

2022 FLA Scholarship Winners



▶▶▶ FSU Scholarship Winner- Jesse Rushing

Jesse is currently a Library Clerk with the Walton County Public Library System. Committee members noted his dedication to rural libraries. Jesse plans to stay in his home library system, and has several long-term projects he's working on that he hopes to see come to fruition in the years to come.

"This scholarship allows me to restart my graduate career and move closer to my professional goals."

▶▶▶ USF Scholarship Winner- Amanda Wright

Amanda is currently a Library Service and Technology Guide 2 at the Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative. Committee members noted the strength of her recommendation letters. She has ambitions to take on leadership roles, and "would love the chance to develop a culture of positivity, cooperation, and trust."

"Beyond alleviating a financial burden and allowing me the peace of mind to focus on my classes this semester, being a recipient of the Bernadette Storck University of South Florida Graduate Scholarship is an honor and a responsibility that I do not take lightly. To me, it indicates the trust and expectation that I will give back to my community in a meaningful way as a library professional – and I intend to do exactly that. Thank you for your confidence in me!"



▶▶▶ Minority Scholarship Winner- Joseph Delloso

Joseph is currently a Library Associate IV at the South Bay Branch of the Palm Beach County Library System. Joseph scored the highest of all applicants this year. The committee noted the strength of his application and were impressed by how professional it was. His passion for the Glades community shined through in both of his essays, and his desire and commitment to do right by this community was moving. One committee member noted that his essays "[spoke] to his own feelings and thoughts which align directly with those of ALA and FLA core beliefs". Overall, Joseph was found to be very deserving of this scholarship.

"This scholarship means so much to me! The young people of the Glades community deserve to have someone at their library who has the knowledge and skills to enrich their lives and help them achieve their goals. This scholarship will help me be that person, and I'm so grateful for the opportunity to serve my community better."

