

Florida Bright Futures Scholarships:

Which One is Right for Me?

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New for the 2026-27 school year!

Florida offers a variety of scholarships and grants to help you fund your education and earn a degree without debt. The **Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program** is a state-funded initiative providing merit-based financial aid to Florida high school graduates for postsecondary education.

Applying for these scholarships and grants is straightforward. This guide includes requirements and details about each scholarship and grant so you can find the right scholarship for you!

Scholarship Name	Minimum Requirements*†		Award Amount / Benefits
Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) Considered the most competitive award, this scholarship is for students with a 3.5 GPA or higher and high ACT, CLT, or SAT scores.	Courses 4 English 4 Math 3 Science 3 Social Science 2 World Language Hours 100 volunteer service hours, or 100 paid work hours, or Combination of 100 total hours	GPA 3.5 weighted ACT CLT SAT 29 95 1330 <i>Note: See "Other Ways to Qualify" (on reverse) for ways to qualify without test scores.</i>	100% of tuition and applicable fees
Florida Medallion Scholar (FMS) This award is based on high school academic achievement.	Courses 4 English 4 Math 3 Science 3 Social Science 2 World Language Hours 75 volunteer service hours, or 100 paid work hours, or Combination of 100 total hours	GPA 3.0 weighted ACT CLT SAT 24 82 1190 <i>Note: See "Other Ways to Qualify" (on reverse) for ways to qualify without test scores.</i>	75% of tuition and applicable fees
Florida Gold Seal CAPE (GSC) This scholarship is for students who earn industry certifications that can be applied to college credit. Career and Technical Education credentials, including: - Career Certificate - Associate in Science (AS) - Associate of Applied Science (AAS) - Applied Technical Diploma (ATD) - College Credit Certificate (CCC) Bachelor of Science (BS) is eligible when the corresponding AS is earned first.	Standard High School diploma, or equivalent Minimum of 5 postsecondary credit hours through CAPE industry certification that articulate for college credit Complete at least one of the following: 30* volunteer service hours 100 paid work hours - A combination of 100 total hours	GPA No requirement ACT SAT No requirement	Award is a set amount per training hour earned No award provided for summer term
Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV) This award is for students who want to pursue a vocational degree or certificate program. Instead of covering a percentage of tuition, the program pays a fixed amount per credit hour, which varies by program. Career and Technical Education credentials, including: - Career Certificate - Associate in Science (AS) - Associate of Applied Science (AAS) - Applied Technical Diploma (ATD) - College Credit Certificate (CCC)	Standard Florida high school diploma, or equivalent Earn a minimum 3.0 weighted GPA in non-elective high school courses Complete at least 3 full credits in Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses Earn a minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA in those CTE courses Complete at least one of the following: 30* volunteer service hours 100 paid work hours - A combination of 100 total hours	ACT SAT PERT Achieve minimum score on tests taken by August 31st of high school graduation year ACT Reading 19 English 17 Math 19 PERT Reading 106 Writing 103 Math 114 SAT Reading 24 Writing and Language Test 25 Math 24	Award is a set amount per training hour earned No award provided for summer term

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*Eligibility requirements are subject to change with each legislative session

†Different requirements apply to students graduating mid-year and seeking postsecondary funding in the immediate spring. See "Other Ways to Qualify" (on reverse) for details.