Welcome to Virtual College Week

Do You Qualify for a Bright Scholarship?
October 3, 2018
4:00 p.m. E.T.
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New this year!!!!!

After this session you will receive a follow-up email from virtualcollegenight.org with information about applying for three $1,000.00 scholarships being awarded by the Florida Association of Educational Data Systems!
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Agenda

• Bright Futures:
  • Home Screen
  • Initial Eligibility Requirements
  • Evaluation Process and Award Notifications
• Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)
Bright Futures Home Screen

www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org
Select **State Grants, Scholarships and Applications**
State Scholarship and Grant Programs

Florida Student Scholarship Grant Programs

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Eligible Institutions
High Schools:
Verify if your high school is a participating Florida public or private high school.

Postsecondary Institutions:
Verify if the postsecondary institution you are planning to attend is eligible to disburse state aid.

Access to Better Learning and Education Grant
Baccalaureate Scholarship Program (FAQ)
Bright Futures Scholarship
Effective Access to Student Education
First Generation Matching Grant
Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship
Florida Student Assistance Grant - Career Education
Florida Work Experience Program
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Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship
Minority Teacher Education Scholarship
Rosewood Family Scholarship
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Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

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End-of-Year Reports - (Archives)
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Navigating Your Financial Future
State Scholarship and Grant Calendar

Statutes and Rules
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State Board of Education Rules
Legislative Changes
Postsecondary Compliance Audits
Postsecondary Eligibility Requirements

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Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program establishes lottery-funded scholarships to reward Florida high school graduates for high academic achievement.

Bright Futures Student Handbook

Chapter 1: Initial Eligibility
- Requirements for Scholarship Types (FAS, FMS, GSC, GSV)
- Non-Traditional Students (home-educated, GED, mid-year, out-of-state)

Chapter 2: Scholarship Information
- Length of Scholarship Award
- Award Amounts (FPPAS/BPPFMS Private)
- Transferring the Scholarship between Institutions

Chapter 3: Renewal Eligibility
- Renewal Requirements
- Reinstatement/Restoration Requirements

Additional Resources
- Bright Futures Flyer
- Bright Futures Brochure
- Bright Futures Course Table (BFCT)
- Bright Futures Credit Hour Renewal Requirement Interactive Tool

Resources
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- Florida Medallion Scholarship (FMS)
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Bright Futures
Initial Eligibility Requirements
General Requirements

• Be a Florida resident and a U. S. citizen or eligible noncitizen, as determined by the student’s postsecondary institution

• Complete the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) no later than August 31 after high school graduation

• Earn a standard Florida high school diploma or its equivalent from a Florida public high school or a registered private high school
General Requirements (Continued)

• Not have been found guilty of, or pled nolo contendere to, a felony charge

• Be accepted by and enroll in a degree or certificate program at an eligible Florida public or independent postsecondary institution within two years of high school graduation

• Enroll in at least six non-remedial semester hours (or the equivalent in quarter or clock hours) per term
Bright Futures Scholarship
Program Awards

Students may receive funding for ONE of the award levels:
• Florida Academic Scholars Award (FAS)
• Florida Medallion Scholars Award (FMS)
• Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars (GSC)
• Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV)
Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) and Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) Award Requirements

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<th>Type</th>
<th>16 High School Course Credits</th>
<th>High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA</th>
<th>College Entrance Exams (ACT®/SAT®)</th>
<th>Service Hours</th>
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<td>FAS</td>
<td>4 - English\n(three must include substantial writing)\n4 - Mathematics\n(at or above the Algebra I level)\n3 - Natural Science\n(two must have substantial laboratory)</td>
<td>3.50</td>
<td>29/1290</td>
<td>100 hours</td>
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<td>FMS</td>
<td>3 - Social Science\n2 - World Language\n(sequential, in same language)</td>
<td>3.00</td>
<td>26/1170</td>
<td>75 hours</td>
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1 The required coursework aligns with the State University System admission requirements found in regulation 6.002.
2 SAT® score requirement is applicable to both the former SAT® and the redesigned SAT® introduced in 2016.
Section 1009.531 (4), Florida Statutes

Public high school student report cards must contain a disclosure that the Grade Point Average (GPA) calculated for purposes of the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program may differ from the GPA on the report card.
Grade Point Average

Evaluation for Bright Futures includes an unrounded, weighted high school Grade Point Average (GPA) (calculated to two decimal places) in the 16 college-preparatory credits.

The following courses are weighted .25 per semester course or .50 per year course in calculation of the GPA:

- Advanced Placement (AP)
- Pre-International Baccalaureate (Pre-IB)
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Pre-Advance International Certificate of Education (Pre-AICE)
- Advance International Certificate of Education (AICE)
- Dual Enrollment
- Honors
College Entrance Exams (ACT/SAT)

Students must meet the scores set in statute for either the SAT or ACT.

Tests taken through June 30 of high school graduation year are accepted for evaluation purposes.

Students will be evaluated based on official test scores from the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) repository. To ensure OSFA obtains official test scores:

• Ensure demographics on test registration and high school transcript match; and

• Request official test scores be sent to one of Florida’s state universities, when registering for the ACT/SAT.
Service Hours

• Students must complete service hours during high school and by high school graduation.

