



BRIGHT FUTURES

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WHAT IS IT?

- + Lottery funded scholarship
- + Awards based on high academic achievement
- + Four different award levels, each with its own requirements
- + For Florida students, to be used at Florida institutions



Initial Eligibility Requirements

- + Be a FL resident and a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen
- + Complete the Florida Financial Aid Application by August 31 after high school graduation
- + Earn a standard Florida high school diploma or its equivalent from a FL public high school or a registered FDOE private school; or complete a home education program
- + Must not be found guilty of, or plead no contest to, a felony charge
- + Enroll in a minimum of 6 non-remedial semester credit hours or the equivalent per term
- + Begin using the scholarship within 5 years of graduation (military or religious deferment)

Scholarship Types

- + Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)
- + Florida Merit Scholars (FMS)
- + Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV)
- + Gold Seal CAPE Scholars (GSC)



FAS & FMS Specific Requirements

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> 4 - Mathematics <i>(at or above the Algebra I level)</i> 3 - Natural Science <i>(two must have substantial laboratory)</i>	3.50	2019-20 Graduates: 29/1290 2020-21 Graduates: 29/1330	100 hours
FMS	3 - Social Science 2 - World Language <i>(sequential, in same language)</i>	3.00	2019-20 Graduates: 26/1170 2020-21 Graduates: 25/1210	75 hours

¹ The required coursework aligns with the State University System admission requirements found in Florida Board of Governor's Regulation 6.002.

Other Ways to Qualify for FAS/FMS

Merit Recognition Program	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/SAT®)		Service Hours	Bright Futures Award
	2019-20	2020-21		
National Merit® Finalists and Scholars			100 hours	FAS
			75 hours	FMS
National Hispanic Scholars			100 hours	FAS
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National Merit Requirements

- + To participate in the National Merit® Scholarship Program, a student must:
 - + take the PSAT/NMSQT® in the specified year of the high school program and no later than junior year
 - + be enrolled as a high school student (traditional or homeschooled), and planning to enroll full time in college no later than the fall following completion of high school
 - + be a citizen of the United States; or be a U.S. lawful permanent resident and intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law
- + Semifinalists are identified based on test results in September and then notified they must meet all requirements explained in the information provided

National Hispanic Scholars Requirements

- + The College Board reaches out to students who:
 - + Take the PSAT/NMSQT in October of their junior year
 - + Are at least one-quarter Hispanic/Latino (indicate on your answer sheet when taking the test)
 - + Achieve the minimum required PSAT/NMSQT Selection Index score
 - + Earn a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher by the middle of their junior year
- + Timeline:
 - + Invited students apply online by July 1
 - + School counselor submits form confirming ethnicity & GPA
 - + September of senior year recognized students are notified

AICE Curriculum Requirements

- + Complete a minimum of 14 AICE credits* in the Diploma Core and 3 academic areas as follows:
 - + Diploma Core – Global Perspectives & Research AS level (2 credits required)
 - + Group 1 – Mathematics & Sciences (2 credits required)
 - + Group 2 – Languages (2 credits required)
 - + Group 3 – Arts & Humanities (2 credits required)
 - + Group 4 – Interdisciplinary Skills (optional – 4 credits maximum)
 - + 6 additional credits in any combination from the above groups

**Students earn one credit by completing the full credit course and another credit by taking the corresponding AICE exam*

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IB Curriculum Requirements

- + Complete a minimum of 10 credits
 - + Two credits each in 3 of the following areas and one credit each in the remaining 3 areas: Language arts, world language, social studies, science, mathematics, arts/electives
 - + One credit in Theory of Knowledge
- + Complete the Creativity, Action, Service (CAS) requirement
- + Complete an extended essay

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GSV Specific Requirements

- + Enroll in a career education or certificate program
- + Achieve weighted minimum 3.0 GPA in non-elective courses
- + Take at least 3 full credits in a single Career & Technical Education program
- + Achieve minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA in the career education courses
- + Achieve the required minimum score on ACT, SAT or PERT
- + Complete 30 service hours

GSV Testing Requirements

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
P.E.R.T. (Only applies to the GSV Scholarship)	Reading	106
	Writing	103
	Mathematics	114

Required test scores follow those established by [State Board of Education Rule 6A-10.0315](#).

