



Florida Scholarship & Grant Programs Counselor Training

Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA)

State Scholarships and Grants

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Florida Bright Futures Scholarship

The Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) will begin evaluations of 2022-23 high school seniors in late March. In order for a student to qualify for Bright Futures, all five of the below requirements must be met:

1. Submit a complete Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA), also known as the state application, no later than August 31, 2023, at <https://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org>;
 2. Complete the required coursework by high school graduation;
 3. Achieve the required grade point average in the required coursework;
 4. Complete the required number of service/work hours by; and
 5. Achieve the required college entrance exam score no later than June 30, 2023.
- Note: Early Evaluation testing cutoff date January 31, 2023

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship

Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)

- All high school seniors should submit a complete FFAA
- Students are required to apply no later than August 31 of their graduating year.
- A student graduating early and seeking spring funding must submit FFAA by December 31 of their graduating year. There is no exception to this application deadline.
- Students who meet all academic requirements, but do not apply, will not be eligible for the scholarship in the future.

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship

Coursework and Volunteer Service/Paid Work Hours

- Submit transcripts for your high school students within 30 days of fall start date, within 30 days after first semester grades are added to the transcript, within 30 days of high school graduation, and immediately for new school enrollees
- All service/work hours, whether associated with a volunteer public service course, paid-work, or an International Baccalaureate diploma, must be reported on the transcript.
- The FASTER Early Evaluation address value for 2023 senior transcripts is 2371 and 2381 for Final Evaluation.

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship

College Entrance Exams

- OSFA will evaluate students based on official ACT® and SAT® test scores obtained directly from the two national test companies through the state test repository. Continue to report PERT scores on the transcript for each student.
- In order for the scores to be sent to the repository, students must request their official single sitting test scores be sent to at least one of (12) Florida's state public universities.
- Final evaluations for 2023 seniors will only consider test dates through June 30, 2023

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship

District/School Monitoring

- Florida Statute 1009.531 requires each district and school to monitor their students' progress throughout the evaluation process.
- Annually provide each high school student in grade 11 or 12 a complete and accurate Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Evaluation Report and Key. The report shall be disseminated at the beginning of each school year.
- Disclose (on Student Report Card) that Bright Futures grade point average (GPA) may differ from the GPA on the report card.

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship

The Florida Legislature expanded Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) and Bright Futures Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) funding during the summer term.

- Funding is only available if the postsecondary institution allows an FAS/FMS student to enroll as a degree-seeking student during the summer.

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship

Bright Futures Contact Information

Email OSFASecurity@fldoe.org with any security issues for your district/school personnel or for any students with issues accessing their account information.

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Bright Futures Awards

Award Acronym	Award Name
FAS	Florida Academic Scholars
FMS	Florida Medallion Scholars
GSC	Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars
GSV	Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars

Bright Futures Scholars

Year	Scholarship Recipients
2008-09	169,366
2009-10	177,612
2010-11	179,076
2011-12	174,047
2012-13	162,980
2013-14	153,800
2020-15	128,545
2015-16	110,802
2016-17	96,806
2017-18	94,137
2018-19	101,579
2019-20	111,973

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First-Time Applicants

Students must submit a completed Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) to OSFA for programs denoted by an asterisk (*). In order to apply for State Scholarship & Grant Programs, a student must first [Create a Student Account](#). After logging into your account, you may proceed to complete the FFAA.

Eligible Institutions

High Schools:

Verify if your high school is a participating Florida public or private high school.

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Verify if the postsecondary institution you are planning to attend is eligible to disburse state aid.

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[Effective Access to Student Education](#)

[First Generation Matching Grant](#)

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[Florida Student Assistance Grant
- Career Education](#)

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[Randolph Bracy Ocoee Scholarship Program*](#)

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[Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans* \(Award Amounts\)](#)

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APPLICATIONS

Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)
Reinstatement/Restoration Application
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
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REPORTS

Annual Report to the Commissioner - (Archives)
End-of-Year Reports - (Archives)
Bright Futures Statistical Reports

