

Additional Information

- ◆ In order to demonstrate eligibility for an award, a classroom teacher must complete and submit the District's Best & Brightest Scholarship Program application along with the official score report.
- ◆ Documents must be submitted to The School District of Osceola County's designee no later than November 1, 2016.
- ◆ Eligible teachers will receive their scholarship by April 1, 2017.
- ◆ All payments to teachers from this program are subject to payroll and income tax withholding.



For more information on the State of Florida's Best & Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program and to apply, refer to the Osceola School District web-site:

<http://www.osceolaschools.net/>

Osceola District's official application as well as a "Question and Answer" resource document is available to help answer your questions.



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AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

2016-2017

BEST & BRIGHTEST

TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



**In 2015-2016 Osceola
teachers were awarded a
total of \$700,000!**

This is a State funded opportunity. Osceola District Schools is not responsible for funding or program parameters.

What is Florida's BEST & BRIGHTEST?



The State of Florida created the Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program to attract and retain high academic achievers in the teaching profession. This is a State funded opportunity. Osceola County School District is not responsible for funding or program parameters.

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 2016-2017 school year.

How Can I Apply?

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:

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Director of Student Success and Instructional Improvement

Office Location:

Professional Development Learning Center
2320 New Beginnings Road, Building #1
Kissimmee, FL 34744



Eligibility Criteria

- Be a classroom teacher as defined in s. 1012.01(2)(a), F.S.

Instructional personnel that are not included in 1012.01(2)(a), F.S., and therefore are **NOT** eligible to apply are the following:

- Certified School Counselors
 - Social Workers
 - Career Specialists
 - School Psychologists
 - Librarians/Media Specialists
 - Primary Specialists
 - Learning Resource Specialists
 - Instructional Trainers
 - Adjunct Educators
- 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* the for 2015-16 school year pursuant to 1012.34, F.S.; or
 - If the teacher is newly hired and has not been evaluated pursuant to 1012.34, F.S., 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.