

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

## Initial Eligibility for High School Applicants

**The application opens annually on October 1.**

**ACT, SAT, or CLT test scores must be achieved by August 31, 2025.**

### Initial Eligibility Requirements for Florida Academic Scholars and Florida Medallion

1. Submit the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) by August 31 of senior year of high school.
2. Complete the 16 college-preparatory courses required for admission to a state
3. Achieve the required weighted GPA in the 16 college-preparatory courses per chart
4. Complete the required number of service hours per chart
5. Achieve the required combined ACT or composite SAT score per chart

### Initial Eligibility Requirements for Florida Gold Seal Vocational

1. Submit the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) by August 31 of senior year of high school.
2. Achieve the required weighted 3.0 GPA in the non-elective high school
3. Take at least 3 full credits in a single Career and Technical Education
4. Achieve the required minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA in the career education
5. Complete 30 service hours, 100 work paid hours, or a combination of 100 hours
6. Achieve the required minimum scores on one of the college entrance exams per the chart

Florida Academic Scholars Award	Florida Medallion Scholars Award	Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award
100% of tuition and fees at a public institution (or comparable amount at a private institution) and \$300 for fall and spring semesters for educational expenses	75% of tuition and fees at a public institution (or comparable amount at a private institution)	\$39-\$48/credit hour- depending on program *Up to 72 college credit hours in a vocational program of study*
3.5 weighted GPA in the 16 college preparatory credits listed (GPA's are not rounded and weighted 0.5 for AP, DE, IB, and Honors courses)	3.0 weighted GPA in the 16 college preparatory credits listed (GPA's are not rounded and weighted 0.5 for AP, DE, IB, and Honors courses)	3.0 weighted GPA in non-elective courses Complete 3 full CTE credits 3.5 unweighted in a CTE Program
4-English (three must include substantial writing) 4- Mathematics (at or above Algebra I) 3- Natural Science (two must have substantial lab) 3- Social Science 2-World Language (sequential, in same language) <b>16 Total</b>	4-English (three must include substantial writing) 4- Mathematics (at or above Algebra I) 3- Natural Science (two must have substantial lab) 3- Social Science 2-World Language (sequential, in same language) <b>16 Total</b>	4 English 4 Math (must include Algebra 1 and Geometry) 3 Science (one must be Biology 1, two must be equally rigorous science courses) 3 Social Studies (1 World History, 1 U.S. History, .5 U.S. Government, .5 Economics with Financial Literacy) 1 Fine and Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, or Practical Arts* (*specified in course code directory) 1 Physical Education (to include the integration of health)
<b>100</b> Service Hours OR <b>100</b> Work Paid Hours	<b>75</b> Service Hours OR <b>100</b> Work Paid Hours	<b>30</b> Service OR <b>100</b> Work Paid Hours OR <b>100</b> combination hours
<b>Class of 2025 Graduates</b> ACT: 29, CLT: 96, SAT: 1340  <b>Class of 2026 Graduates</b> ACT: 29, CLT: 95, SAT: 1330  Best composite score without writing ACT scores round up .5 or higher	<b>Class of 2025 Graduates</b> ACT: 25, CLT: 84, SAT: 1210  <b>Class of 2026 Graduates</b> ACT: 24, CLT: 82, SAT: 1190  Best composite score without writing ACT scores round up .5 or higher	<b>ACT:</b> Reading 19 English 17 Mathematics 19 <b>SAT:</b> Reading or EBRW 490 Mathematics 480 <b>PERT:</b> Reading 106 Writing 103 Mathematics 114  <b>Sections of different tests may not be combined.</b>

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

### Requirements to Receive an Award:

1. Evaluated by Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) as meeting the initial eligibility
2. Graduated with a standard high school diploma or its
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

### Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Restrictions:

Gold Seal 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.

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

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