Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

2026-2027

VERIFICATION OF RECEIPT

This is not the application for the scholarship.

I verify that I have received and read the initial eligibility requirements of the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program for the 2026-2027 academic year.

Name (please print)_____

Signature_____

Date_____

Please return this receipt to your school counselor.

FRESHMAN SEMINAR GUIDE

Today's presentation will cover all the topics listed below. All resources, including the PowerPoint, are posted on the ***Seminars & Resources*** page of the Guidance website – scan the code above or visit https://osceola-hs.pcsb.org/resources/guidance-main/seminars-resources.

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  - SAT - Khan Academy
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QUESTIONS

- Contact your counselor
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RESOURCE MENU

Standard Diploma Graduation Requirements



HOPE Marching Band Waiver



HOPE Sports Waiver



Scholar Designation EOC Retakes



Credit Recovery Grade Forgiveness Tutoring Extended Learning



NHS Peer Mentoring



PCSB Financial Aid Presentation



Bright Futures Requirements



Bright Futures Paperwork



State University System Matrix & Guide



Florida College System



Independent Colleges & Universities of Florida



St. Petersburg College



Pinellas Technical College



Military.com



College & Career Center



Xello Task 1 Matchmaker Quiz



Xello Task 2 Make a Plan



College Day Request Form



ACT



CLT



PERT



PSAT



SAT



Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) / Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)
2026-27

Initial Eligibility Requirements: (As determined by the Florida Department of Education)

1. Submit the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) no later than August 31 after high school graduation.
2. Graduate from a Florida high school with a standard high school diploma or its equivalent.
3. Complete the 16 college-preparatory courses required for admission to a state university.
4. Achieve the required weighted GPA in the 16 college-preparatory courses per the chart below.
5. Achieve the required composite ACT® score, Overall Score on the Classic Learning Test (CLT®), or combined SAT® score. Tests must be taken on or before August 31 of the student's graduation year (or through January 31 for mid-year graduates), per the chart below.
6. Complete the required number of volunteer service hours, paid work hours, or 100 total combined hours per the chart below.

Type	16 High School College-Preparatory Course Credits[1]	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/CLT®/SAT®)	Volunteer Service Hours[2]	Paid Work Hours[2]
FAS	4 - English (three must include substantial writing) 4 - Mathematics (at or above the Algebra I level) 3 - Natural Science (two must have substantial laboratory) 3 - Social Science 2 - World Language (sequential, in same language)	3.50	2026-27 Graduates: 29/95/1330 2027-28 Graduates: 29/96/1350	100 hours	100 hours
FMS		3.00	2026-27 Graduates: 24/82/1190 2027-28 Graduates: 25/83/1200	75 hours	100 hours

[1] The required coursework aligns with the State University System admission requirements found in Florida Board of Governor's Regulation 6.002. Additional information regarding high school coursework can be found within the Florida Counseling for Future Education Handbook.
[2] Students must earn the required volunteer service hours, 100 paid work hours, or a combination that totals a minimum of 100 hours.

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

1. Be evaluated by the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) as meeting initial eligibility requirements.
2. Be a Florida resident and U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen.
3. Enroll as a degree- or certificate-seeking student at a Florida institution in at least 6 non-remedial semester credit hours.

Renewal Requirements: (As determined by grade and hours submitted by the postsecondary institution)

1. Students must earn the number of credit hours based on the student's enrollment type per term.
2. The renewal cumulative GPA requirements are outlined in the table below.

	Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)	Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)
Minimum Cumulative GPA (unrounded and unweighted)	3.0	2.75

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

Eligibility requirements are subject to change with each legislative session.

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

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV)
2026-27

Initial Eligibility Requirements: (As determined by the Florida Department of Education.)

1. Submit the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) no later than August 31 after high school graduation.
2. Graduate with a standard Florida high school diploma or its equivalent.
3. Achieve the required weighted 3.0 GPA in the non-elective high school courses.
4. Completes at least three (3) full Career and Technical Education credits
5. Achieve the required minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA in Career and Technical Education credits.
6. Complete at least 30 volunteer service hours, 100 paid work hours, or a combination that equals a minimum of 100 total hours. For students entering grade 9 in the 2024-2025 school year and thereafter, 75 hours of volunteer service must be completed.
7. Achieve the required minimum scores on one of the college entrance exams per the chart below on or before August 31 of the year the student graduates from high school.

Exam Type	Sub-test	Required Score
ACT®	Reading	19
	English	17
	Mathematics	19
SAT® (March 1, 2024, and thereafter)	Critical Reading or Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	490
	Mathematics	480
SAT® (Prior to March 1, 2024)	Reading	24
	Writing and Language	25
	Math Test	24
PERT (Only applies to the GSV Scholarship)	Reading	106
	Writing	103
	Mathematics	114

Required test scores follow those established by Rule 6A-10.0315, Florida Administrative Code.

