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Bright Futures Scholarship Qualifications
October 25, 2017
5:00 p.m.
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Objectives

By the end of this session, participants will:

• Be able to locate the Bright Futures Scholarship Program initial eligibility requirements

• Understand specific Bright Futures Scholarship award level requirements and the evaluations process

• Know how to apply for a Bright Futures Scholarship award and monitor award status
State Scholarship and Grant Programs

Florida Student Scholarship and Grant Programs

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STATE SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT PROGRAMS

The Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA), administers a variety of state-funded grants and scholarships to assist Florida residents with the cost of their postsecondary education. Below is a list of grant and scholarship programs administered by OSFA. Students must submit a completed Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) to OSFA for programs denoted by an asterisk (*).

Access to Better Learning and Education (ABLE) Grant
Benacquisto Scholarship Program
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Bright Futures Scholarship*
First Generation Matching Grant
Florida Resident Access Grant (FRAG)
Florida Student Assistance Grant (FSAG)
Florida Public Postsecondary Career Education Student Assistance Grant
Florida Work Experience Program
José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant*
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.

2017 Bright Futures Florida Legislative Changes

**Bright Futures Student Handbook:**

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

Chapter 2: Information to Know Now That You Are Eligible
- Length of the Scholarship Award
- Award Amounts
- Transferring the Scholarship between Institutions

Chapter 3: Renewing Your Award
- Renewal Requirements
- Reinstatement Requirements
- Restoration Requirements
- Institutional Appeal Process

Other Bright Futures Resources:
- Bright Futures Brochure
- Chart of Eligibility and Award Criteria
- Bright Futures Award Amounts (BFFAS_Private)
How To Apply

• The *Florida Financial Aid Application* (FFAA) is open from October 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018

• Students must complete the FFAA no later than August 31 of high school graduation

• Students only need to submit **ONE** application and updates/changes can be made as necessary

• Go to the Office of Student Financial Assistance Website [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org)
  • Select **State Grants, Scholarships & Applications**
  • Select the **Applications and Updates** tab
  • Select the **Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)** link
Initial Eligibility Requirements

General Requirements

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

• Complete the FFAA no later than August 31

• Earn a standard Florida high school diploma or its equivalent from a Florida public high school or a registered private high school
Initial Eligibility Requirements

General Requirements

• 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 Bright Futures Scholarship awards:

• Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)
• Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)
• Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV)
• Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars (GSC)
FAS/FMS Award Requirements

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<th>College Entrance Exams (ACT®/SAT®)</th>
<th>Service Hours</th>
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<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>
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<td>FMS</td>
<td>3 - Social Science 2 - World Language (sequential, in same language)</td>
<td>3.00</td>
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College Entrance Exams (ACT/SAT)

Deadlines (test taken by):
• January 31 for Early Evaluation
• June 30 for Final Evaluation
Other Ways to Qualify

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

Note: Both AICE and IB Diplomas must be earned prior to high school graduation (August 31).

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Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV) must meet the following initial eligibility requirements:

- Meet the General Requirements for Bright Futures
- Achieve the required weighted minimum 3.0 GPA in the non-elective high school courses
- Take at least three 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 (see table on next slide)
- Complete 30 service hours
Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV) College Entrance Exams Requirements

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<td>P.E.R.T. (Only applies to the GSV Scholarship)</td>
<td>Reading</td>
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Required test scores follow those established by State Board Rule 6A-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
Gold Seal CAPE Scholars (GSC) Award Requirements

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

• Meet the General Requirements for Bright Futures
• Earn a minimum of five postsecondary credit hours through CAPE industry certifications which articulate for college credit
• Complete 30 service hours
Gold Seal CAPE Scholars (GSC)

- GSC Scholars awards may only be used to fund 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 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 receive an award for a maximum of 60 credit hours toward a bachelor of applied science degree program
Early and Final Evaluations

Evaluations are completed twice a year.

• Early Evaluation determination is based on:
  • Required coursework and GPA through the first half of the senior year (7th semester)
  • Coursework in progress for 8th semester
  • Service hours completed by January 31
  • College Entrance Exam scores for test taken through January 31

• Final Evaluation determination is based on:
  • Required coursework and GPA through the end of senior year (8th semester)
  • Service hours completed by high school graduation
  • Test scores for all tests taken through June 30
Eligibility Notifications

• Students will receive a USER ID and Password to their Financial Aid Recipient History (FARH) screen after submitting an FFAA

• Student must check their FARH for award status
Applications and Updates

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APPLICATIONS AND UPDATES

STUDENTS

Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) (for new applicants) [2018-19 Printable Blank Application]

RETURNING STUDENTS,
LOGIN HERE TO:

- Update an existing Florida Financial Aid Application
- Submit/Update Reinstatement/Restoration Application
- Check the status of your application, online notifications, and award history
- Update demographics, including the institution you currently attend/plan to attend
Section 1009.531(4), Florida Statutes

Public high school student report cards must contain a disclosure that the grade point average calculated for purposes of the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program may differ from the grade point average on the report card.
Students will receive the specified award amounts established annually by the Florida Legislature in the General Appropriations Act.

Funding begins the fall following high school graduation and the postsecondary institution determines disbursement dates.

For More Information

• Visit www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org
• Contact Customer Service 888-827-2004
  • Email OSFA@fldoe.org

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Questions..........
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