Bright Futures
General Requirements

• Be a Florida resident and a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen, as determined by the student's postsecondary institution.

• Complete the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) no later than August 31 after high school graduation.

• Earn a standard Florida high school diploma or its equivalent from a Florida public high school or a registered Florida Department of Education (FDOE) private high school; or complete a home education program.

• Not have been found guilty of, or pled nolo contendere to, a felony charge, unless the student has been granted clemency by the Governor and Cabinet sitting as the Executive Office of Clemency.

• Be accepted by and enroll in a degree or certificate program at an eligible Florida public or independent postsecondary institution.

• Be enrolled for at least 6 non-remedial semester credit hours (or the equivalent in quarter or clock hours) per term.

• If not funded in the academic year immediately following high school graduation, apply within two years of high school graduation to have your award reinstated.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER:
Students must Apply for Bright Futures by submitting the FFAA (Florida Financial Aid Application) no later than August 31 after high school graduation. If a student does not apply for the scholarship by the deadline, the student can not receive the scholarship.

All eligibility requirements must be met by high school graduation, but scores on ACT/SAT/PERT tests taken through June 30 are accepted for evaluation purposes.

Students will be evaluated based on official test scores from the FLDOE repository. To ensure OSFA obtains your test scores (1) ensure demographics on your test registration & high school transcript match & (2) request your official test scores be sent to one of FL’s 12 state universities, Florida State Colleges, or your public high school when registering for the ACT/SAT.

After submitting the FFAA, the student is responsible for tracking their application and award status online and keeping OSFA informed of any address or school changes. Students are responsible for renewing their Bright Futures Scholarship every year.

Additional information may be found at www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org

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Additional information about Scholarship Opportunities may be found at www.walton.k12.fl.us
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**Florida Academic Scholar**

In addition to the general requirements students must also meet the following to qualify for FL Academic Scholar:

- Graduate high school from a Florida public high school with a Florida Standard Diploma (high school graduation requirements), graduate from a registered Florida Department of Education private high school, earn a GED, complete a home education program, or graduate from a non-Florida high school (OOS);
- 16 High School Credits to include 4 English (3 must have substantial writing) 4 Mathematics (At or Above Algebra 1 level) 3 Natural Science (2 Substantial Labs) 3 Social Studies 2 World Languages (Sequential, same lang.)
- 3.50 Weighted High School GPA
- Either a 1290 on the SAT or a 29 on the ACT College Entrance Exams. May take exams an unlimited number of times through June 30 of graduating year
- 100 Hours of Documented Community Service Hours completed prior to graduation date

**Florida Medallion Scholar**

In addition to the general requirements students must also meet the following to qualify for FL Medallion Scholar:

- Graduate high school from a Florida public high school with a Florida Standard Diploma (high school graduation requirements), graduate from a registered Florida Department of Education private high school, earn a GED, complete a home education program, or graduate from a non-Florida high school (OOS);
- 16 High School Credits to include 4 English (3 must have substantial writing) 4 Mathematics (At or Above Algebra 1 level) 3 Natural Science (2 Substantial Labs) 3 Social Studies 2 World Languages (Sequential, same lang.)
- 3.00 Weighted High School GPA
- Either a 1170 on the SAT or a 26 on the ACT College Entrance Exams. May take exams an unlimited number of times through June 30 of graduating year
- 75 Hours of Documented Community Service Hours completed prior to graduation date

Other ways to qualify:
- Be a National Merit Finalist and Scholars with 100 Service hours to earn a Florida Academic Scholar
- Be a National Hispanic Scholar with 100 Service hours to earn a Florida Academic Scholar
- Earn an AICE Diploma with 100 Service hours to earn a Florida Academic Scholar

**Gold Seal Vocational Scholars**

In addition to the general requirements students must also meet the following to qualify for Gold Seal Vocational Scholar:

- Enroll in a Career Education Technical Degree or Certificate Program
- Achieve the required weighted minimum 3.0 GPA in non-elective high school courses
- Take a full 3 credits in a single Career & Technical Education program
- Achieve the required minimum 3.5 GPA in career education courses
- Achieve an ACT score of at least 19 in Reading, 17 in English, and 19 in Math or an SAT score of at least 24 in Reading, 25 in Writing & Language, & 24 in Math or a PERT score of at least 106 in Reading, 103 in Writing & 114 in Math
- Complete 30 service hours

**Gold Seal CAPE Scholars**

In addition to the general requirements students must also meet the following to qualify for Gold Seal CAPE Scholar:

- Enroll in a Career Education Technical Degree or Certificate Program
- Earn a minimum of 5 Post-secondary credit hrs. through CAPE industry certifications which articulate for college credit
- Complete 30 service hours