

FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES REQUIREMENTS

2025-2026 Graduates

	Florida Academic Scholarship (FAS) -Covers 120 semester hours-	Florida Medallion Scholarship (FMS) -Covers 120 credit hours-	Florida Gold Seal Vocational (GSV) -Covers 72 credit hours-	Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars (GSC)**
Award Amount ¹	100% of tuition & applicable fees at a public Florida institution. Students attending a nonpublic institution will receive a comparable amount. Students can receive an award during summer sessions.	75% of tuition & applicable fees at a public Florida institution. Students attending a nonpublic institution will receive a comparable amount. Can receive an award during summer sessions.	Up to: \$48/credit hour – AS, AAS, CCC* \$39/credit hour – PSAV* \$39/credit hour – ATD* \$48/credit hour – BS, BAS*	Up to: \$48/credit hour – AS, AAS, CCC* \$39/credit hour – PSAV* \$39/credit hour – ATD* \$48/credit hour – BS, BAS*
Requirements:				
1. GPA	3.5 weighted in core classes only	3.0 weighted in core classes only	3.0 weighted in core classes <u>AND</u> 3.5 unweighted in the CTE credits	
2. Core Classes & Credits	4- English (3 with substantial writing) 4- Math (Algebra 1 & Above ²) 3- Science (2 with substantial lab) 3- Social Science 2- World Language - (sequential, in the same language)	4- English (3 with substantial writing) 4- Math (Algebra 1 & Above ²) 3- Science (2 with substantial lab) 3- Social Science 2- World Language - (sequential, in the same language)	4- English 4- Math (Including Algebra 1 ³) 3- Science (2 with substantial lab) 3- Social Science 1- Fine/Performing/Practical Arts 3- in Career Tech Ed courses	- Earn a standard high school diploma. - Earn a minimum of 5 postsecondary credit hours through CAPE industry certifications that articulate for college credit
3. Service Hours	100 hours or 100 paid hours or 100 combined	75 hours or 100 paid hours or 100 combined	30 hours or 100 paid hours or 100 combined	30 hours or 100 paid hours or 100 combined
4. Test Scores	ACT – 29 (Composite) ~OR~ CLT – 95 ~OR~ SAT – 1330 (Reading & Math only)	ACT – 24 (Composite) ~OR~ CLT – 82 ~OR~ SAT – 1190 (Reading & Math only)	ACT 19 Reading 17 English 19 Math SAT 490 Reading or Read/Write 480 Math PERT 106 Reading 103 Writing 114 Math	

¹Award amounts are approximate and subject to change after each legislative session. ²Algebra 1A/1B equals one credit. ³Algebra 1A/1B equals two credits.

*Semester, see the Bright Futures Student Handbook, Chapter 2, page 4 to find the breakdown of award amounts for quarters and clock hours

**GSC recipients who earn a qualifying A.S. or A.A.S degree may receive an award toward a qualifying B.S. or B.A.S. degree.

Students must APPLY for the scholarship by submitting the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) no later than Aug 31 after high school graduation. If a student does not apply for the scholarship by the deadline, a student cannot receive the scholarship! All eligibility requirements must be met by high school graduation; however, scores of ACT®/CLT®/ SAT®/ P.E.R.T tests should be achieved no later than August 31 of the graduation year (or January 31 for mid-year graduates). Students must earn the required volunteer service, paid work hours, or a combination of both equal to 100 total hours.

After submitting the FFAA, the student is responsible for tracking application and award status online and keeping the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) informed of any demographic or institutional changes. Students are responsible for ensuring that funding for an academic year is accurate by contacting their institution's financial aid office.

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. Note: Both AICE and IB Diplomas must be earned prior to high school graduation. Confirmations may come from AICE and IB as late as September. Please refer to the table below for how to qualify based on one of the merit recognition programs.

Merit Recognition Program	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year		Volunteer Service*	Paid Work Hours*	Combination of Volunteer/ Paid Hours	Bright Futures Award
	2025-26	2026-27				
National Merit® Finalists and Scholars			100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
			75 hours			FMS
AP Capstone Diploma			100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) - Diploma			100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
			75 hours			FMS
International Baccalaureate (IB) - Diploma			100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
			75 hours			FMS
AICE - Curriculum	29/95/1330	29/95/1330	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
	24/82/1190	24/82/1190	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FMS
International Baccalaureate (IB) - Curriculum	29/95/1330	29/95/1330	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
	24/82/1190	24/82/1190	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FMS

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The Florida Legislature is authorized to change eligibility requirements for future graduating classes. Visit the Bright Futures site to view the student handbooks for more information.

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