

Step Into Your Future!

The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program has helped more than 725,000 Florida students attend a postsecondary institution. Bright Futures awards include: Florida Academic Scholars award (FAS), Florida Medallion Scholars award (FMS), Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars award (GSC) and the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award (GSV).



STEP

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Go to www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsq.org/SAPBFMAIN/SAPBFMAIN to find out how to qualify for a Bright Futures Scholarship.

STEP

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Go to www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsq.org and submit a completed, error-free Initial Student Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) during your last year of high school, by graduation.

STEP

3

Make the grade, earn the score...and graduate! The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program is created to establish a lottery-funded scholarship program to reward any Florida high school graduate who merits recognition of high academic achievement. The graduate must enroll in a degree program, certificate program or applied technology program at an eligible Florida public or private postsecondary education institution.

STEP

4

Know your responsibilities...apply, meet the requirements before graduation and throughout your college career. (Requirements are subject to change with each Florida Legislative session.)

Office of Student Financial Assistance website: www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsq.org

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Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
Florida Academic Scholarship (FAS) / Florida Medallion Scholarship (FMS)
2019-20

Initial Eligibility Requirements: (As determined by the Department of Education)

1. Submit the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) no later than August 31 after high school graduation,
2. Complete the 16 college-preparatory courses required for admission to a state university,
3. Achieve the required weighted GPA in the 16 college-preparatory courses per chart below,
4. Complete the required number of service hours per chart below, and
5. Achieve the required combined ACT® or composite SAT® score per chart below.

Type	16 High School Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/SAT®)	Service Hours
FAS	4 - English <i>(three must include substantial writing)</i>	3.50	2019-20 Graduates: 29/1290	100 hours
	4 - Mathematics <i>(at or above the Algebra I level)</i>		2020-21 Graduates: 29/1330	
	3 - Natural Science <i>(two must have substantial laboratory)</i>			
FMS	3 - Social Science	3.00	2019-20 Graduates: 26/1170	75 hours
	2 - World Language <i>(sequential, in same language)</i>		2020-21 Graduates: 25/1210	

¹ The required coursework aligns with the State University System admission requirements found in Florida Board of Governors regulation 6.002.

Requirements to Receive an Award: (As determined by the postsecondary institution)

1. Evaluated by Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) as meeting the initial eligibility requirements
2. Graduated with a standard high school diploma or its equivalent
3. Be a Florida resident and U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen
4. Enroll as a degree- or certificate-seeking student at a Florida institution in at least 6 non-remedial semester credit hours

Renewal Requirements: (As determined by grade and hours submitted by the postsecondary institution)

1. Students must earn the number of credit hours based on the student's enrollment type per term, and
2. The renewal cumulative GPA requirements are outlined in the table below.

	Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)	Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)
Minimum Cumulative GPA (unrounded and unweighted)	3.0	2.75

For detailed information, including other ways to qualify, please refer to the Bright Futures Student Handbook.

These eligibility requirements are subject to change with each legislative session.

The student is responsible for tracking application and award status online and ensuring that funding for an academic year is accurate by contacting their institution's financial aid office.

**Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship (GSV)
2019-20**

Initial Eligibility Requirements: (As determined by the Department of Education)

1. Submit the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) no later than August 31 after high school graduation,
2. Achieve the required weighted 3.0 GPA in the non-elective high school courses,
3. Take at least 3 full credits in a single Career and Technical Education program,
4. Achieve the required minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA in the career education courses,
5. Complete 30 service hours, and
6. Achieve the required minimum scores on one of the college entrance exams per the chart below.

Exam Type	Sub-test	Required Score
ACT*	Reading	19
	English	17
	Mathematics	19
SAT*	Reading Test	24
	Writing and Language Test	25
	Math Test	24
Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (P.E.R.T.)	Reading	106
	Writing	103
	Mathematics	114

Required test scores follow those established by Rule 6A-10.0315, Florida Administrative Rule.

Requirements to Receive an Award: (As determined by your postsecondary institution)

1. Evaluated by Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) as meeting the initial eligibility requirements,
2. Graduated with a standard high school diploma or its equivalent,
3. Be a Florida resident and U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen, and
4. Enroll as a degree- or certificate-seeking student at a Florida institution in at least 6 non-remedial semester credit hours.

Scholarship Restrictions

GSV may only be used at postsecondary institutions that offer an applied technology diploma, technical degree education program (associate in applied science or associate in science), or a career certificate program.

