



PINELLAS
COUNTY
SCHOOLS

FINANCIAL AID PRESENTATION

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www.pcsb.org/financialaid

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Bright Futures
information including
information about the
process for earning
volunteer or work hours

Links to our FAFSA webpage,
Pinellas Education
Foundation and Scholarship
Search Engines

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WWW.PCSB.ORG/FINANCIALAID

https://www.pcsb.org/Page/376

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+ K-12 School Counseling

Multi-Tiered System of Supports

+ Prevention Office

Psychological Services

+ School Health Services


+ School Social Work

Mental Wellness

Financial Aid & Scholarships

Scholarships

- [Scholarship Opportunities](#) Updated 8/28/2023
- Search for scholarships with the U.S. Department of Labor's [free scholarship search tool](#)
- The [College Board's Opportunity Scholarships](#) program provides scholarship opportunities for completing steps to get ready for college.
- [Scholarships for Students with Disabilities](#)




2022-23 Financial Aid Presentation (w/ Voiceover)

WHERE TO FIND FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES

District Financial Aid Website

- [www.pcsb.org/financialaid](#)
- Scholarship Opportunities
- Bright Futures information
- Pinellas Education Foundation
- FAFSA

Watch on  YouTube Search Engines

Share

Bright Futures Scholarship Program

- [Florida Bright Futures website](#)
- [Bright Futures Volunteer Service/Paid Work Hours Process](#)
- [2022-23 Bright Futures Eligibility Chart](#)

State of Florida Grant and Scholarship Programs administered by the Office of Student Financial Assistance

- [State of Florida Grant and Scholarship Programs](#)

Upcoming Events

SEP 13	ACT My Journey Free Virtual Event 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
	STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM ADMISSIONS COUNSELORS 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
SEP 16	PSAT/NMSQT Test Prep 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
SEP 23	PSAT/NMSQT Test Prep 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
	2023 U.S. Service Academy Information Day 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
OCT 2	North Pinellas County 15th Annual College & Career Fair 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

View Calendar

Contact us

Scholarship Opportunities

01

I will note the date that it was last updated.

02

When you open the document, new scholarships will be noted with **NEW!**

03

Take note of the grade level and deadline to apply.

04

The requirements will show you details of the scholarship including how to apply--online or paper form.



Department of School Counseling Services
SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
August 28, 2023

NAME	AMOUNT	GRADE	REQUIREMENTS	DEADLINE
Florida Bright Futures Scholarship	Up to 100% tuition and fees	12	There are four different award levels with varying requirements. Bright Futures requires specific coursework, GPA, test scores and community service as well as general requirements. For additional information and to apply, go to https://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SAPHome/SAPHome?url=home and click on Create a Student Account.	8/31/2023 to complete FFAA
Florida Eastern Star Grant Tuition Assistance Program NEW!	TBA	12	Legal resident of Florida who will be graduating from the high school including home school in all 67 Florida school districts in 2024 and will attend an accredited university, college, junior college, community college or vocational institution within the state of Florida. Applications are available in the College & Career Center and/or the School Counseling office at the high school.	1/1/2024
Tampa Bay's Triple-Impact Competitor Scholarship & Mentoring Program NEW!	\$2000 (25 Awards)	12	To be eligible, you must: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• be a High School senior (graduating in 2024)• have an unweighted GPA of 2.5 or higher• be a current resident of the U.S. (specifically within 120 mile radius of Tampa Bay)	10/6/2023



Where to Find Scholarships



Colleges & Universities
Check websites about when/how to apply



Local Scholarships
Might be sponsored by local organizations, employers, clubs, education foundations.



State Scholarships
Most require that you attend school in-state. Example Bright Futures



National Scholarships
Open to students across the country. Typically, they are very competitive and high dollar amounts.

