

Bright Futures Application/Requirements

- **APPLY** for the scholarship by submitting the **Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)** in your **SENIOR YEAR**
- Beginning **October 1st** of senior year and by no later than **August 31** after high school graduation.
- Eligibility requirements must be met by high school graduation, but scores of ACT®/SAT®/P.E.R.T. tests taken **through June 30** are accepted for evaluation purposes.
- Don't use it right away? Re-apply within two years of high school graduation to have your award reinstated. See the BFSH for more information.

Apply Here: <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/>

After submitting the FFAA, **the student is responsible for tracking application and award status online** and keeping the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) informed of any demographic or institutional changes.

Renewed automatically each year (up to the scholarship limit) if the student **maintains the required GPA** and earns the **required credit hours**. See the Bright Futures Student Handbook for more details.

General Requirements:

- ✓ Be a Florida resident and a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen
- ✓ Earn a standard Florida high school diploma or its equivalent from a Florida public high school or a registered Florida Department of Education private high school.
- ✓ Not have been found guilty of, or pled nolo contendere to, a felony charge, unless the student has been granted clemency by the Governor and Cabinet sitting as the Executive Office of Clemency.
- ✓ Be enrolled for at least 6 non-remedial semester credit hours (about 2 classes) per term (semester).

Florida Academic Scholars & Florida Medallion Scholars Awards (used at State College or Universities)

Type	16 High School Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted GPA	College Entrance Exams (ACT/SAT)	Service Hours
Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) award	4 - English <i>(three must include substantial writing)</i> 4 - Mathematics <i>(at or above the Algebra I level)</i>	3.50	29/1330	100 hours
Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) award	3 - Natural Science <i>(two must have substantial laboratory)</i> 3 - Social Science 2 - World Language <i>(sequential, in same language)</i>	3.00	25/1210	75 hours

Gold Seal Programs

Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV)	GPA 3.0 Gen. Ed. courses 3.5 in Tech classes	Volunteer Hours 30 Hours minimum	Testing req: Mixture of PERT/SAT/ACT in 3 sections	To be used toward technical college courses
Gold Seal CAPE Scholars (GSC)	Minimum of 5 credit hours through CAPE cert	Volunteer Hours 30 Hours minimum	No testing requirements	To be used for AS & Bachelor's degrees in same career pathway

*Class of 2021 and beyond