

FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
2008 – 2009

General Eligibility Requirements

Be a Florida resident - Earn a Florida standard high school diploma - Enroll in an eligible Florida post-secondary education institution - Enroll for at least six semester credit hours - Not been found guilty of or plead nolo contendere to a felony charge - Complete the Florida Financial Aid Application online prior to Graduation.

	Gold Seal Voc Scholars Award	Florida Medallion Scholars	Academic Scholars Award
GPA – Minimum Unrounded and Cumulative	3.0 weighted* GPA in the 15 credits required for graduation AND a 3.5 unweighted GPA in a 3 credit vocational program. Please see specific courses on reverse side.	3.0 weighted* GPA in the 15 college preparatory credits identified by the Florida Board of Regents as MINIMUM entrance requirements. Please see specific courses on reverse side.	3.5 weighted* GPA in the 15 college preparatory credits identified by the Florida Board of Regents as MINIMUM entrance requirements. Please see specific courses on reverse side.
SAT	Critical Reading- 440 Math- 440	970 Combined (excludes Writing)	1270 Combined (excludes Writing)
or ACT	Rdg-18 and English-17 and Math-19	20 Composite	28 Composite
or FCELPT	Rdg-83 and SS-83 and Alg-72	N/A	N/A
Volunteer Hours	N/A	N/A	75 Hours
Amount of Award	75% of Tuition and Fees+	75 % of Tuition and Fees+ or 100% for community college	100% of Tuition and Fees Nominal college related expense allotment to be determined annually by legislature. <small>Effective 10/30/07</small>
# of Credits	Up to 45 credit hours/year	Up to 45 credit hours/year	Up to 45 credit hours/year
Length of Award	Use within 3 years of graduation for up to 90 credit hours (2 years)^^^	Use within 3 years of graduation for up to 132 credit hours (4 Years)	Use within 3 years of graduation for up to 132 credit hours (4 Years)
Renewability	College GPA of 2.75	College GPA of 2.75	College GPA of 3.0. If GPA is 2.75 – 2.99, award goes to Medallion

* Weighted GPA is calculated with a 0.5 weight on specific higher level courses. Please see counselor for specifics.

+ Amount reflects the cost of a Florida public institution. If attending a private institution in Florida amount is comparable to the public institution.

^^ May transfer to Florida Medallion Award for the remaining 2 years if the college GPA has been maintained at 2.75.

Based on information available as of July 16, 2007. Florida legislature has the right to make changes prior to the start of the 2007/2008 school year.

15 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 4 Credits English
- 3 Credits Math (Algebra I and above)
- 3 Credits Science
- 1 Credit American History
- 1 Credit of World History
- ½ Credit of American Government
- ½ Credit of Economics
- ½ Credit of Personal Fitness
- ½ Credit Physical Education Elective
- ½ Credit of Health
- 1 Credit Practical/Performing Arts

Vocational courses depend upon program. See counselor for specifics.

This information is a summary of the information available from the Florida Department of Education.

Specific courses are listed in Counseling for Future Education.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE YOUR COUNSELOR OR
VISIT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WEBSITE**

<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/home/uamain.htm>

Beginning with 2002 graduates, you must apply for a **BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP** by submitting a completed **FLORIDA FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION** during the last year in high school.

Students will apply on-line (students will be informed when to complete this application) at:

www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org

This application gives the Department of Education permission to evaluate your high school transcripts for eligibility for a **BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP** and will initiate your evaluation for other state scholarships and grants as well.

You must apply during your last year in high school or you will FORFEIT all eligibility for a BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP.

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15 COLLEGE PREPARATORY CURRICULUM

- 4 Credits English
- 3 Credits Math (Algebra I and above)
- 3 Credits Science (2 with lab)
- 3 Credits of Social Science
- 2 Credits of the same Foreign Language