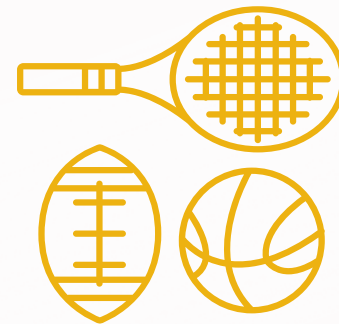
PINELLAS EDUCATION FOUNDATION TRADITIONAL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

www.pinellaseducation.org



**Opens
September 30th**

Over 100 different
scholarships to more than
250 high school seniors
throughout Pinellas
County



**Online
Application**

Scholarship criteria varies
from music & drama to
science & math and even
sports



**PEF Offers Additional
Scholarships**

Pinellas Education also
offers other scholarships
such as Take Stock in
Children and Walker's
Rising Stars

Details

01

Open to all students, regardless of GPA, test score and family income

02

Simplifies the college planning process while entering students into scholarship drawings

03

Students can begin earning entries during sophomore year

04

Total of 6 scholarships with monthly drawings for \$500 and \$40,000 scholarships



 **BigFuture**

Scholarships by
College Board

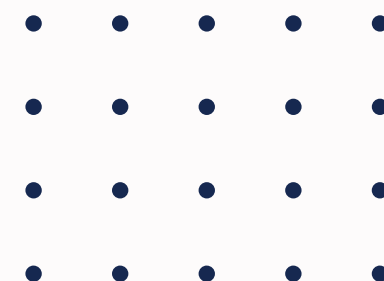


Scholarship Search Engines

Set up accounts, answer questions about yourself and get matched to scholarships that match your criteria

Links to search engines can
be found at
<https://www.pcsb.org/Page/318>

FASTWEB
College Board
Scholarships.com
Bold.org
Scholarship Owl
Raise Me



Florida State Scholarship and Grant Website

<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org>

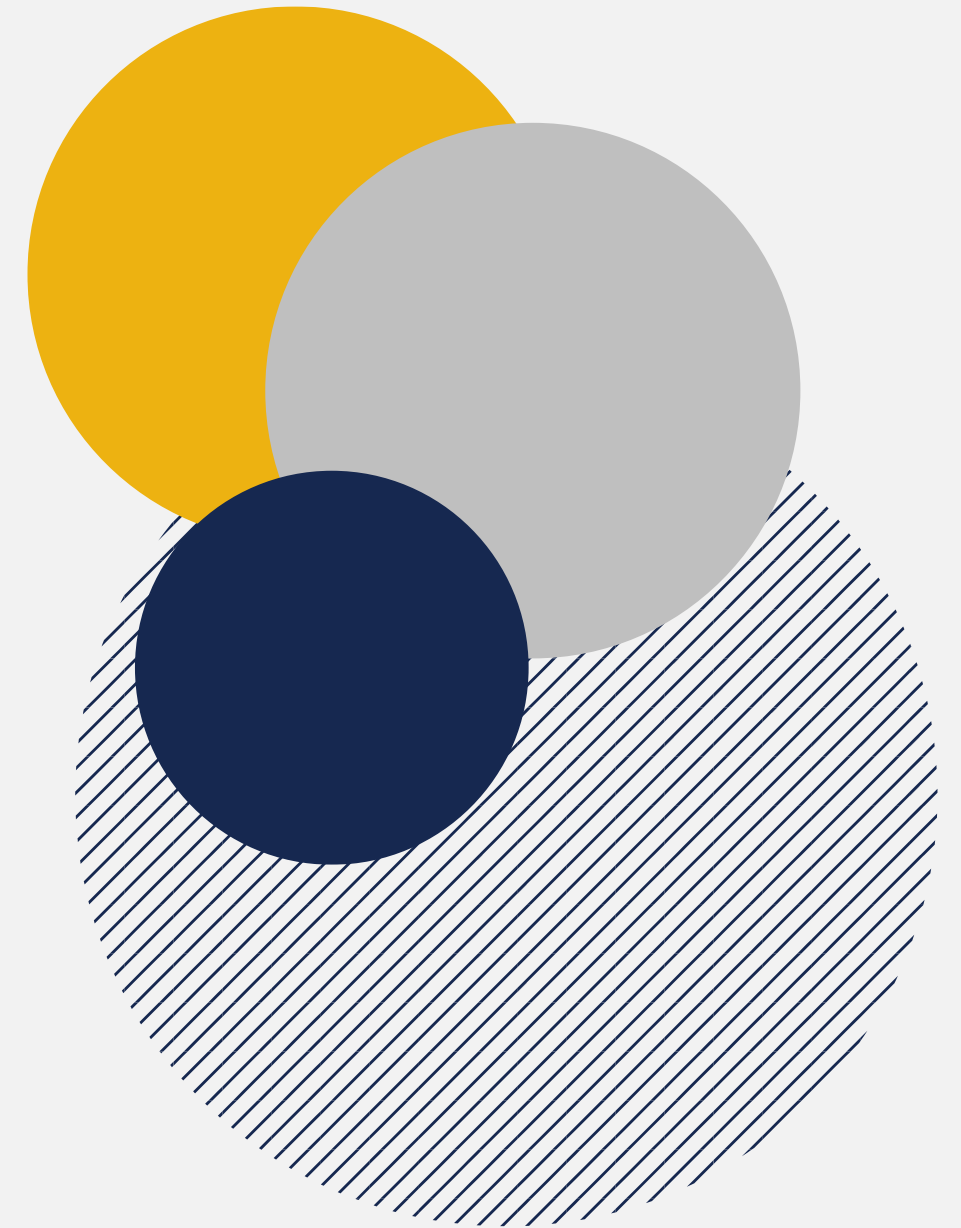
- Fact Sheets for each grant & scholarship
- Latest legislative information
- Bright Futures Handbook
- Florida Financial Aid Application