RESOURCES

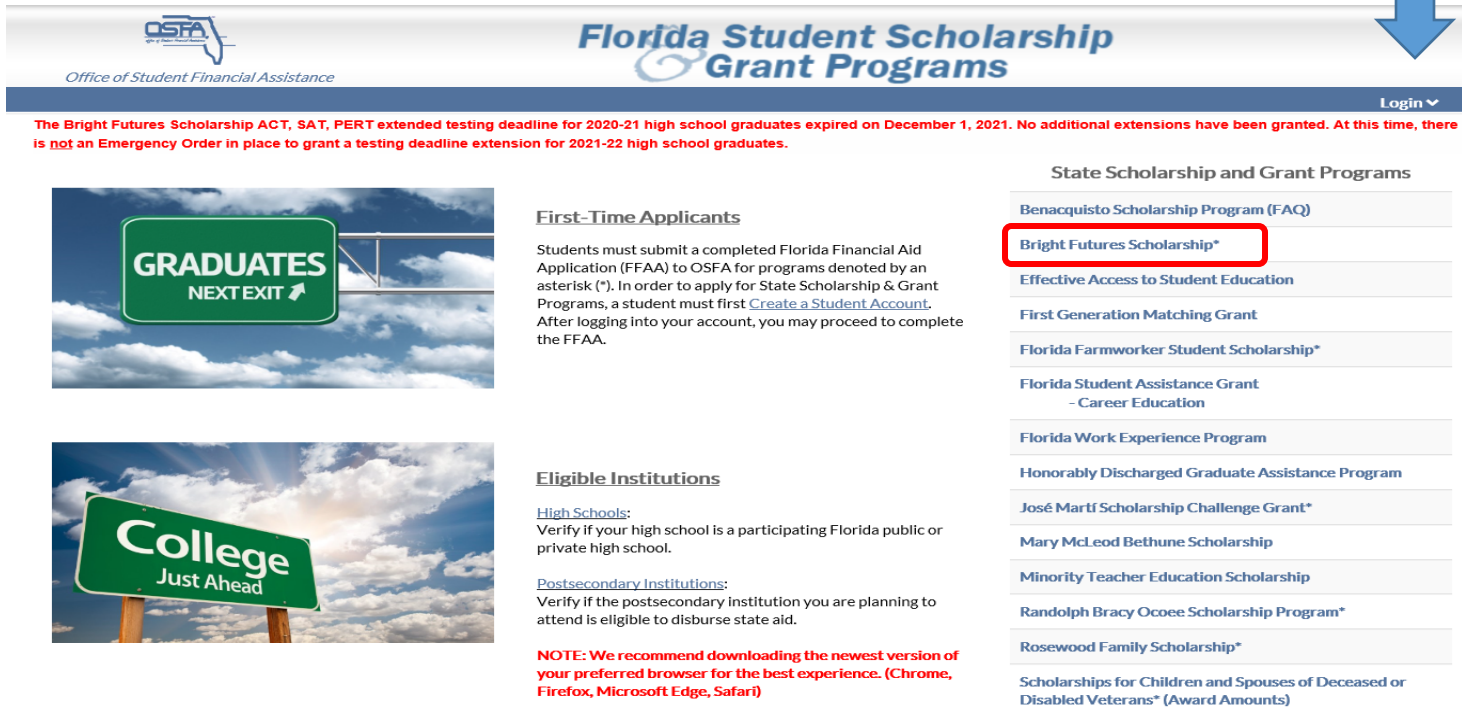
Federal Student Aid
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GRADUATES
NEXT EXIT ↗

College
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Notification of Eligibility

Early Evaluations (7th Semester) – Postings may begin in March

- All students whose transcripts are submitted electronically to FDOE for an official early evaluation (based on academic progress in the middle of the last year of high school and test scores for tests taken no later than January 31) will receive an eligibility or ineligibility determination, with the award status notification posted to their online account.
- Students cannot lose an award based on early evaluation unless they fail to earn a standard Florida high school diploma from a Florida public or FDOE-registered private high school.

Notification of Eligibility

Final Evaluations (8th Semester) – Postings may begin in July

- All students whose final transcripts are submitted following the student's last term in high school (with test scores for tests taken no later than June 30th) will receive an award status notification (eligibility or ineligibility determination) posted to their online account.
- **NOTE:** Students awarded an IB or AICE Diploma will receive notifications of eligibility determination in early fall after a list of IB and AICE Diploma recipients has been received from these respective organizations.

Notification of Eligibility - FARH

The award (or ineligibility) determination will be posted to a student's online Financial Aid Recipient History (FARH) screen and is viewable by the student. The FARH shows the following information:

- Award status (eligibility determination);
- Demographic information;
- Postsecondary institution;
- Amount disbursed each semester;
- Spring renewal GPA;
- Hours remaining for the year and for the scholarship; and
- Correspondence posted and/or sent from FDOE.

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