil Engineering, Journalism, Law.

SPECIAL FILTER: Past-due scholarships not shown

## Refine Your Search

- Gender ▼
- Current school year ▼
- School most recently attended ▼
- GPA ▼
- Class rank % ▼
- County of residence ▼
- City of residence ▼
- Heritage / Ethnicity ▼
- Student / parent employer(s) ▼
- Cocurricular activities ▼
- Full / Part-time student ▼
- School type ▼
- School(s) ▼
- Majors(s) ▼
- Application date has passed ▲
- Show
- Hide
- Funded by ▼

▼ Scholarship Name	Amount*	App. Due
<b>Brooks Law Group Scholarship</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>11/01/17</b>
Available to high school senior or current undergraduate student		
<a href="#">View Details</a> <a href="#">Add to Basket</a>		
<b>Parentinn's Scholarship: Cyberbullying Prevention for Teens Scholarship</b>	<b>\$1,250</b>	<b>02/28/18</b>
Available to U.S. citizen attending/planning to attend a U.S. college/university for undergraduate or graduate studies/ high school, college, graduate student or a student entering college		
<a href="#">View Details</a> <a href="#">Add to Basket</a>		
<b>David M. &amp; Judy B. Jones Scholarship Fund</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>03/01/18</b>
Available to Barron Collier High School Seniors.		
<a href="#">View Details</a> <a href="#">Add to Basket</a>		
<b>Ding Darling Environmental Scholarship</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>03/31/18</b>
Available to students pursuing science or biology with environmental, natural resource, environmental education, or wildlife conservation focuses.		
<a href="#">View Details</a> <a href="#">Add to Basket</a>		
<b>Discover Scholarship Sweepstakes</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>12/31/17</b>
Sweepstake opportunity through Discover for high school seniors at least 16 years old or college students enrolled in at least half-time in a Bachelor's or Associate's degree program or Graduate program at an eligible school.		
<a href="#">View Details</a> <a href="#">Add to Basket</a>		
<b>Edith &amp; John Meli Scholarship Fund</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>02/01/18</b>
Available to a High School Senior attending a public or parochial High School in Collier County		



On this page you will find scholarships that are matched with your current search selections. This is the Scholarship Connector's "Selection Refinement" page. On this page, you can review & refine your results to match your interests.

It's also the place to mark the scholarships that interest you by pressing on "Add to Basket". Once you've placed the scholarships that interest you in your basket, you may then save them for later or start the application process.

## All About the Details

Press on "View Details" button for each opportunity to find more information about the possible award, a link to the scholarship provider's website, or even learn why that particular scholarship was started.

## Refining Your Search

Use the "Refine Your Search" menu. You can interactively change your options & see immediate results. This may help you qualify for more or fewer scholarships.

## Revisit & Share

You can easily revisit your search later by emailing a link to yourself or others (i.e. parents, mentor, etc.), this allows

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<a href="#">View Details</a> <a href="#">Add to Basket</a>		
 <a href="#">Edith &amp; John Meli Scholarship Fund</a>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>02/01/18</b>
Available to a High School Senior attending a public or parochial High School in Collier County		
<a href="#">View Details</a> <a href="#">Remove from Basket</a>		
 <a href="#">The Glenview Employee Scholarship</a>	<b>\$6,000</b>	<b>03/01/18</b>
Available to Glenview employees with at least one (1) year of employment.		
<a href="#">View Details</a> <a href="#">Remove from Basket</a>		
 <a href="#">Joel A. Deifik Memorial Scholarship Fund</a>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>02/01/18</b>
Available to graduating senior majoring in law enforcement and/or legal fields		
<a href="#">View Details</a> <a href="#">Remove from Basket</a>		
 <a href="#">MacNiven Family Fund</a>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>02/01/18</b>
Available to graduating senior students that participated in the Youth Leadership Collier Program through The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce.		
<a href="#">View Details</a> <a href="#">Remove from Basket</a>		

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## ***Ding Darling Environmental Scholarship - \$1,000***

Application due date: 03/31/18

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### **Application Instructions**

#### **Application Process:**

Applicants must complete an application form and submit the following documents:

- A maximum one page single spaced essay describing personal and scientific goals, accomplishments and proposed scientific project/course of study. Identify the school(s) you will be attending and/or have applied to. Please provide as much detail as you feel is necessary.
- Three current letters of reference concerning scientific ability and character.
- Current school transcripts of courses completed within the last four years.
- A copy of college acceptance letter if not already enrolled.