State Scholarship and Grant Programs

Check the fact sheets to determine how and when you apply

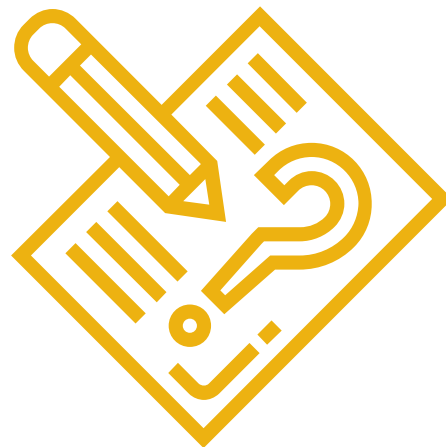
- The FAFSA is required for some programs
- The FFAA is required for some programs
- Some require both FAFSA and FFAA
- Some direct you to the college to find out the process



Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program



Awarded to every student in the state of Florida who meets all requirements.



Four levels of Scholarships



Requires that students complete the Florida Financial Aid Application

General Requirements for Bright Futures



Be a Florida resident and U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen as determine by the student's postsecondary institution.

Complete the FFAA no later than August 31 after high school graduation.

Earn a standard Florida high school diploma, or its equivalent.

Not have been found guilty of, or pled nolo contendere to a felony charge.

Be accepted by, and enroll in a degree or certificate program at, an eligible Florida public or independent postsecondary institution.

Be enrolled for at least six non-remedial semester credit hours (or the equivalent in quarter or clock hour) per term.

If not funded in the academic year immediately following high school graduation, apply within five years of high school graduation to have your award reinstated.

