

**2017-2018
BEST &
BRIGHTEST
Teacher Scholarship Program**

A Scholarship Program established by Florida Legislature to reward Florida's teachers who have been evaluated as highly effective and who have earned college entrance exam scores that indicate they were exceptionally well prepared for college level coursework.

Through this scholarship, qualifying teachers may be eligible to earn a monetary award for the 2017-2018 school year.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ◆ Be a classroom teacher as defined in s.1012.01(2)(a), F.S.
- ◆ Teachers must have a composite score on the ACT that is at or above the 80th percentile or must have both a Critical Reading and Mathematics score on the SAT at or above the 80th percentile based on the rank in effect when the teacher took the assessment.
- ◆ Have been evaluated as highly effective for the 2016-17 school year pursuant to s. 1012.34; or
- ◆ If the teacher is newly hired and has not been evaluated pursuant to s. 1012.34, he or she must have scored at or above the 80th percentile on either the SAT or ACT based upon the percentile ranks in effect when the teacher took the assessment.
- ◆ **For more information on the State of Florida's Best & Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program, refer to the "Question & Answer" file in the District Website.**

APPLICATION

Were you a Best & Brightest recipient for the 2015-16 or the 2016-17 school year? Yes _____ No _____

Is this your first year teaching in Florida? Yes _____ No _____

Employee's Name _____ Employee ID Number _____ Position Title _____

Facility Number _____ Facility Name _____

Educator's Certification Number (located on state-issued teaching certificate) _____

I hereby certify that the information provided by me in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand and agree that any false information, misrepresentation, or omission of facts in this application and the application process may result in ineligibility and/or disciplinary action. I further understand and agree that all information furnished in this application and the application process may be verified by The School District of Osceola County, Florida and The Florida Department of Education.

Employee's Signature _____ Date _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

All payments to teachers from this program are subject to payroll and income tax withholding.

Eligible teachers will receive their scholarship by April 1, 2018.

Documents must be submitted to The School District of Osceola County's designee **no later than close of business on December 1, 2017.**

Eligible applicants must send a signed, original copy of this application AND an official record that clearly identifies an eligible score on his or her SAT or ACT demonstrating the defined criteria to:

Thomas Phelps
Deputy Superintendent, Human Services
Email: Bestandbrightest@osceola.k12.fl.us
Department of Human Resources & Employee Relations
Office Location: Human Resources
799 Bill Beck Boulevard, Building #3
Kissimmee, FL 34744

FOR DISTRICT USE		
Yes	No	Criteria
		1. Applicant is classified as a classroom teacher.
		2. Applicant's SAT or ACT documentation that clearly indicates eligibility for the scholarship.
		3. Notification to applicant that application scores have been received.
		4. Applicant received a highly effective evaluation for the 2016-2017 school year.
		5. Applicant is a newly hired classroom teacher who meets the test score criteria but who has not yet been evaluated per s.1012.34.
		6. Notification to applicant that documents have been approved.
		7. Final award notification.