2022-2023 FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES

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FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES PROGRAM

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

• FLORIDA FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION OPENS ON OCT. 1st

• GO TO:

http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ and select State Grants, Scholarships & Applications



GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BRIGHT FUTURES

- Be a Florida resident and a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen, as determined 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 hours) 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 AND MEDALLION SCHOLARSHIPS INITIAL **ELIGIBILITY** REQUIREMENTS



Complete the required high school coursework;



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



Achieve the required minimum score on either the ACT® or SAT® college entrance exam; and



Complete the required number of service OR work hours

FLORIDA ACADEMIC AND MEDALLION SCHOLARSHIPS COURSEWORK

Complete the required high school coursework:

16 High School Course Credits

- 4- English
- 4- Mathematics (at or above the Algebra I level)
- 3- Natural Sciences
- 3- Social Science
- 2- World Language (sequential, same language)

Required coursework aligns with the State University System admissions requirements

FLORIDA ACADEMIC AND MEDALLION SCHOLARSHIPS GRADE POINT AVERAGE



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

High School Weighted GPA

- 3.50- FAS
- 3.00- FMS



Unrounded weighted GPA in the 16 college-prep courses



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

FLORIDA ACADEMIC AND MEDALLION SCHOLARSHIPS COLLEGE **ENTRANCE EXAMS**

College Entrance Exams

Florida Academic Scholarship (FAS)

2022-23 Graduates: **29 ACT or 1330 SAT**

2023-24 Graduates: **29 ACT or 1340 SAT**

Florida Medallion Scholarship (FMS)

2022-23 Graduates: **25 ACT or 1210 SAT**

2023-24 Graduates: **25 ACT or 1210 SAT**

FLORIDA ACADEMIC AND MEDALLION SCHOLARSHIPS COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

- The ACT® composite score is the average across the four subject area sections: English, Math, Reading and Science.
- The SAT® combined score is the sum Reading (Critical Reading or Evidence-Based Reading and Writing) and Math
- The ACT®/SAT® exams may be taken an unlimited number of times through June 30 of the student's graduation year (or through January 31 for mid-year graduates).
- Students will be evaluated based on official test scores from the FDOE repository.
- Bright Futures super scores

FLORIDA ACADEMIC AND MEDALLION SCHOLARSHIPS SERVICE/PAID WORK HOURS

Must meet the following criteria to be eligible for these awards:

Service Hours:

FAS- 100 hours

FMS- 75 hours

Work Hours-

FAS- 100 hours

FMS- 100 hours



OTHER WAYS TO QUALIFY FOR THE ACADEMIC & MEDALLION

Merit Recognition Program	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/SAT®) 2021-22 2022-23		Service Hours	Bright Futures Award
National Merit® Finalists and Scholars			100 hours 75 hours	FAS FMS
National Hispanic Scholars			100 hours 75 hours	FAS FMS
Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) - Diploma			100 hours 75 hours	FAS FMS
International Baccalaureate (IB) - Diploma			100 hours 75 hours	FAS FMS
AICE - Curriculum	29/1330 25/1210	29/1330 25/1210	100 hours 75 hours	FAS FMS
International Baccalaureate (IB) - Curriculum	29/1330 25/1210	29/1330 25/1210	100 hours 75 hours	FAS FMS

FLORIDA GOLD SEAL CAPE SCHOLARSHIP (GSC) INITIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Earn a minimum of 5
 postsecondary credit
 hours through CAPE
 industry certifications that
 articulate for college
 credit, and
- 2. Complete at least 30 service hours OR 100 work hours

FLORIDA GOLD SEAL CAPE SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Restrictions:

- 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

- Achieve the required weighted 3.0 GPA in the non-elective high school courses,
- 2. Take at least 3 full credits in a single Career and Technical Education program,
- 3. Achieve the required minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA in the career education courses,
- 4. Complete 30 service hours OR100 work hours, and
- 5. 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



FLORIDA GOLD SEAL VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Restrictions:

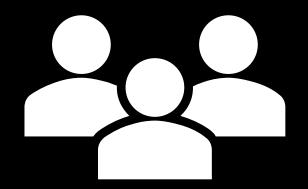
GSV may only be used at postsecondary institutions that offer an applied technology diploma, technical degree education program (associate in applied science or associate in science), or a career certificate program.

SERVICE OR WORK HOURS

- Beginning with the class of 2023, students may now use work hours in lieu of service hours
- Service and work hours cannot be combined
 - They will be reported separately to Bright Futures
- Both work and service hours must be completed with an agency, company, organization or business where they can be verified
- Service hours no longer require that a student address a social issue
- SERVICE HOURS: Florida Academic: 100 hours, Florida Medallion: 75 hours, Gold Seal CAPE: 30 hours, and Gold Seal Vocational: 30 hours
- PAID WORK HOURS: 100 hours required for all 4 levels

SERVICE/WORK HOURS PROCESS IN PINELLAS COUNTY

- Students determine where they want to complete their service/work and complete a Bright Futures Service/Work Hours Proposal form.
- Turn in the proposal to the high school service/work designee for review and to determine if it is acceptable.
- If acceptable, complete the Bright Futures Log & Reflection form to track hours. This is turned in at the high school upon completion.
- Students must complete and have approved a proposal for each location and maintain separate log forms
- Go to www.pcsb.org/financialaid and then click on the Bright
 Futures Service/Work Hours for links to the forms, additional
 information on the process and a listing of potential agencies



WHAT HOURS CANNOT BE COUNTED?

SERVICE HOURS

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

WORK HOURS

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



BRIGHT FUTURES AWARD AMOUNTS

FAS- 100% tuition & fees at a public institution*

FMS-75% of tuition & fees at a public institution*

GSV & GCS receive a fixed cost per credit hour based on award level, institution type & credit type

- \$39-\$48 per semester credit hour range
- *Non-public institution will receive a comparable amount

NEW FOR FALL OF 2021

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

HOW TO FIND OUT HOW YOU ARE DOING TOWARDS BRIGHT FUTURES

High school counselors will provide 11th and 12th graders with a printed copy of their evaluation during the late fall

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

- Please feel free to contact your school counselor or myself with questions regarding scholarships and financial aid.
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