2022-2023 FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES

Pinellas County School District
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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
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
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
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
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 of 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
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

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1. 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
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

1. 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 OR 100 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.
• 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](http://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
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.
• 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
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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