

SOLVING FLORIDA'S HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT PROBLEM

With the Help of Florida Public Libraries

FL Dropouts Age 25+
2.5+ MILLION¹



High School Dropouts Are More Likely To²



Live in Poverty



Be Unemployed



Go to Prison



Be a Burden on
Taxpayers

PER 1,000 GRADUATES



\$200+ MILLION
INCREASED LIFETIME EARNINGS³

760+

NEW POSTSECONDARY STUDENTS⁴



WORKFORCE-BASED ONLINE ADULT HIGH SCHOOL

Florida Public Libraries Deliver High School Graduates



Scholarship Program Offered In: **40 FL LIBRARIES**



THE RESULTS



1,000+ Graduates
as of August 2022

\$957 MILLION+
LIFETIME CONTRIBUTION
TO LOCAL ECONOMY⁵

76%

OF

Graduates Are COLLEGE-BOUND⁴



¹U.S. Census Bureau, 2019

²World Education Organization

³Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020

⁴Smart Horizons Career Online Education, graduate exit surveys, 2009–2021

⁵Alliance for Excellent Education, 2017