• Each district school board and the administration of a nonpublic school must establish approved activities and the process for documentation of service hours.

• Total service hours completed must be reflected on student transcript submissions.
Other Ways to Qualify

Students who have demonstrated academic merit through a recognition program may be eligible for Bright Futures without having to meet one or more of the requirements.

Note: Both AICE and IB Diplomas must be earned prior to high school graduation.

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<th>Bright Futures Award</th>
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Gold Seal CAPE Scholars (GSC) Award Requirements

Florida high school students who wish to qualify for the Florida Gold Seal CAPE (GSC) award must meet the following initial eligibility requirements:

• Earn a minimum of 5 postsecondary credit hours through CAPE industry certifications which articulate for college credit

• Complete 30 service hours
Gold Seal CAPE Scholars (GSC)

GSC may be funded if enrolled in a career education or certificate program.

Upon completion of an associate in science degree program that articulates to a bachelor of science degree, a GSC Scholar may also receive an award for a maximum of 60 credit hours toward a bachelor of science degree program.

Upon completion of an associate in applied science program, a GSC Scholar may also receive an award for a maximum of 60 credit hours toward a bachelor of applied science degree program.
Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV) Award Requirements

• Achieve the required weighted minimum 3.0 GPA in the non-elective high school courses

• Take at least 3 full credits in a single Career and Technical Education program

• Achieve the required minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA in the career education courses

• Achieve the required minimum score on the ACT®, SAT® or Florida Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (P.E.R.T.) exams

• Complete 30 service hours
Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV) Award Requirements (Continued)

Required minimum score table:

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<th>Exam Type</th>
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<td>P.E.R.T. (Only applies to the GSV Scholarship)</td>
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Required test scores follow those established by State Board Rule 6.4-10.0315.
Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV)

GSV Scholars awards may only be used at postsecondary institutions that offer:

• Applied Technology Diploma
• Technical Degree Education Program (associate in applied science or associate in science)
• Career Education Certificate Program
Bright Futures Evaluation Process and Award Notification
Evaluation Periods

• There are two evaluation periods:
  • Early Evaluation
  • Final Evaluation

• Transcripts should be submitted within 30 days of the end of each semester.
Early Evaluation

Students cannot lose an award based on early evaluation unless they fail to earn a standard Florida high school diploma from a Florida public or FDOE-registered private high school.

Early Evaluation is based on:

• Required coursework and GPA through 7th semester
• Coursework in progress for 8th semester
• Service hours earned through January 31
• Test scores for tests taken through January 31
Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)
Application Dates

• The *Florida Financial Aid Application* (FFAA) is open from **October 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019**

• Students must complete the FFAA no later than **August 31** for Bright Futures

• Students must complete the FFAA no later than **April 1** for:
  • José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant (JM)
  • Rosewood Family Scholarship (RFS)
  • Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased of Disabled Veterans (CSDDV)
  • Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship (FFSS)
Application Two-Step Process

Completing the FFAA is a two-step process:
1. Create a Student Account
2. Complete the FFAA
Step 1. Create Student Account

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Create Student Account (Continued)
Login Credentials

You have successfully completed your profile. Please click here to submit your Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA).

If you are unable to submit your application at this time, please write down your login credentials shown below. The information below has also been emailed to you.

User ID -
Password -

You will be redirected from this page into your student account in <28 seconds>. 
Step 2. Complete and Submit Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)
DON'T FORGET TO "SUBMIT" YOUR APPLICATION BELOW

By submitting this application:

- I certify that I am the applicant named on this application and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contained on this application is true, complete, and correct.
- I understand it is my responsibility to supply accurate information and inform OSFA immediately of any changes.
- I understand that falsification of information in order to receive state financial aid awards is a misdemeanor of the second degree.

After clicking "Submit" button below, your application process will be completed!

- You will be forwarded to a "Saved Results" page.
- "Saved Results" page is your receipt of application submission & contains your Login Credentials.
- We recommend you retain a copy of your "Saved Results" page.

Submit

To avoid errors or delays in processing your application, CLICK "Submit" only ONE-TIME
Successful Submission

Your Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) has been created successfully. Please review a summary of your application on the Results tab.
Results

Based on your Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) responses, the table below displays the program(s) for which you will receive an evaluation. If you need to make updates to your FFAA, select “Update Student Application”.

For more information about State Scholarship and Grant Programs that do not require an application, please review the program Fact Sheets and contact your financial aid office for more information.

No programs available. Please click on Ineligible Reason to see the Reasons.

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It is your responsibility to review your account information on a regular basis to track your application progress and make updates. To do so, use the “View Certification” link provided in the table below or the “View Financial Aid Recipient History (FARH)” link at the bottom of this page.

View Financial Aid Recipient History (FARH)  Return to Student Menu
For More Information

- Visit www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org
- Contact Customer Service 888-827-2004
- Email OSFA@fldoe.org
- www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/FASTER/
- FSTR@fldoe.org
Questions.........
Don’t forget to follow @FLShines on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to learn who the SWAG BAG winners are!
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