Renewal Requirements: (As determined by grade and hours submitted by your postsecondary institution)

1. Students must earn the number of credit hours based on the student's enrollment type per term, and
2. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative 2.75 GPA (unrounded and unweighted).

For detailed information, please refer to the Bright Futures Student Handbook.

These eligibility requirements are subject to change with each legislative session.

The student is responsible for tracking application and award status online, and ensuring that funding for an academic year is accurate by contacting their institution's financial aid office.

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholarship (GSC)
2019-20

Initial Eligibility Requirements: (As determined by the Department of Education)

1. Submit the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) no later than August 31 after high school graduation,
2. Earn a minimum of 5 postsecondary credit hours through CAPE industry certifications that articulate for college credit, and
3. Complete at least 30 service hours.

Eligible CAPE Certifications:

<http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7525/urlt/goldstandardarticulationindex.xls>

Requirements to Receive an Award: (As determined by your postsecondary institution)

1. Evaluated by Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) as meeting the initial eligibility requirements,
2. Graduated with a standard high school diploma or its equivalent,
3. Be a Florida resident and U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen, and
4. Enroll as a degree- or certificate-seeking student at a Florida institution in at least 6 non-remedial semester credit hours.

Scholarship Restrictions

Until a student has earned an eligible associate degree, Gold Seal CAPE (GSC) scholarships may only be used at postsecondary institutions that offer an applied technology diploma, technical degree education program (associate in applied science or associate in science), or a career certificate program.

Upon completion of an eligible associate degree program, a GSC Scholar may also receive an award for a maximum of 60 credit hours toward an eligible baccalaureate degree.

Renewal Requirements: (As determined by grade and hours submitted by your postsecondary institution)

1. Students must earn the number of credit hours based on the student's enrollment type per term, and
2. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative 2.75 GPA (unrounded and unweighted).

For detailed information, please refer to the Bright Futures Student Handbook.

These eligibility requirements are subject to change with each legislative session.

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The IB Diploma Programme and the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship

The Florida Legislature is authorized each year to change eligibility and funding requirements of the Bright Futures scholarship. Florida law recognizes **both** the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme Diploma and the IB curriculum as methods of qualifying for a Bright Futures Florida Academic or Medallion Scholars award.¹

Note: Filing a Florida Financial Aid Application and FAFSA is required.

Students can begin completing their Florida Financial Aid Application to qualify for a Bright Futures scholarship October 1 of their senior year (Grade 12).

<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/PDF/BFHandbookChapter1.pdf>

To qualify for the **Florida Academic Scholars** award with the IB Programme **Diploma**:

- ◆ Earn the IB Diploma
- ◆ No SAT or ACT test score requirement
- ◆ Community service hours (150 CAS hours) are recognized by virtue of the Diploma award*
- ◆ DP exam re-takes that result in the IB Diploma will not be considered for Bright Futures eligibility

To qualify for the **Florida Academic Scholars** award with the IB Programme **curriculum**:

- ◆ Complete the IB Programme curriculum requirements as determined by the Florida Department of Education – No minimum coursework GPA required
- ◆ Meet the appropriate SAT or ACT test score (2019-2020 cohort 1290 SAT/29 ACT)
- ◆ Earn 100 community service hours*

To qualify for the **Florida Medallion Scholars** award with the IB Programme **curriculum**:

- ◆ Complete the IB Programme curriculum requirements as determined by the Florida Department of Education – No minimum coursework GPA required
- ◆ Meet the appropriate SAT or ACT test score (2019-2020 cohort 1170 SAT/26 ACT)
- ◆ Earn 75 community service hours*

*The community service requirement is no longer automatically satisfied by completing the CAS portion of the IB Curriculum. As of 2017, IB changes in CAS warrant documentation of the community service hours by the school center. All students completing the IB curriculum must achieve 150 via their CAS hours and document their progress with the school. The Coordinator ensures that the International Baccalaureate communicates CAS completion to the Bright Futures office.

The IB curriculum by definition is the completion of a minimum of 10 credits identified by the International Baccalaureate as follows:

- ◆ Two credits in three of the following areas; and one credit in each of the remaining three areas: Language Arts, World Language, Social Studies, Science, Mathematics, and Arts/Electives. Each of these credits must be in an IB or Advanced Placement® course. Pre-IB courses do not meet IB curriculum requirements
- ◆ One credit in Theory of Knowledge
- ◆ Complete the Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) requirement, which includes a minimum 150 hours of community service completed in grades 11-12
- ◆ Complete the Extended Essay

¹ Florida Statute §1009.534; §1009.535; State Board of Education Rule 6A-20.028.