

# INCREASE OPTIONS, NOT HOURS

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education

Boosting Florida Career Options

## EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FLORIDA STUDENTS

Many Floridians pursuing careers in essential trades depend on Pell Grants to access their education. However, proposed reductions in training hours would jeopardize their eligibility for this crucial financial aid, making it difficult for them to follow their career paths.

Pell Grants serve as a lifeline, especially for passionate students in fields like cosmetology and wellness who can't afford the costs on their own. **Our goal is to broaden access to education and financial aid without increasing mandatory hours for everyone.** By creating an additional pathway with more training hours for those who choose it, Florida can continue supporting students who rely on Pell Grants to succeed in their fields.

### Why it Matters

Expanding educational pathways directly benefits Florida's economy by ensuring that students in a range of essential trades receive comprehensive training. Students who maintain access to Pell Grants are more likely to complete their programs, fill vital roles in the workforce, and support local businesses.

These skilled graduates help prevent service gaps in essential fields from cosmetology to medical assistance, contributing to a robust workforce that meets the needs of our growing state. By preserving educational options and financial aid, Florida invests in a resilient economy built on a well-trained, empowered workforce.

As one example, Florida's esthetician program limits students to 220 hours of education, while programs in other states require over three times as many hours.



To qualify for higher-paying jobs, students need more hours and hands-on experience to build the skills employers demand. Florida must set students up for successful careers by providing access to a quality education with adequate training time. Offering students the option to take additional hours ensures they remain eligible for Pell Grants, keeping education affordable while preparing them for well-paying opportunities. By creating pathways to advanced training, we empower students to succeed, support local businesses, and build a stronger, more skilled workforce — all without increasing mandatory hours for everyone.

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