

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

Initial Eligibility for High School Applicants

The application opens annually on October 1.

Initial Eligibility Requirements for Florida Academic Scholars and Florida Medallion Scholars:

1. Submit the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) no later than August 31 after high school graduation,
2. Complete the 16 college-preparatory courses required for admission to a state university,
3. Achieve the required weighted GPA in the 16 college-preparatory courses per chart below,
4. Complete the required number of service hours per chart below, and
5. Achieve the required composite ACT or combined SAT score per chart below. Tests may be **taken through June 30 of the graduation year or January 31 for mid-year graduates.**

Initial Eligibility Requirements for Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship

1. Submit the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) **no later than August 31 after high school graduation,**
2. Achieve the required weighted 3.0 GPA in the non-elective high school courses,
3. Take at least 3 full credits in a single Career and Technical Education program,
4. Achieve the required minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA in the career education courses,
5. Complete 30 service hours, and
6. Achieve the required minimum scores on one of the college entrance exams per the chart below.

Florida Academic Scholars Award	Florida Medallion Scholars Award	Florida Gold seal Vocational Scholars Award
100% of tuition and fees at a public institution (or comparable amount at a private institution)	75% of tuition and fees at a public institution (or comparable amount at a private institution) <small>*Beginning in fall 2021, Medallion Scholarship students enrolling in an associate degree program at a Florida College System institution will receive 100% tuition and fees. Upon completion, students may transfer their award to another institution and receive 75% tuition and fees.</small>	\$39-\$48/semester credit hour- depending on program *Up to 72 college credit hours in a vocational program of study*
3.5 weighted GPA in the 16 college preparatory credits listed (GPA's are not rounded. Year-long AP, DE, IB, and Honors courses weighted 0.5)	3.0 weighted GPA in the 16 college preparatory credits listed (GPA's are not rounded. Year-long AP, DE, IB, and Honors courses weighted 0.5)	3.0 weighted GPA in non-elective courses AND 3.5 unweighted GPA in a minimum of 3 vocational credits (same program)
4-English (three must include substantial writing) 4- Mathematics (at or above Algebra I) 3- Natural Science (two must have substantial lab) 3- Social Science 2-World Language (sequential, in same language) 16 Total	4-English (three must include substantial writing) 4- Mathematics (at or above Algebra I) 3- Natural Science (two must have substantial lab) 3- Social Science 2-World Language (sequential, in same language) 16 Total	4 English 4 Math (must include Algebra 1 and Geometry) 3 Science (one must be Biology 1, two must be equally rigorous science courses) 3 Social Studies (1 World History, 1 U.S. History, .5 U.S. Government, .5 Economics with Financial Literacy) 1 Fine and Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, or Practical Arts* (*specified in course code directory) 1 Physical Education (to include the integration of health)
100 Community Service Hours <u>or</u> 100 Work Hours	75 Community Service Hours <u>or</u> 100 Work Hours	30 Community Service Hours <u>or</u> 100 Work Hours
2023 Graduates: 29 ACT or 1330 SAT 2024 Graduates: 29 ACT or 1340 SAT *Students must send official test scores to at least one State University for them to be received for evaluation of Bright Futures status. *Best composite score without writing ACT scores round up .5 or higher	2023 Graduates: 25 ACT or 1210 SAT 2024 Graduates: 25 ACT or 1210 SAT *Students must send official test scores to at least one State University for them to be received for evaluation of Bright Futures status. *Best composite score without writing ACT scores round up .5 or higher	Students must achieve the minimum score on each section of the following tests: ACT: Reading 19, English 17, Math 19 SAT: Reading Test 24, Writing and Language Test 25, Math Test 24 PERT: Reading 106, Writing 103, Math 114 Sections of different tests may not be combined *Students must send official ACT/SAT scores to at least one State University for them to be received for evaluation of Bright Futures status. Students using PERT must have their scores reflected on their high school transcript.

Requirements to Receive an Award: (As determined by the postsecondary institution)

1. Evaluated by Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) as meeting the initial eligibility requirements
2. Graduated with a standard high school diploma or its equivalent
3. Be a Florida resident and U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen, and
4. Enroll as a degree or certificate-seeking student at a Florida institution in at least 6 non-remedial semester credit hours

*Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Restrictions:

Gold Seal 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.

For detailed information, including other ways to qualify, please refer to the Bright Futures Student Handbook.

<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPBFMAIN/SAPBFMAIN>

These eligibility requirements are subject to change with each legislative session.

The student is responsible for tracking application and award status online and ensuring that funding for an academic year is accurate by contacting their institution's financial aid office.