GSC Specific Requirements

- + Enroll in a career education or certificate program
- + Earn a minimum of 5 postsecondary credit hours through CAPE industry certifications for college
- + Complete 30 service hours

**Students who earn a GSC award and attain an AS or AAS degree may receive an additional 60 hours of funding toward a qualifying BS or BAS degree program*

GSV/GSC Note

- + Funding for these two can only be used at one of the following programs:
 - + Career Certification Program (PSAV)
 - + Applied Technology Diploma Program (ATD)
 - + Technical Degree Education Program – AS, AAS, or CCC

<http://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/career-technical-edu-agreements/psav-to-aas-as-degree.shtml>

<https://www.palmbeachstate.edu/financialaid/PSAV-CCC.aspx>

Notification of Eligibility

- + Early Evaluations – 7th Semester
 - + Postings in March
- + Final Evaluations – 8th Semester
 - + Postings in July
- + Notification of a student's award will be made available to eligible postsecondary institution(s) via a secured internet directory of eligible students when a student's award status is official
 - + Student will need to update institution as a decision is made

Length of Bright Futures Scholarship

High School Graduation Year	Number of <u>FAS/FMS</u> Hours Funding Available	Number of <u>GSC/GSV</u> Hours Funding Available ¹	Duration of Funding Available ²
2012-13 and thereafter	100% of program of study	100% of program of study, up to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 72 hours (<i>AS, AAS, CCC, or PSAV's</i>)• 60 hours (<i>ATD's</i>)	Up to 5 years from high school graduation

- Up to 5 years from high school graduation for a maximum of 120 semester hours (or equivalent)

Award Amounts

+ FAS Award

- + Amount equal to 100% of tuition and applicable fees at a public postsecondary institution, or comparable amount at a nonpublic institution
- + Students will receive an additional amount of \$300 per semester (fall & spring) for additional educational expenses

+ Summer

- + FAS can receive an award amount during the summer session to cover tuition and applicable fees, beginning with the 2018 summer term

Award Amounts

- + FMS Award
 - + Amount equal to 75% of tuition and applicable fees at a public postsecondary institution, or comparable amount at a nonpublic institution
- + Summer
 - + FMS can receive an award during the summer sessions to cover tuition and applicable fees, beginning with the 2019 summer term

Award Amounts

2019-20 Bright Futures Scholarship Per Hour Award Amounts

	Credit Hour Award		Clock Hour Award
	Semester	Quarter	
Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV) & Gold Seal CAPE Scholars (GSC)			
Career Certificate Program (PSAV)	\$39	\$26	\$1.30
Applied Technology Diploma Program (ATD)	\$39	\$26	\$1.30
Technical Degree Education Program (AS, AAS, CCC)	\$48	\$32	\$1.60
Bachelors of Science (BS)* Bachelors of Applied Science (BAS)*	\$48	\$32	

* GSC recipients who earn a qualifying A.S. or A.A.S degree may receive an award toward a qualifying B.S. or B.A.S. degree.

Additional Points...

- + STUDENTS MUST APPLY! Application is through OSFA; one application covers other state funded scholarships
- + Application window opens October 1
- + Students wishing to graduate in December and attend college in the spring must submit their applications before August 31 PRIOR to graduation
- + BF can be deferred if a student enlists in the military, or engages in a religious or service obligation lasting at least 18 months
- + Community Service must be completed before graduation
- + Testing (SAT/ACT) must be completed before June 30 after graduation
- + BF can only be used at qualifying postsecondary FL private & public schools

Additional Points...

- + A maximum of 45 semester hours may be funded in one academic year
- + No remedial coursework is funded
- + Students do not receive funds directly from the FDOE
- + Students must reimburse the postsecondary institution for the cost of courses dropped or withdrawn after the initial drop/add period
- + All hours are paid at the undergraduate level
- + All requirements are subject to change with EACH legislative session

Student Responsibilities

- + Complete application as early as possible
- + Ensure application demographics match the school district information
- + Retake ACT/SAT as necessary
- + Ensure ACT/SAT demographics are accurate
- + Confirm community service hours
- + Maintain GPA in academic courses
- + Update college/university as plans change

District Responsibilities

- + 2 Transcript uploads
 - + End of January/February for Early Evaluation
 - + End of June for Final Evaluation
- + Monitor error reports and advise school sites

School Site

- + Monitor and advise qualifying students who haven't completed the application
- + Complete additional individual uploads as necessary
- + Troubleshoot transcript and application issues

Important Links

- + Application-FFAA

- + <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/home/ApplyHere.asp>

- + Qualifying postsecondary schools-public & private

- + <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/home/PostSecondaryInstitutions.asp>

Questions?

