

FASFEPA

2026 DR. BRIAN DASSLER AND DR. ULYSSES G. HORNE EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

ABOUT DR. ULYSSES G. HORNE

- 40 years in education at district and state levels dedicating his professional and personal life to supporting at-risk students.
- Regional Director for Florida Migrant Child Compensatory Program
- State Director for Federal Compensatory Education
- Reponsible for “Partners in Pursuit of Excellence: A Call to Action” parent involvement initiative
- Creation of Summer Institute for Secondary Migrant Students on college campuses

ABOUT DR. BRIAN DASSLER

- TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL;
- FDOE DEPUTY CHANCELLOR OF EDUCATOR QUALITY
- TED TALK: “WHY WE PERSIST AT SOME THINGS BUT QUIT AT OTHERS”
- POSITIVE, OPTIMISTIC TRANSFORMATION LEADER

FUNDING

Funding for these scholarships is made possible through the dedication of the FASFEPA members through their membership fees and from their commitment to quality education and building a brighter future for our educational system and youth.

FASFEPA is proud to be able to INCREASE the amount available for scholarships from \$2,000 to \$2,500 for the 2026 year thanks to the outstanding support of the FASFEPA membership!

QUALIFICATIONS:



Must be currently enrolled in a Masters, Doctoral or Specialist degree program in Educational Leadership, Education Specialist, Curriculum Leadership, or Masters in specialized subject fields and must be currently taking coursework in the chosen program prior to applying for the scholarship



Must be currently employed in a Florida public Title 1-funded school or program for the duration of the scholarship funded activity.

- Applicants will complete the application and submit as a package with the following:
 - written essay describing how the candidate would use the post-graduate coursework/degree to improve student performance for at-risk students
 - two letters of recommendation from 1) current supervisor and 2) previous supervisor or another school/district/community leader.
 - most recent performance appraisal showing Satisfactory performance.
 - Proof of enrollment (currently taking coursework) in a graduate program) (copy of current college transcript)

TWO SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED IN HONOR OF DR. HORNE

ONE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED IN HONOR OF DR. DASSLER

Each Scholarship is \$2,500.00





Florida Association of State and Federal Education Program Administrators

2026 FASFEPA Scholarships for Educational Leadership



Dr. Ulysses G. Horne

- 40 years in education at district and state levels
 - Teacher, guidance counselor, principal and district administrator
 - Regional Director for Florida Migrant Child Compensatory Program and Compensatory Education Programs
 - State Director for Federal Compensatory Education
- Responsible for "Partners in Pursuit of Excellence: A Call to Action" parent involvement initiative and the creation of the Summer Institute for Secondary Migrant Students Program on college campuses
- Dedicated his professional and personal life to working with and for at-risk students
- Developed mentoring programs with Citicorp/Citibank and selected schools



Dr. Brian Dassler

- Former teacher and principal
 - Broward County's youngest Teacher of the Year
- Deputy Chancellor of Educator Quality - Florida Department of Education
 - Mentored students and teachers
- Published many essays on education and school reform
- Conducted a Ted Talk, "Why We Persist At Some Things But Quit At Others"
- Positive and optimistic Transformational Leader
- Passionate about job-embedded professional development and growth mindset

Scholarship parameters:

Candidates must be:

- Currently enrolled in a post-graduate degree program (masters, educational specialist, or doctorate) in **Educational Leadership AND must be currently taking coursework in Educational Leadership prior to applying for the scholarship. (Masters or Doctorate in subject area specializations are also included.)**
- Currently employed in a Florida Title I-funded public school for the duration of the scholarship activity.

Scholarship application will include:

- a written essay regarding how the candidate would use the post-graduate coursework and degree to improve student performance for the at-risk students in their current school or district department.
- two letters of recommendation from 1) current supervisor and 2) previous supervisor, another administrator, community leader, or professor from a university or college.
- evidence that the most recent performance appraisal is satisfactory or above.
- proof of "enrollment in" (currently taking coursework) in a graduate program.

