

FLTA Charitable Action Foundation, Inc.

2026 FLTA, Sam D. Mansfield, Marjorie S. Schwartz, John Starr Thornton, Jr.,
Melodye Marvin and Norwood Gay
Memorial Scholarships

GUIDELINES & REQUIREMENTS

An applicant must:

- Be a member or the child, grandchild, brother, sister, niece or nephew of a principal or employee of a Florida Land Title Association member. (This includes ALL membership levels)
- Be a resident of the State of Florida
- Be accepted to any accredited institution of higher learning in the United States
- Demonstrate commitment to a post graduate career
- Explain your civic involvement in your community
- **If you meet these criteria, please complete the application (next page) include the bio described below and return prior to September 15, 2026 to:**

Email Completed application, by September 15, 2026, to
Jena Daly, jena@flta.org

About the Scholarship Awards:

The **Sam D. Mansfield Memorial Scholarship** was created in 1985 by the Board of Directors of the Florida Land Title Association, Inc., in memory of its namesake. Mr. Mansfield was a Past-President (1969-1970) of this Association and was involved in many civic endeavors, always stressing the importance of education.

The **Marjorie S. Schwartz Memorial Scholarship** was added in 2001 to commemorate our good friend Marge who, like Sam Mansfield, was an FLTA President (1991-1992) and ardent supporter of our Association, and the 1994 recipient of the Raymond O. Denham Memorial Award.

The **John Starr Thornton, Jr. Memorial Scholarship** was added in 2003 to commemorate an outstanding FLTA member who was the 1990 Raymond O. Denham Memorial Award recipient, and title industry giant.

The **Melodye Marvin Memorial Scholarship** was created in 2024 with the help of her colleagues and family. Mel stressed the importance of education within the title industry, especially among paralegals. A champion for recruiting future hires.

The **R. Norwood Gay Memorial Scholarship** was created in 2025 by the Board of Trustees of the FLTA Charitable Action Foundation. Norwood was an FLTA Past-President (1998-1999) and the 2001 recipient of the Raymond O. Denham Memorial Award, and a catalyst for bringing attorneys and title agents together.

The amount of the Sam D. Mansfield; Marjorie S. Schwartz; John Starr Thornton; and Norwood Gay Memorial scholarships will be \$1,000.00, along with the general FLTA Scholarships. The Melodye Marvin Memorial Scholarship will be \$2,500 (eligibility will also require paralegal or business-related studies). All scholarships will be awarded at the FLTA Annual Convention and will be made payable to the institution to be applied towards the recipient's tuition.

The scholarship committee, which consists of members of the Past President's Council, will review the submissions, and make their selection based on major field of study, grade point average, and other information provided by the applicant.

Note: All applicants will be added to the Florida Land Title Association's Student Membership and will be a Student Member through one-year past graduation.

**APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT WITH THE APPLICATION:
A ONE-PAGE TYPED DOUBLE SPACED ESSAY DESCRIBING YOUR FUTURE GOALS
UPON COMPLETION OF YOUR HIGHER EDUCATION**

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APPLICATION

(Deadline to apply is September 15, 2026)

FLTA Member Sponsor: _____ Relationship: _____

Sponsor's Company: _____ Phone: _____

Company Address: _____

Student's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Applicants Email Address: *

(*THIS is how we will communicate with you – i.e., we need more info, or to inform you about the status of the scholarships. PLEASE be sure it's accurate)

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Scheduled Date of Graduation: _____

List Honors, Awards, Scholarships, etc.: _____

List Clubs, Competitions, Research, etc.: _____

Areas of Interest for College Study: _____

Name of accredited college or university in the United States in which you have been accepted or are currently enrolled: _____

College/University Student ID: _____

High School GPA: _____ College GPA: _____ Dual Enrollment? Y / N

Contact information of the person in the school's Admissions office for verification of enrollment:

Name _____ Phone: (____) _____

Date completed _____ 2026.

(DON'T FORGET THE BIO!)

Applicant's Signature