***[CLICK HERE to view Scholarship details and requirements](#)***

Complete applications must be received by **March 31, 2018**. Please send all materials to:

Email: [sarah@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:sarah@dingdarlingsociety.org)

Snail mail:

J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society Scholarship Fund  
c/o Wendy Kindig, Education Committee Chair  
P.O. Box 565, Sanibel, FL 33957  
Information: 239-472-1100 ext. 233

Multiple scholarships will be awarded for \$1,000 and more. Applicants need to fill out only ONE application to be considered for all of the scholarships.

### **Application Materials**

- Online application: <https://www.dingdarlingsociety.org/downloadable-files/577251d214d6f8a770dc80f0.pdf>

## ***Terrence J. Miller Annual Journalism: Naples Press Club Scholarship - \$1,000***

Application due date: 03/31/18

[View Details](#)

[Remove from Basket](#)

### **Application Instructions**

**Current High School Seniors:** Download the 2018-19 Naples Press Club Scholarship Application and the 2018-19 Scholarship Criteria for the Naples Press Club Scholarship.

**Collier County Graduates already in college:** Download the NPC Application for Collier County grads already in college and the

## Scholarship Basket

You have placed the following scholarships in your basket. From here, you may choose to do a number of different things:

- Save your latest search & basket contents so you may return to them at another/later time.
- Apply for scholarships by, depending on the scholarship, following links to online applications, or by downloading application materials.
- Use Package & Go to download the entire contents of your basket, including all associated details & forms in a single, convenient Zip folder.

### Basket Actions

[Return to search](#)[Package & Go](#)[Save for later](#)

## Your Selected Scholarships

### ***Unified Application Group***

The following 7 scholarships share a unified application. You only need to complete **a single application** to be considered for these 7 scholarships.

# Challenges

- Student awareness
- Education about website
- Collaboration of Scholarship Providers
- Timeline & Seasonal Providers
- Awards vary from year to year
- Following directions



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# Students

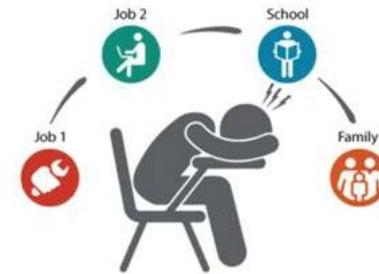
- Student perception
- Life lessons
- Foundational learning for a student's future
- Students desire one application for all opportunities



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# Things to remember

44.2% of Florida Undergraduates are Low-Income<sup>1</sup>

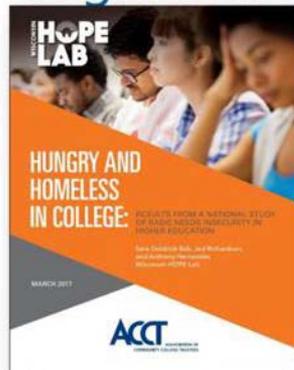


*Source:*

1. TICAS College InSight 2015-16
2. FL Dept. of Education

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## National Study Looked at Hunger and Homelessness in College:

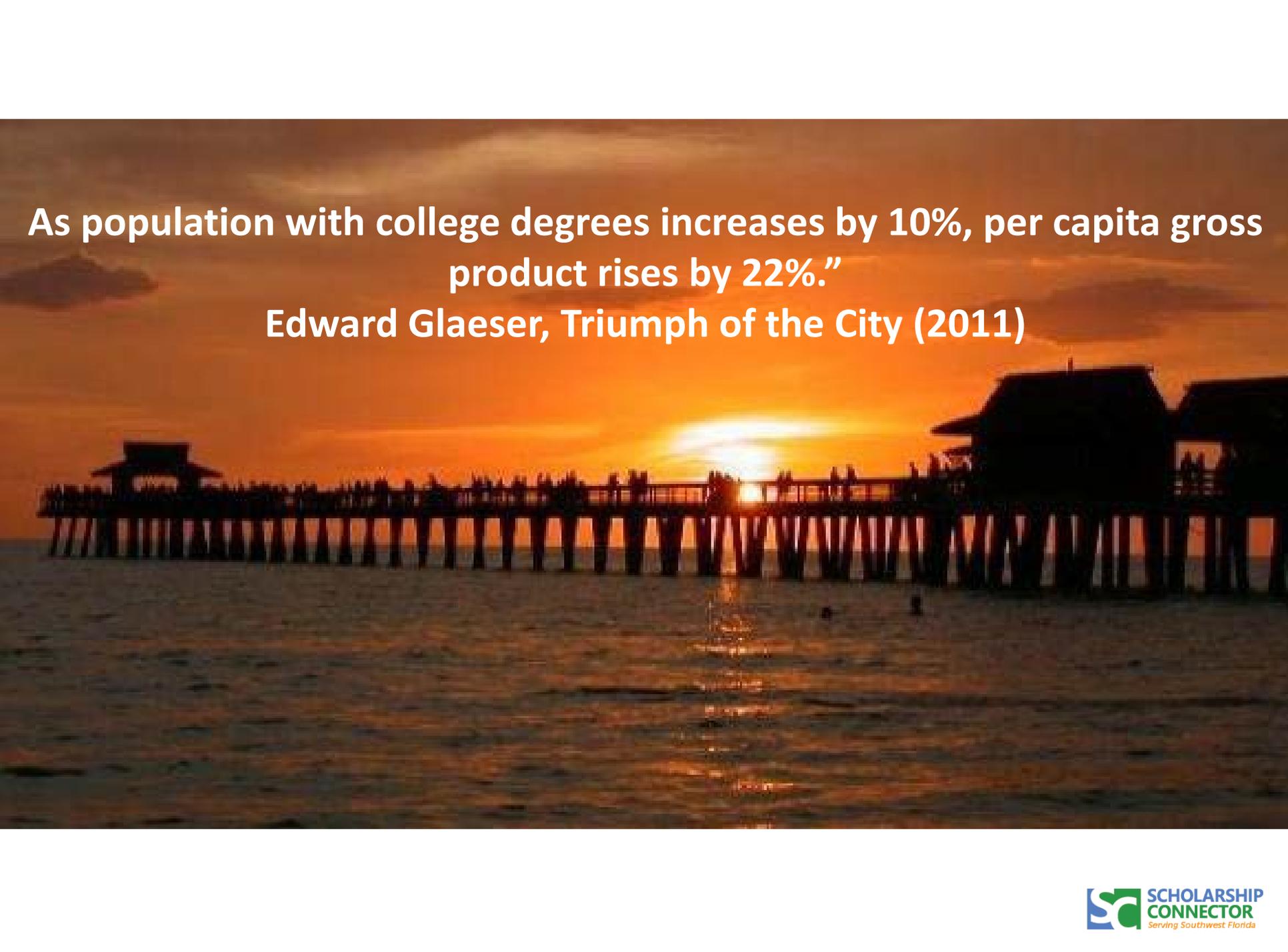


### Findings:

- 2/3 of community college students were food insecure
- About 1/2 of community college students are housing insecure
- 13-14% were homeless

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**As population with college degrees increases by 10%, per capita gross product rises by 22%.”  
Edward Glaeser, Triumph of the City (2011)**