★ 2 x 3 headshot in .jpg or .png format

Each \$2,500 scholarship is for one year.

Money will be awarded to the recipient, not the institution, and only after submitting proof of current class enrollment from the college or university.

Two scholarships will be awarded in the name of Dr. Ulysses G Horne and one scholarship in the name of Dr. Brian Dassler. Applicants may only be awarded one scholarship.

For additional information, please call Dr. Maria Longa at (239) 246-9574 (office) or longamj@scps.k12.fl.us



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Application

Please type or legibly print all information on pages 1-3. This information and the required documents explained on pages 2 and 3 will constitute your entire application package.

Name: _____
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First
Middle

Home Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail address: _____

I am currently **enrolled in*** a graduate program at _____
Name of University/College
City, State

Degree Sought: _____ Date Began: _____

School District of Employment: _____

Current Position: _____ Position funded by Title I: Yes _____ No _____

Name of School: _____ Title I school: Yes _____ No _____

If not a school, name of school district department: _____

1) EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING:

| | Name of Institution | City, State | Dates Attended | Diploma or Degree |
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| High School | | | | |
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| College or University | | | | |
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Major undergraduate activities and honors: _____

* “enrolled in” means currently taking coursework in Educational Leadership (prior to applying for the scholarship)

Scholarships awarded: _____

Books and/or articles published (include dates): _____

Special projects in education completed or in progress: _____

Field of graduate work: _____

2) EXPERIENCE IN TEACHING AND SCHOOL/DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

(In chronological order):

| Dates | Name of school | City, State | Subjects or assignments |
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3) VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:

| Organization | Description of Activity | Length of Participation |
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4) PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (List the professional organizations to which you belong):

5) Dr. Ulysses G. Horne, Jr. and Dr. Brian Dassler dedicated their professional and personal life to working with and for at-risk students and both of these transformative leaders promoted the importance of job-embedded professional development and coaching. Attach a written essay (maximum of 500 words) describing how you will use the post-graduate coursework and degree to further the work of both of these leaders in your current school or department.

6) Have you participated recently in professional development that was particularly helpful to you in your job?

Yes ___ No ___

If yes, describe the professional development and one way you applied it to your work:

7) What does effective professional development look like?

8) Attach two letters of recommendation from any of the following: current supervisor, previous supervisor, another administrator, community leader, or professor from a university or college.

9) Attach evidence that your most recent performance appraisal is satisfactory or above.

10) Attach proof of **enrollment in and currently taking coursework in** an Educational Leadership graduate program. Please note the proof should clearly indicate the name of the institution.

Please check the box below if you are willing to have your photo published on the FASFEPa website as a scholarship award recipient. Agreement or non-agreement is not a criterion to be awarded a scholarship. If awarded a scholarship, submit through email a jpeg or png headshot photo.

I give permission to FASFEPa to publish my photo on the FASFEPa website as a scholarship award recipient.

SIGNATURE

I understand that this scholarship will be awarded to a candidate seeking a post-graduate degree (master’s, educational specialist, or doctorate) in **Educational Leadership**. I am currently employed in a Florida Title I funded program and, if awarded the scholarship, will remain in a Florida Title I funded program for the duration of the scholarship. I attest that the information in this application and its required documents is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge as evidenced by this signature. I understand that if I submit an incomplete application, I will not be considered as a candidate.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

*The deadline for the application to be submitted to the email address below is **January 16, 2026***

