



The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program establishes lottery-funded scholarships to reward Florida high school graduates for high academic achievement.



Welcome to the

Florida Bright Futures

Workshop for Bartram Trail High School Families

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School Counselor*

Financial Assistance for Education

If you don't apply, you won't qualify!

Federal Aid

Students across the United States are eligible.

- Grants and Scholarships
- Work Study
- Federal Guaranteed Student Loans
- U.S. Armed Forces (see StudentAid.gov/military)
- Apply via www.fafsa.gov beginning October 1st of senior year

State of Florida Aid

Only Florida students are eligible.

- Need Based Grants
- Merit Based Scholarship
\$\$\$ Florida Bright Futures \$\$\$
- Tuition Assistance
- Special Interest (Scholarships for Children of Deceased or Disabled Veterans)

Apply via
www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org
beginning October 1st of senior year

Become more knowledgeable about Bright Futures by...

...READING the Bright Futures Student Handbook.

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Bright Futures Student Handbook

Chapter 1: Initial Eligibility



- Requirements for Scholarship Types (FAS, FMS, GSC, GSV)
- Non-Traditional Students (home-educated, GED, mid-year, out-of-state)

Chapter 2: Scholarship Information



- Length of Scholarship Award
- Award Amounts ([BFFAS/BFFMS Private](#))
- Transferring the Scholarship between Institutions

Chapter 3: Renewal Eligibility



- Renewal Requirements
- Reinstatement/Restoration Requirements

Bright Futures Flyers



- [Florida Academic Scholarship \(FAS\)](#)
- [Florida Medallion Scholarship \(FMS\)](#)
- [Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholarship \(GSC\)](#)
- [Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship \(GSV\)](#)

Additional Resources



- [Bright Futures Brochure](#)
- [Bright Futures Course Table \(BFCT\)](#)
- [Bright Futures Credit Hour Renewal Requirement Interactive Tool](#)

APPLICATIONS	REPORTS	RESOURCES	STATUTES AND RULES
Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)	Annual Report to the Commissioner - (Archives)	Federal Student Aid	Florida Statutes
Reinstatement/Restoration Application	End-of-Year Reports - (Archives)	Financial Aid Terms and Definitions	State Board of Education Rules
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	Bright Futures Statistical Reports	Money for College Brochure	Legislative Changes
Document Upload		Navigating Your Financial Future	Postsecondary Compliance Audits
		State Scholarship and Grant Calendar	Postsecondary Eligibility Requirements

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Snapshot of Bright Futures

- Bright Futures GPA is **NOT** the same as report card GPA.
- Bright Futures **weighs** honors, AP, and dual enrollment classes **equally** with 0.5 per credit earned – NOT 1.0 weight for AP or DE!
- Bright Futures will also accept two additional academic electives toward the GPA calculation if it **benefits** the student.



- You are permitted to use qualifying scores from the **June**, ACT or SAT to qualify for the Bright Futures test criteria if you did not qualify prior to graduation.
- You must **APPLY** for the scholarship by submitting the Florida Financial Aid Application.
- Bright Futures Scholarships will renew automatically each year if the student **maintains** the required GPA and credit hours.

Florida Academic Scholar (FAS) and Florida Medallion Scholar (FMS)

Type	16 High School Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT [®] /SAT [®])	Service Hours
FAS	4 - English <i>(three must include substantial writing)</i> 4 - Mathematics <i>(at or above the Algebra I level)</i> 3 - Natural Science	3.50	2020-21 Graduates: 29/1330 2021-22 Graduates: 29/1330	100 hours
FMS	<i>(two must have substantial laboratory)</i> 3 - Social Science 2 - World Language <i>(sequential, in same language)</i>	3.00	2020-21 Graduates: 25/1210 2021-22 Graduates: 25/1210	75 hours

Gold Seal Vocational Scholar (GVS) can only be used to fund a
career education or certificate program.

This is a snip-it of a Bright Futures Report.

It shows which courses and grades are being used to calculate the Bright Futures GPA.

This student could improve his BF GPA by taking another science or by retaking semester 1 of chemistry.

Because this student has a higher grade in his additional math course, the ADV TOPICS IN MATH is not used for BF eligibility.

