Florida Bright Futures Scholarships:
Which One is Right for Me?

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For school year 2026-27

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 ***Note:*** *See "Other Ways to Qualify" (on reverse) for ways to qualify without test scores.*	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 ***Note:*** *See "Other Ways to Qualify" (on reverse) for ways to qualify without test scores.*	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 **75 volunteer service hours will be required for students entering grade 9 in the 2024-2025 school year and thereafter.*	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 **75 volunteer service hours will be required for students entering grade 9 in the 2024-2025 school year and thereafter.*	Award is a set amount per training hour earned No award provided for summer term

**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.

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Track My Progress

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Use this section to track your progress.

Today's Date: _____

Volunteer Service Hours / Paid Work Hours: _____

Industry Certifications: _____

Test Scores

ACT: _____ SAT: _____ CLT: _____ PERT: _____

Tips

- Your school counselors are great resources. Make an appointment to meet with one to seek advice on college planning.
- Take the most challenging (and realistic) course load for which you are eligible.
- Check your eligibility by discussing your academic requirements and courses with your counselor.
- Use your test scores and current GPA to evaluate your college options and scholarship opportunities.
- Prepare for your tests early! Remember, you can test more than once to reach your desired score.

Additional Resources

Florida Students Scholarship & Grant Programs
https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org

Open Door Grant Program
https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org

FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid
https://studentaid.gov/fafsa

Other Ways to Qualify
https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/PDF/BFHandbookChapter1.pdf

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
https://floridabrightfutures.gov