Fasfepaweb+leaderscholarship@gmail.com

2026 FASFEPa SCHOLARSHIPS TIMELINE

2025-2026

| Date | Task | Responsible |
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| November 10-13, 2025 | FASFEPa scholarship packets and email addresses for each scholarship made available to Title I Administrators during FASFEPa Spring Forum | FASFEPa Regional VPs |
| November 18, 2025 | Notify the public of FASFEPa Scholarship opportunities. | District Federal Program Administrator |
| <p>Vivian Scott Scholarship and Brian Schultz STEM Career Scholarship Process/Timeline</p> <p>A completed scholarship application package includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed application (2 pages) • Vivian Scott Scholarship Routing Form / Brian Schultz STEM Career Scholarship Routing Form; • A one-page personal typed narrative (300 words max) from the applicant explaining why he/she is applying for the scholarship, including all awards, interests, leadership, and service activities within the community, and future goals; • Official copy of High School Transcript; • Three letters of recommendation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o One from a principal or administrative designee on school letterhead; o One from a faculty member on school letterhead; and o One from a non-family member. • List of student organizations and activities (academic, civic, fine arts, athletic); • 2 X 3 headshot of the applicant in .jpg or .png format. <p><i>Due Dates/Deadlines</i></p> | | |
| January 13, 2026 | Vivian Scott Scholarship Application Package / Brian Schultz STEM Career Scholarship submitted to <u>school principal</u> . | Student Applicant |
| January 15, 2026 | Principal reviews Vivian Scott Scholarship Application / Brian Schultz STEM Career Scholarship Package(s) and returns to applicant(s) | Principal |
| January 16, 2026 | Vivian Scott Scholarship Application Package / Brian Schultz STEM Career Scholarship Package submitted to School Scholarship Coordinator/Guidance Counselor | Student Applicant |
| January 23, 2026 | Vivian Scott Scholarship Application Package / Brian Schultz STEM Career Scholarship Package reviewed, signed, and submitted to District Title 1 Federal Program Administrator. | Guidance Counselor /Scholarship Coordinator |
| February 13, 2026 | District Federal Program Administrator submits up to 2 Vivian Scott Scholarship application packages and 1 Brian Schultz STEM Career Scholarship to the FASFEPa at Fasfepaweb+studentscholarship@gmail.com | District Federal Program Administrators |

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| March 6, 2026 | Regional VPs recommend up to 2 Vivian Scott Scholarship applicants and 1 Brian Schultz STEM Career Scholarship applicants (per region) to the FASFEP Board. | Regional VPs |
| March 9 - 13, 2026 | Scholarships awarded, winners notified and posted to FASFEP website. | FASFEP Scholarship Committee |

Instructional Support Personnel Scholarship Process/Timeline

A complete application packages includes:

1. A brief written essay describing your experience working with under-resourced children, why you choose to become an educator, and a description of your financial need. (200 words or less)
2. Two letters of recommendation.
3. A copy of a transcript that shows the A.A. degree or 60 hours of college credit.
4. A copy of your most recent college transcript with a declared major, if different from above.
5. 2x3 headshot of applicant in .jpg or .png format

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| January 23, 2026 | Instructional Support Personnel application package submitted to District Title 1 Federal Programs Administrator. | Applicant |
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| February 13, 2026 | District Federal Programs Administrator submits 2 Instructional Support Personnel Scholarship Application Packages to the FASFEP board to Fasfepaweb+parascholarship@gmail.com | District Federal Program Administrators |
| March 6, 2026 | Regional VPs recommend 2 Instructional Support Personnel Scholarship applicants (per region) to the FASFEP Board. | Regional VPs |
| March 9 - 13, 2026 | Scholarships awarded, winners notified and posted to FASFEP website | FASFEP Scholarship Committee |

Educational Leadership Scholarship

A completed application package includes:

- pages 1-3 of the application completed,
- a written essay regarding how the candidate would use the post-graduate coursework and degree to improve student performance for the at-risk students in their current school or district department.
- two letters of recommendation from 1) current supervisor and 2) previous supervisor, another administrator, community leader, or professor from a university or college.
- evidence that the most recent performance appraisal is satisfactory or above.
- proof of "enrollment in" (currently taking coursework) in a graduate program
- 2 x 3 headshot of applicant in .jpg or .png format

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| January 16, 2026 | Educational Leadership Scholarship Applications submitted via email to Fasfepaweb+leadershipscholarship@gmail.com | Applicant |
| March 9 - 13, 2026 | Scholarships awarded, winners notified and posted to FASFEP Board | FASFEP Scholarship Committee |