Florida Academic Scholarship (FAS) & Florida Medallion Scholarship (FMS) Overview



Complete the required coursework;



Achieve the required minimum high school grade point average (GPA);



Achieve the required minimum score on the ACT, SAT, or CLT college entrance exam;



Complete the required number of volunteer or work hours (or required number of a combination of both)



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Complete the required high school course work:

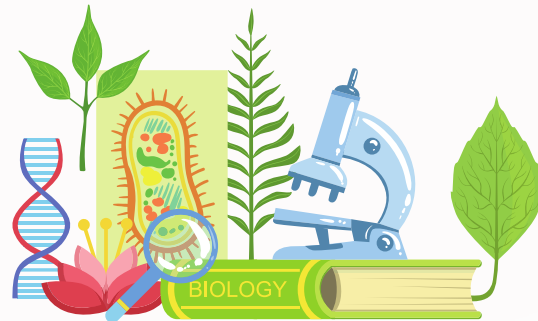
16 High School Course Credits

- 4- English (three must include substantial writing)
- 4- Mathematics (at or above the Algebra 1 level)
- 3- Natural Sciences (two must have substantial laboratory)
- 3- Social Studies
- 2- World Languages (sequential, same language)

Coursework aligns with the State University System (SUS) admissions requirements.



Florida Academic & Medallion- Grade Point Average (GPA)

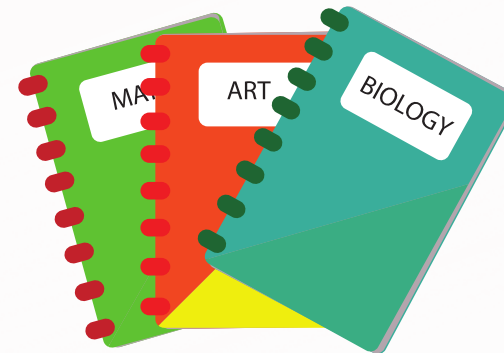


Achieve the required
minimum GPA:

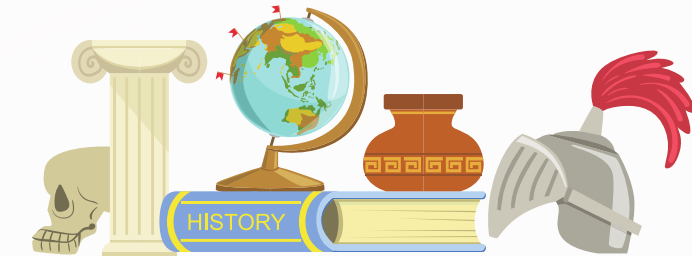
High School Weight GPA

FAS- 3.50

FMS- 3.00



Unrounded weighted
GPA in the 16 college-
prep courses listed on
the previous slide



AP, Pre-IB, IB, Honors,
Pre-AICE, AICE and
academic Dual Enrollment
are weighted .25 per
semester course or .50
per year course

Florida Academic & Medallion- College Entrance Exams

*Florida Academic
Scholarship (FAS)*

*Florida Medallion
Scholarship (FMS)*

ACT

29

25

OR

OR

CLT

96

84

OR

OR

SAT

1340

1210

These scores are for students graduating during the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years. OSFA will announce the scores for those graduating during the 2025-26 school year during the summer of 2024.

Florida Academic & Medallion- College Entrance Exams

ACT

The ACT® composite score is the average of the best section scores across the four subject area sections from any test sitting: English, Math, Reading and Science.

CLT

The CLT® combined score is the sum of the best Verbal Reasoning, Grammar/Writing and Quantitative Reasoning from any test sitting of the CLT® for an Overall Score.

SAT

The SAT® combined score is the sum of the best Reading (Critical Reading or Evidence-Based Reading and Writing) and Math section scores from any test sitting of the SAT®.

Florida Academic and Florida Medallion- College Entrance Exams



The ACT®, CLT®, or SAT® exams may be taken an unlimited number of times through August 31 of the high school graduation year (or through January 31 for mid-year graduates).

Students will be evaluated based on official test scores from the FDOE repository. To ensure OSFA obtains official test scores:

Ensure demographics on your test registration and high school transcript match; and

Request your official single sitting test scores be sent to one of Florida's public colleges or state universities.