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

1. Be evaluated by the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) as meeting initial eligibility requirements.
2. Be a Florida resident and U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen.
3. Enroll as a degree- or certificate-seeking student at a Florida institution in at least six (6) non-remedial semester credit hours.

Scholarship Restrictions:

The GSV award 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 and not toward the completion of an associate in arts or a baccalaureate degree.

Renewal Requirements: (As determined by grade and hours submitted by your postsecondary institution.)

1. Students must earn the number of credit hours based on the student's enrollment type per term.
2. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative 2.75 GPA (unrounded and unweighted).

For detailed information, please refer to the Bright Futures Student Handbook.

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Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars (GSC)
2026-27

Initial Eligibility Requirements: (As determined by the Florida Department of Education.)

1. Submit the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) no later than August 31 after high school graduation.
2. Graduate with a standard high school diploma or its equivalent.
3. Earn a minimum of five (5) postsecondary credit hours through CAPE industry certifications that articulate for college credit.
4. Complete at least 30 volunteer service hours, 100 paid work hours, or a combination that equals a minimum of 100 total hours. For students entering grade 9 in the 2024-2025 school year and thereafter, 75 hours of volunteer service must be completed.

Eligible CAPE Certifications:
Bright Futures Course Table

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

1. Be evaluated by the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) as meeting initial eligibility requirements.
2. Be a Florida resident and U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen.
3. Enroll as a degree- or certificate-seeking student at a Florida institution in at least six (6) non-remedial semester credit 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.

Renewal Requirements: (As determined by grade and hours submitted by your postsecondary institution.)

1. Students must earn the number of credit hours based on the student's enrollment type per term.
2. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative 2.75 GPA (unrounded and unweighted).

For detailed information, please refer to the Bright Futures Student Handbook.

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Earning Bright Futures with the AP Capstone Diploma



Why does it matter for Florida students?

Earning the **AP Capstone Diploma** is now recognized as one of the eligibility pathways for Florida's Bright Futures Scholarship, one of the state's most significant sources of financial support for students pursuing higher education, covering a substantial portion, or in some cases, nearly all, of college tuition and fees at Florida's public universities and colleges.

For students graduating in 2026, 2027, or 2028

may earn the FAS award by:

Completing 100 Hours

Students must earn the required volunteer service, paid work hours, or a combination of both, equal to 100 total hours

Receiving an AP Capstone Diploma, in which students must:

- Earn a score of 3 or higher on both AP Seminar and AP Research examinations, and
- Earn a score of 3 or higher on any four additional AP examinations of their choosing

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For students graduating in 2029

may earn the FAS award by:

Completing 100 Hours

Students must earn the required volunteer service, paid work hours, or a combination of both, equal to 100 total hours

Receiving an AP Capstone Diploma, in which students must:

- Earn a score of 3 or higher on BOTH AP Seminar and AP Research examinations, and
- Earn a score of 3 or higher on:
  - THREE AP courses in Math, Science, English, or Social Studies that satisfy graduation requirements.*
  - ONE AP subject of the student's choice.

Contact your school counselor, AP teacher, or Office of Advanced Studies for more information

*Florida acknowledges AP Computer Science courses as a math credit for graduation, but Bright Futures does not. These courses will count toward the "student choice" subject.

