

# Bernard Sliger Scholarship Overview

## Miami Seminole Club

The purpose of the Miami Seminole Club (MSC) is to provide Seminole Fans an opportunity to expand their network and knowledge of all that Florida State University stands for. The MSC is also essential in promoting the needs of the University through scholarships, recognition awards, and other community projects. All FSU Alumni, Boosters and/or Foundation members in Miami-Dade County in good standing are considered members of the MSC!

## About the Bernard Sliger Scholarship

The Miami Seminole Club endowed a student scholarship in March 1991, naming it the Bernard Sliger Scholarship. Dr. Bernard Sliger was Florida State University's President from 1976 through his retirement in 1991. Marvelously effective as a leader and universally popular as a human being, Dr. Bernard F. Sliger guided FSU through 15 years of unprecedented growth and achievement. It was not a coincidence that Florida State's athletic fortunes exploded during Sliger's tenure as President. Always a proponent of a strong athletic program and its place among college campus life, Bernie, as they called him, brought in strong administrators and pushed for coaches that not only knew how to win, but could win with integrity. So sound was Sliger's philosophy regarding college athletics that he became one of the prime national movers in setting standards and giving direction from his position on the prestigious NCAA Council. And as Dr. Sliger bade farewell he left a final legacy for the ages. For under his hand, FSU abandoned its independent status and aligned itself with the nation's most highly-regarded academic and athletic conference, the ACC. Since that time the club has been awarding \$1,000 to an incoming freshman from Miami-Dade County in Dr. Sliger's honor.

The purpose of this scholarship is to award one (1) Well-Deserving student funding towards the payment of their undergraduate studies (graduate studies are excluded). The total amount of the scholarship is \$1,000. Funds are disbursed through FSU Foundation and Financial Aid Office to the student's Financial Aid Student Toolkit and can be used toward university fees and books. The student must be enrolled at FSU as a full time student in good standing.

Acceptance to FSU shall constitute satisfactory academic merit; however, academic achievement beyond minimum requirements should be indicated by all applicants (academic awards, honors, high GPA, high class rank, etc.).

To ensure that the selection of a scholarship recipient is unbiased, the selection will be administered by the Miami Seminole Club Board of Directors and/or the University. The FSU Foundation will administer the management of funds, as directed by the MSC Board of Directors.

## Requirements

All Applicants:

- Must be graduate of, or about to graduate from, a fully accredited public or private high school in Miami-Dade County, FL.
- Must receive notification of acceptance at Florida State University prior to the announcement of the initial award.
- Must show active community involvement through past or ongoing participation in athletics, the arts, civic community service, or other activities.
- Must demonstrate a strong interest and desire in attending Florida State University.

Submit with this Application:

- Attach copy of an unofficial academic transcript related to high school (or above).
- Attach one (1) letter of recommendation from a recent instructor/teacher.
- Attach one (1) letter of recommendation from someone who is well acquainted with but not related to the applicant.
- Attach one (1) page essay answering the following question: “Why you would like to be awarded this scholarship and why you feel you will continue the legacy of Dr. Sliger?”

## Application Submission

Applications should be submitted via US Mail to:

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All questions regarding the Bernard Sliger Scholarship should be sent to [info@miaminoles.com](mailto:info@miaminoles.com)