Florida Academic & Medallion- Volunteer Service and Paid Work Hours



Service Hours

FAS 100 Hours

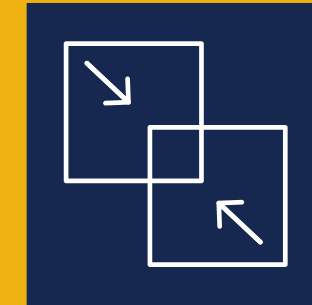
FMS 75 Hours



Paid Work Hours

FAS 100 Hours

FMS 100 Hours



Combination of Service and Paid Work Hours

FAS 100 Hours

FMS 100 Hours

Other Ways to Qualify

Students who have demonstrated academic merit through a recognition program may be eligible for Bright Futures without having to meet one or more of the requirements.

- National Merit Finalist and Scholars
- National Hispanic Scholars
- AICE Diploma
- IB Diploma

If students earn any of the above, they do not have to meet the test score requirement but do need to have the service or paid work hours.



Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholarship (GSC) Initial Eligibility Requirements

1. Earn a minimum of 5 postsecondary credit hours through CAPE industry certifications that articulate for college credit.
2. Complete at least 30 volunteer service hours, 100 paid work hours, or a combination that equals a minimum of 100 total hours.



Scholarship Restrictions for Florida Gold Seal CAPE

- Until a student has earned an eligible associate degree, Gold Seal CAPE (GSC) scholarships 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.

- Upon completion of an eligible associate degree program, a GSC Scholar may also receive an award for a maximum of 60 credit hours toward an eligible baccalaureate degree.

Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship (GSV) Initial Eligibility Requirements

01

Achieve the required weighted 3.0 GPA in the non-elective high school courses,

02

Take at least 3 full credits in a single Career and Technical Education program,

03

Achieve the required minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA in the career education courses,

04

Complete 30 service hours, 100 work hours, or a combination that equals a minimum of 100 hours and

05

Achieve the required minimum scores on one of the college entrance exams outlined on next slide

Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship- College Entrance Exams



ACT
Reading 19
English 17
Math 19

OR

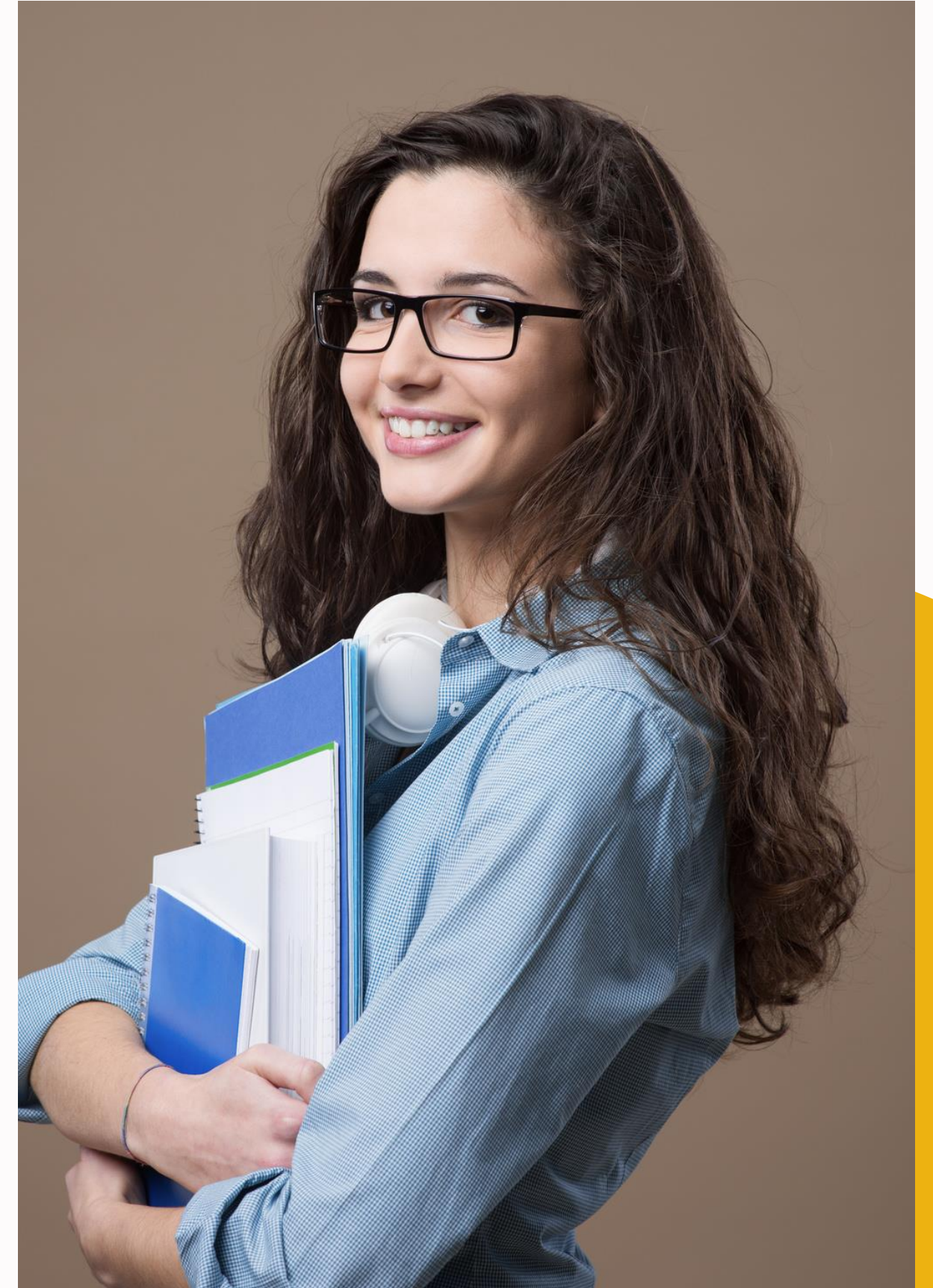
SAT
Reading Test 24
Writing & Language Test 25
Math Test 24

