

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) / Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)
2023-24

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 no later than 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)	3.50	2023-24 Graduates: 29/96/1340 2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340	100 hours	100 hours
FMS	3 - Social Science 2 - World Language (sequential, in same language)	3.00	2023-24 Graduates: 25/84/1210 2024-25 Graduates: 25/84/1210	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.

High School Students

State Programs Initial Eligibility

October

- Initial Student Florida Financial Aid Application opens October 1

January

- Service Hours and Test Score deadline for Bright Futures Early Evaluation is January 31
- Bright Futures Mid-Year Graduate Final Eligibility deadlines is January 31

February

- Bright Futures receives Early Evaluation transcripts for seniors

March

- Bright Futures Early Evaluation results posted on student's Financial Aid Recipient History (FARH)**
- Login and check the status of your award online

April

- April 1 application deadline for José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant Fund, Scholarships for Children/Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans, Randolph Bracy Ocoee Scholarship Program, and Rosewood Family Scholarship

May

- Bright Futures service hours deadline for Final Evaluation – speak to a high school counselor for specific deadline date

June/
July

- Test date deadline for Bright Futures Final Evaluation is June 30
- Final award notifications posted for in June for the Rosewood Family Scholarship and José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant Fund; award notifications posted in July for Scholarships for Children/Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans

August

- Bright Futures Final Evaluation results posted on student's FARH
- Login and check the status of your award online
- Final award notifications posted for Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship and Randolph Bracy Ocoee Scholarship Program

*For Mid-year Graduates: **Early Evaluation** – Service hours and test scores deadline is June 30 ; **Final Evaluation** – Service hours and test scores deadline is January 31 with final status posted in February. Deadline to apply is December 31.

**Eligibility status is only posted online to student's FARH.

College Students

Recipients

July -
September

- Students verify accuracy of information online*
- Award amounts posted online
- Funding disbursed by postsecondary institution after last day of drop/add for fall term

November

- Academic Top Scholars selected and notified on student's Financial Aid Recipient History (FARH)

January

- Funding disbursed by postsecondary institution after the last day of drop/add for spring term

February

- Reinstatement/Restoration Application opens
- Check the status of your application online

May/June

- Grade and hours reported by postsecondary institution
- Students automatically evaluated for renewal based on cumulative GPA and total hours earned for the year submitted by postsecondary institutions

*Students may change information online.
Eligibility status is only posted online to student's FARH.