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) by August 31 of senior year of high school
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
5. Achieve the required combined ACT or composite SAT score per chart below

Initial Eligibility Requirements for Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship
1. Submit the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) by August 31 of senior year of high school
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
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) and $300 for fall and spring semesters for educational expenses	75% of tuition and fees at a public institution (or comparable amount at a private institution)	$39-$48/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 and weighted 0.5 for AP, DE, IB, and Honors courses)	3.0 weighted GPA in the 16 college preparatory credits listed (GPA's are not rounded and weighted 0.5 for AP, DE, IB, and Honors courses)	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	**75** Community Service Hours	**30** Community Service Hours
2019-20 Graduates: 29 ACT or 1290 SAT **2020-21 Graduates:** 29 ACT or 1330 SAT Best composite score without writing ACT scores round up .5 or higher	**2019-20 Graduates:** 26 ACT or 1170 SAT **2020-21 Graduates:** 25 ACT or 1210 SAT 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**

Requirements to Receive an Award:
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.