AMER SIGN LANG 1	EL	0.50	B		FL - 1.50
AMER SIGN LANG 1	EL	0.50	B		FL - 1.50
AMER SIGN LANG 2	EL	0.50	B		FL - 1.50
AMER SIGN LANG 2	EL	0.50	B		FL - 1.50
AMER SIGN LANG 3 HON	EL	0.50	D	*	
AMER SIGN LANG 3 HON	EL	0.50	C	*	
INTENSIVE READ	EL	0.00			
INTENSIVE READ	EL	0.00			
ENG HON 1	EN	0.50	B	*	EN - 1.75
ENG HON 1	EN	0.50	B	*	EN - 1.75
ENG HON 2	EN	0.50	A	*	EN - 2.25
ENG HON 2	EN	0.50	A	*	EN - 2.25
ENG HON 3	EN	0.50	C	*	EN - 1.25
ENG HON 3	EN	0.50	C	*	EN - 1.25
ENG 4	EN	0.00			EN - 0.00
ENG 4	EN	0.00			EN - 0.00
ERTH/SPA SCI	EQ	0.50	A		SC - 2.00
ERTH/SPA SCI	EQ	0.50	A		SC - 2.00
CHEMISTRY 1	EQ	0.50	D		SC - 0.50
CHEMISTRY 1	EQ	0.50	C		SC - 1.00
GEOMETRY	GE	0.50	B		MA - 1.50
GEOMETRY	GE	0.50	B		MA - 1.50
PROB STAT W/APPS HON	MA	0.50	C	*	MA - 1.25
PROB STAT W/APPS HON	MA	0.50	B	*	MA - 1.75
ADV TOPICS IN MATH	MA	0.50	C		
ADV TOPICS IN MATH	MA	0.50	C		
ALG 2	MA	0.50	B		MA - 1.50
ALG 2	MA	0.50	B		MA - 1.50
HOPE	PE	0.50	B		
HOPE	PE	0.50	B		
2-D STUDIO ART 1	PF	0.50	A		
2-D STUDIO ART 1	PF	0.50	A		
WORLD HISTORY	WH	0.50	A		SS - 2.00
WORLD HISTORY	WH	0.50	A		SS - 2.00

How do I see my child's Bright Futures Report?

BTHS School Counselors will provide a paper copy to each student in the spring.

- *It is NOT viewable in HAC.*
- *It CANNOT be emailed.*
- *These reports are NOT continuously updated.*
- ***Seniors** can see their school counselor for a copy NOW.*
- ***Juniors** will receive a copy in November and in the spring.*
- ***Sophomores** must wait until spring.*
- ***Freshmen** do not have Bright Futures reports yet.*

What should
students do
now to
qualify for a
Bright
Futures
Scholarship?

9TH GRADE

- Keep up with course work and establish a good high school GPA.
- Get involved in your school and community.
- Submit service hours to Ms. Richards in the Main Guidance office or at Kathleen.Richards@stjohns.k12.fl.us

What should
students do
now to
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Scholarship?

10TH GRADE

- Keep up with course work and maintain a good GPA.
- Seek out community service opportunities.
- Submit service hours to Ms. Richards in the Main Guidance office or at Kathleen.Richards@stjohns.k12.fl.us
- Begin researching colleges.
- Begin planning for next year's courses with college and Bright Futures in mind.

What should
students do
now to
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Futures
Scholarship?

11TH GRADE

- Keep up with course work and maintain a good GPA.
- Check service hours in HAC. You should have at least 100 hours by now.
- Submit service hours to Ms. Richards in the Main Guidance office or at Kathleen.Richards@stjohns.k12.fl.us
- Schedule meetings with college representatives and ask questions about financial aid and Bright Futures.
- Begin planning for next year's courses with college and Bright Futures in mind.
- Take SAT or ACT and send scores to a Florida school.



Hey!
**Thinking
about
college?**



The National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) is a nonprofit organization representing nearly 14,000 counseling and admission professionals worldwide since 1937. NACAC and its members are dedicated to ethical and inclusive service to students as they make choices about their higher education future.

Attend a NACAC Virtual College Fair!

- **Sunday, Sept. 13 | 12 – 8 p.m. ET**
- **Monday, Oct. 12 | 1 – 9 p.m. ET**
- **Sunday, Oct. 18 | 12 – 8 p.m. ET**
- **Sunday, Nov. 8 | 2 – 10 p.m. ET**

FREE!

