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Earn a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship
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Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
Initial Eligibility
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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

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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 five 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 by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/SAT®)</th>
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<td>FAS</td>
<td>4 - English (three must include substantial writing) 4 - Mathematics (at or above the Algebra I level) 3 - Natural Science (two must have substantial laboratory)</td>
<td>3.50</td>
<td>2019-20 Graduates: 29/1290 2020-21 Graduates: 29/1330</td>
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<td>FMS</td>
<td>3 - Social Science 2 - World Language (sequential, in same language)</td>
<td>3.00</td>
<td>2019-20 Graduates: 26/1170 2020-21 Graduates: 25/1210</td>
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1 The required coursework aligns with the State University System admission requirements found in Florida Board of Governor’s Regulation 6.002.
Student Report Cards

Section 1009.531 (4), Florida Statutes

Public high school student report cards for 11 and 12 grades 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, even if the student plans to attend an institution which is not a state university.
Service Hours

• Students must complete and turn in 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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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 and turn in 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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<td>Mathematics</td>
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Required test scores follow those established by Rule 6A-10.0315, Florida Administrative Rule.
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
Final Evaluation

Final Evaluation is based on:

• All required coursework and GPA completed by high school graduation
• Service hours completed by high school graduation
• Test scores for all tests taken through June 30 of high school graduation
• High school graduation date associated with earning a standard diploma
Eligibility Notifications

• Upon creation of a Student Account, students will receive a USER ID and Password
• OSFA will post official award eligibility or ineligibility determinations to student online accounts
• Students must check their online account for award notices
• Students awarded IB or AICE Diplomas will receive notifications of eligibility determination in early fall after a list of IB and AICE Diploma recipients has been received. These students must have filled out a FFAA prior to August 31 to receive the award.
Award Amounts

• FAS attending a public institution will receive an award to cover 100% of tuition and applicable fees and $300 for both fall and spring semesters for additional expenses.

• FMS attending a public institution will receive an award to cover 75% of tuition and applicable fees.

• FAS and FMS students attending a nonpublic institution will receive a comparable amount as noted in the Private Award Chart accessible through the Bright Futures Student Handbook, Chapter 2, page 4.
Award Amounts (Continued)

• For the GSC and GSV awards, students will receive the specified award amounts established annually by the Florida Legislature in the General Appropriations Act.

• For current year award amounts, visit http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/bf/bfmain.htm
Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)
Application Dates

• The *Florida Financial Aid Application* (FFAA) is open from October 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020

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

• Students must complete the FFAA no later than April 1 before graduation 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
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**NOTE:** We recommend downloading the newest version of your preferred browser for the best experience. (Chrome, Firefox, Microsoft Edge, Safari)
Create Student Account (Continued)
Twin Profiles

Warning

A profile already exists with this SSN or with similar demographics. Please do not create a duplicate profile. For assistance, contact OSFA at 888-827-2004.

Submit

Please enter your Twin's SSN

Twin's Gender

Submit

Please call the customer support!!!

Submit
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.

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)

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:

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- **Password** -

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<td>Have you ever been found guilty of, or entered a plea of nolo contendere to, a felony charge in an adult proceeding (non-delinquency proceeding), and you have NOT been granted clemency by the Governor and Cabinet sitting as the Executive Office of Clemency? Note, a minor child whose delinquent act or violation of law that otherwise qualified as a felony charge which was resolved by an adjudication of delinquency pursuant to Section 985.35, Florida Statutes, shall not be deemed a felony conviction.</td>
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<td>Are you a dependent child or spouse of a veteran who has been classified as deceased or 100% disabled, Prisoner of War, or Missing in Action by the Department of Veterans Affairs?</td>
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<td>Are you the descendant of a family member that was affected by the Rosewood Incident in Florida during the 1920's?</td>
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<td>Are you or one of your natural parents are Hispanic-American, or of Spanish culture?</td>
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<td>Are you a farmworker or dependent child of a farmworker as defined in section 420.503(10)(a), Florida Statutes?</td>
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Academic Background

FLORIDA FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

Academic Background - High School Enrollment

* Will you graduate or have you graduated from a Florida high school, Home Education program, or with a GED?
  - Yes
  - No

Select your Florida high school graduation option:
  - Public
  - Private

Select the Florida district where you will graduate with a high school diploma, complete a Home Education program, or GED diploma:
  - Leon

Select the Florida high school where you will graduate with a high school diploma, complete a Home Education program, or GED diploma:
  - Florida State University School: 200 School House Rd, Tallahassee, 32317-2695

Provide the name of the out of state high school last attended:

Academic Background - Postsecondary Plans

* Have you or will you have earned a baccalaureate degree prior to the fall term of the 2020-21 academic year?
  - No
  - Yes

* In Fall of 2020, I will be classified as:
  - Freshman (First Time in College)

* What is the location and name of the primary postsecondary institution you are planning to attend?
  - In-state school
  - Out-of-state school

If your primary institution is not listed, enter the institution's name here:

Your Florida Financial Aid Application information may be sent to additional postsecondary institutions. You may select up to four additional institutions that you are considering attending:

- Florida Gulf Coast University
- Florida A&M University
- Big Bend Technical College
- Edward Waters College
- Brenau University
Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans (CSDDV)
José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant

From the drop-down menu, please select the Hispanic country/territory of the Caribbean (e.g. Cuba, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico), Central or South America where you or one of your natural parents were born:

If you are awarded a José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant, do you give the Florida Department of Education permission to release your name, address, phone number, country of origin and postsecondary institution of choice to the José Martí Foundation which helps to fund this scholarship?

--SELECT--

Next
Rosewood Family Scholarship

In order for the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) to verify your ancestor’s information, you are required to provide your ancestor’s name below by the April 1 program deadline in order to receive a timely evaluation. If you select "I Do Not Know", you must provide the requested information by the April 1 program deadline to be considered a timely applicant.

For the ancestor’s name you provided, you must provide documented proof sufficient to establish you as a Rosewood descendant. These documents may include birth certificates, death certificates, marriage licenses, obituaries, and church records. Copies of these documents must be postmarked on or before April 1. Without these documents, the name you are providing cannot be certified for this program. You must send copies of required documents to:

Florida Department of Education  
Office of Student Financial Assistance  
Rosewood Family Scholarship Program  
325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1314  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400

Next
Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship Program

In order for the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) to verify you or your parent's farmworker status, you are required to answer the following questions by the April 1 program deadline in order to receive a timely evaluation. If you select "I Do Not Know", you must provide the requested information by the April 1 program deadline to be considered a timely applicant.

Enter information for the qualifying farmworker(s):

Are you, the applicant, a farmworker?

- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

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Submit/Acknowledgement

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
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.

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.
For More Information

- Contact Customer Service 888-827-2004
- Email [OSFA@fldoe.org](mailto:OSFA@fldoe.org)
- [FSTR@fldoe.org](mailto:FSTR@fldoe.org)
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