OR

PERT
Reading 106
Writing 103
Math 114

Scholarship Restrictions for Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship

GSV 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.



Volunteer Service and Paid Work Hours

Beginning with the class of 2023, students may now use work hours in lieu of service hours

Volunteer service and work hours can now be combined

Both work and service hours must be completed with an agency, company, organization or business where they can be verified

Volunteer Hours:
FAS 100 hours, FMS 75 hours,
GSC and GSV 30 hours

Work Hours:
100 hours for all levels

Combination of Volunteer and Work:
100 hours for all levels

What Hours Cannot Be Counted?

Service Hours

- Court mandated community service.
- Service hours where a family member is verifying completed hours
- An. activity were there is no responsible adult on site to evaluate and confirm students performance.
- Donations such as Locks of Love or giving blood.
- Participation on a sports team or performance of any kind unless participation is considered an act of service.

Work Hours

- Work hours where a family member is verifying the completed hours.



Profferfish

Profferfish is a new online system that students use to track their volunteer and work hours.

Students access it through their Clever account.

Please review the **Profferfish Parent and Student Quick Start Guide** for details on how to submit organizations and hours.



Bright Futures Award Amounts

FAS



*100 % Tuition and Fees
at a public institution*

FMS



*75% Tuition and Fees at
a public institution*

GSC and GSV



*Fixed cost per hour based on award
level, institution type & credit type
Example: Semester Hour \$39-48*

Non-public Florida institutions will receive a comparable amount.

Florida Medallion

Beginning fall 2021, Florida Medallion Scholarship students enrolled in an associate degree program at a Florida College System institution will receive 100 percent of tuition and specific fees.

Upon associate degree completion, a student may use award to pursue a baccalaureate degree and receive 75 percent of tuition and specific fees.

Additional Information Regarding Bright Futures Scholarships

Renewal Requirements

Students must earn the number of credit hours based on the student's enrollment type per term, and

The renewal cumulative GPA requirements

FAS- 3.0

FMS, GSV, GSC-2.75

Students permitted one-time restoration opportunity during first year of funding if they don't meet the GPA requirement.