Attend as often as you like. Parents invited, too.
Sign up at virtualcollegefairs.org.

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Scholarship?

12TH GRADE

- Review your Bright Futures Report.
- See your school counselor if there are any errors on your transcript.
- Take note of what is “Missing” to qualify for each award.
- Take steps to improve your Bright Futures GPA if it is borderline.
- Submit any remaining service hours by winter break.
- Take or re-take SAT or ACT and report your scores to a Florida school.

What should
students do
now to
qualify for a
Bright
Futures
Scholarship?

12TH GRADE

- APPLY!
- APPLY NOW!
- DO NOT WAIT TO APPLY!
- Students do not have to be eligible for Bright Futures to apply. You can apply now and become eligible by graduation.
- **You will NOT be eligible if you do not APPLY!**

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Commissioner

Go to www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org



First-Time Applicants

Students must submit a completed Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) to OSFA for programs denoted by an asterisk (*). In order to apply for State Scholarship & Grant Programs, a student must first [Create a Student Account](#). After logging into your account, you may proceed to complete the FFAA.

Create Student Account (Continued)

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PROFILE

Demographic Information

SSN

FLE ID

First Name

MI

Last Name

Date of Birth
(MM/DD/YYYY)

HS Graduation Date
(MM/DD/YYYY)

Gender

☐ Male ☐ Female

Ethnicity

☐ Hispanic ☐ Non-Hispanic

Race

--SELECT-- ▼

Contact Information

Street Address

Apartment

City

State

FLORIDA ▼

Zip Code

Home Phone Number

Email Address

Cell Phone Number

Alternate Email Address

Alternate Phone Number

No Email Address

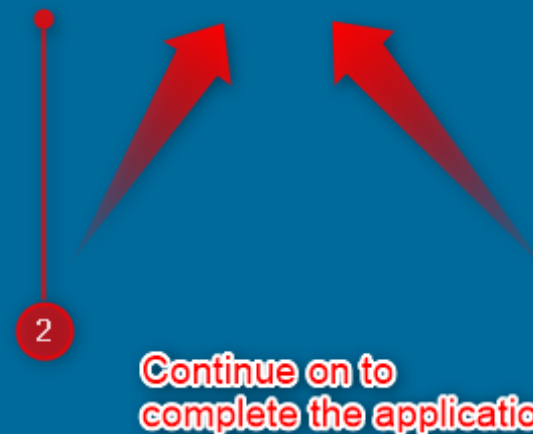
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I agree to receive text message alerts from CSFA. ☐

Submit

You have successfully completed your profile. To receive an evaluation for any of the programs below, [please click here to complete your Florida Financial Aid Application \(FFAA\)](#). Scholarship programs included within the FFAA are:

- Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
- Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans
- José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant
- Rosewood Family Scholarship
- Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship



If you are unable to submit your application at this time, please write down the login information shown below to access your account. The login has also been sent to the listed Email Address. If an email address was not provided, the email address information below will be blank.

User ID - TI [redacted]

Password - [redacted]

Email Address - [redacted]

1 TAKE A PICTURE OF LOGIN INFORMATION
OR WRITE IT DOWN!!!!

You will be redirected from this page to the FFAA in <60 seconds>.

Submit/Acknowledgement

Demographic Information

Academic Background

CSDDV

JM

RFS

FFSS

Submit/Acknowledgement

Submit/Acknowledge

DON'T FORGET TO "SUBMIT" YOUR APPLICATION BELOW

By submitting this application:

- I certify that I am the applicant named on this application and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contained on this application is true, complete, and correct.
- I understand it is my responsibility to supply accurate information and inform OSFA immediately of any changes.
- I understand that falsification of information in order to receive state financial aid awards is a [misdemeanor of the second degree](#).

After clicking "Submit" button below, your application process will be completed!

- You will be forwarded to a "Saved Results" page.
- "Saved Results" page is your receipt of application submission & contains your Login Credentials.
- We recommend you retain a copy of your "Saved Results" page.

Submit

To avoid errors or delays in processing your application, CLICK "Submit" only ONE-TIME



For More Information

- Visit www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org
- Contact Customer Service 888-827-2004
- Email OSFA@fldoe.org
- www.FloridaStudentFinancailAid.org/FASTER/
- FSTR@fldoe.org