PCS PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS

Office of Advanced Studies

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	NAME OF INSTITUTION	SUMMER SEMESTER						FALL SEMESTER								
		Total Enrollment	Total Undergraduate Enrollment (2025)	Anticipated class size	Average or middle 50% FTIC GPA	Middle 50% Admit FTIC SAT	Middle 50% Admit FTIC ACT	Middle 50% FTIC CLT	Anticipated class size	Average or middle 50% FTIC GPA	Middle 50% Admit FTIC SAT	Middle 50% Admit FTIC ACT	Middle 50% FTIC CLT	STARS/SPARK	Self-Reported Test Scores	2+2 Program
FAMU	FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY	8,739	7,372	400	3.0 – 3.7	1010 – 1110	18 – 23	57-68	1600	3.6 – 4.2	1090 – 1240	22 – 26	60 – 74	NO	NO	IGNITE
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	32,248	24,484	1,300	3.32 – 3.93	1020 – 1190	20 – 25	62 – 82	3,500	3.78 – 4.35	1110 – 1300	23 – 29	66 – 82	YES	YES	Link2FAU
Florida Gulf Coast University	FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY	16,734	13,864	300	4.02	1135	23	60	2,150	4.22	1170	24	67	NO	NO	Destination FGCU
FIU	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY	55,673	46,050	3,200	3.9 – 4.4	1100 – 1200	22 – 25	70 – 83	2,200	4.1 – 4.7	1250 – 1380	27 – 32	84 – 95	NO	NO	Connect4Success
FLORIDA POLY	FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY	1,901	1,746	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	750	3.8 – 4.5	1160 – 1360	24 – 31	64 – 96	YES	YES	Polk State to Florida Poly
FSU	FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	45,744	34,271	2,400	4.1 – 4.5	1300 – 1370	28 – 31	86 – 98	3,600	4.3 – 4.6	1380 – 1480	31 – 34	102 – 105	YES	YES	TSC Aspire Transfer Program
New College of Florida	NEW COLLEGE OF FLORIDA	919	869	30	3.27 – 3.83	1040 – 1120	18.8 – 22.5	60.5 – 67	220	3.8 – 4.38	1030 – 1320	23 – 29	64 – 79	YES	YES	Guaranteed Admission Program
UCF	UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA	70,658	60,070	3,450	3.90 – 4.38	1190 – 1240	24 – 26	82 – 88	4,830	4.11 – 4.57	1310 – 1420	28 – 32	91 – 101	YES	NO	Direct Connect to UCF
UF	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	63,302	39,860	1,250	4.4 – 4.7	1380 – 1460	30 – 34	N/A too few	6,250	4.5 – 4.7	1430 – 1520	32 – 35	N/A too few	YES	YES	Going Gator
UNF	UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA	17,041	14,415	1,800	3.24 – 3.70	940 – 1110	18 – 24	47 – 62	1,900	3.96 – 4.51	1090 – 1280	23 – 29	55 – 83	YES	YES	Transfer2UNF
USF	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA	47,814	37,479	3,000	3.71 – 4.29	1140 – 1230	72 – 84	N/A	3,850	4.13 – 4.58	1290 – 1420	28 – 32	92 – 100	YES	NO	FUSE
UWF	UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA	15,442	10,315	60	3.50 – 4.04	970 – 1170	18 – 24	46 – 68	1,340	3.63 – 4.23	1020 – 1230	20 – 27	47 – 63	YES	NO	2UWF

This matrix was produced by Florida International University.

BASIC STUDY SKILLS

- ## USE A DAY PLANNER / AGENDA BOOK
  Keep up with assignments, due dates, etc.

- ## TIME FORMULA
  Time outside of school, **5 days a week**

  Grade (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th) **X 10 min = # of Mins/Day**
  - 90-120 minutes a day for high school X 5 days a week
  - Add 30 mins per Honors class
  - Add 1 hour per AP class

- ## LOOK AT EVERY SUBJECT / EVERY NIGHT
  - Take out and open agenda book.
  - Take folders out of back pack.
  - Look on FOCUS as well as teacher posted site.
  - Ask:
    1. What did I do in (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) period?
    2. Did I finish it? Do I have work? Where is it?
    3. When is the next test / project / deadline?

- ## NO LOOSE PAPERS
  Have a folder, notebook, binder or binder section for EVERY subject.

- ## ENGAGE IN CLASS
  Ask questions.
  - Ask 1 to 3 questions per class, per week to engage in the discussions / topics.

  Volunteer to answer / lead discussions.

- ## COMMUNICATION WITH THE TEACHER
  Maintain regular communication with your teacher, via email, class discussion, chat, etc.

MU ALPHA THETA
STUDENT TUTORS HELP
2:00-2:30

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
Alg 1 & 2/Geo MLA/MCA/MDFL AP Pre-Calc/AP Calc Room 259	Alg 1 & 2 MLA/MCA/MDFL Stats/AP Stats Room 244	Alg 1 & 2/Geo MLA/MCA/MDFL Room 255
Alg 1 & 2 MLA/MCA/MDFL Stats/AP Stats Room 262	Alg 1 & 2/Geo MLA/MCA/MDFL AP Pre-Calc/AP Calc AB Room 261	Alg 1 & 2/Geo MLA/MCA/MDFL AP Pre-Calc/AP Calc AB Room 260
Alg 1/Geo/MLA Room 263		

MLA (Math for Liberal Arts), MCA (Math for College Algebra), MDFL (Math for Data and Finance)

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TUTORING SCHEDULE

STRONGER STUDENTS. BRIGHTER TOMORROWS.

SUBJECT	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
AP BIO TUTORING	Mondays	2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Room 180
AP ENV SCI TUTORING	Tuesdays	2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Room 195
ALL AP SOCIAL STUDIES TUTORING	Wednesdays	2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Room 209
MATH TUTORING	Wednesdays	2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Room 262
ENGLISH TUTORING	Thursdays	2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Room 230
BIO TUTORING	Fridays	2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Room 180

WARRIORS HELP WARRIORS!

LEARN
PRACTICE
ASK
SUCCEED

ONE TEAM ONE TRIBE