Eligible students have 5 years after high school graduation to reinstate their award but must complete FFAA by August 31st after high school graduation.

Students who've completed the FFAA will be evaluated for Bright Futures in two cycles:

Early Evaluation- Letters posted to student's FFAA accounts in March

Final Evaluation- Letters posted to student's FFAA accounts in July

Bright Futures Evaluations

High schools will provide juniors and seniors with a printed copy of their evaluation this fall.

Check with your school to find out when you will receive it.





What is the FAFSA?

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Must complete it annually beginning senior year to receive grants (federal & some state) student loans and federal work study
- Some college-base grants and scholarships
- That FAFSA is free!
- Normally opens October 1st but is delayed until sometime in December.
- When you are ready, go to www.studentaid.gov to get started.



The FAFSA is Changing!

A Better FAFSA, A Better Future

- The FAFSA Simplification Act was ratified in August 2022.
The purpose of the act is to streamline the FAFSA with three main goals:
- Expand eligibility for federal financial aid,
 - Reduce barriers for certain student populations,
 - A better user experience when completing the FAFSA



FAFSA Changes- Terminology



**Old
Term** EFC- Expected
Family
Contribution

**New
Term** SAI-Student
Aid Index



**Old
Term** Parent(s)

**New
Term** Contributors



**Old
Term** Student Aid
Report

**New
Term** FAFSA
Submission
Summary



**Old
Term** IRS Data
Retrieval Tool

**New
Term** Direct Data
Exchange



**Old
Term** Dependency
Status

**New
Term** Student
Personal
Circumstances

FAFSA Changes- Process

- **Old Process:** Contributor could access the FAFSA without creating FSA ID
 - **New Process:** Contributor must create an FSA ID and have it verified before accessing the FAFSA.
- **Old Process:** Parent without SSN could not create FSA ID.
 - **New Process:** Parents without SSN will be able to create FSA ID.
- **Old Process:** Using the IRS data retrieval tool was optional.
 - **New Process:** All contributors must click a permission box allowing their financial information to be transferred from IRS, including non-tax-filers
- **Old Process:** If parents are divorced, parent information provided was determined by “whom the student lived with more out of the year.”
 - **New Process:** New Definition of parents is “parent which provides the greater portion of the student’s financial support.”
- **Old Process:** Student could enter up to 10 colleges.
 - **New Process:** Student will be able to add up to 20 colleges.

FAFSA Changes- Formula Changes

Old Formula

Household size reported by student applicant

Businesses & farms with fewer than 100 employees not counted as an asset

Number in college included in EFS calculation

Families with Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) greater than \$50,000 required to report assets

Lowest EFC is 0

New Formula

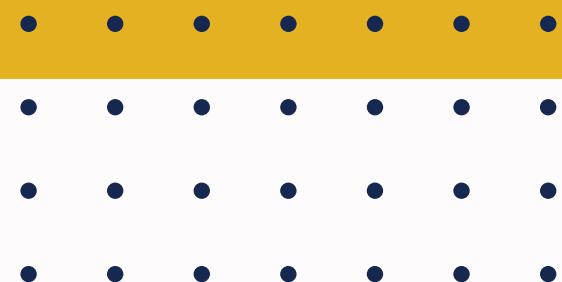
Family size based on number of people claimed as exemptions on tax forms

Net value of businesses & farms of any size counted as an asset

Number in college no longer included in SAI contribution. Question still included for institutional use

Families with AGI greater than \$60,000 will be required to report asset information

Lowest SAI is -1500



Need Help with Completing the FAFSA?

Later this semester, it is anticipated that we will offer
FSA ID creation events

- If you have an SSN, you can create now
- If you don't have an SSN, will need to wait for updated website/process
- <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>

All traditional high schools will be offering FAFSA
Completion events during second semester

All events will be posted at www.pcsb.org/FAFSA

