Florida Bright Futures

Scholarships

Presenter: Mrs. Gros, Director of College and Career Co-Director of School Counseling
PRAYER
● Intent of the Program = Florida SUS Schools
● Slide Reference:
  www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/bf
● General Requirements
● Academic Criteria
● Application Timeline
● Renewal Requirements
● Questions
The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program establishes lottery-funded scholarships to reward Florida high school graduates for high academic achievement.

Bright Futures Student Handbook

- Requirements for Scholarship Types
  (FAS, FMS, GSC, GSV)
- Non-Traditional Students
  (home-educated, GED, mid-year, out-of-state)
- Length of Scholarship Award
- Award Amounts [BFFAS/BFFMS Private]
- Transferring the Scholarship between Institutions
- Renewal Requirements
- Reinstatement/Restoration Requirements

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Additional Resources
General Requirements

- Be a Florida resident and a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen, as determined by the student's postsecondary institution.
- Complete the FFAA no later than August 31 after high school graduation.
- Earn a standard Florida high school diploma, or its equivalent, from a Florida public high school or a registered Florida Department of Education (FDOE) private high school; or complete a home education program.
- Not have been found guilty of, or pled nolo contendere to, a felony charge, unless the student has been granted clemency by the Governor and Cabinet sitting as the Executive Office of Clemency.
- Be accepted by, and enroll in a degree or certificate program at, an eligible Florida public or independent postsecondary institution.
- Be enrolled for at least six non-remedial semester credit hours (or the equivalent in quarter or clock hours) per term.
- If not funded in the academic year immediately following high school graduation, apply within five years of high school graduation to have your award reinstated.
  (Please refer to ‘Reinstatement Requirements’ section of Chapter 3 for more information regarding the reinstatement process.)
  (Please refer to the ‘Deferment of the Scholarship’ section at the end of this chapter concerning students who enlist in the military or engage in a full-time religious or service obligation after graduation.)
Florida Medallion/Merit Scholars Award

- 3.0 Bright Futures weighted gpa
- 1210 SAT or 25 ACT
- 75 hours of community service

Value as of now =

- 75% Tuition at 4 year SUS Schools (Approximately $158/credit hour)
- 100% Tuition at 2 year SUS Schools (Approximately $103/credit hour)
Florida Academic Scholars Award

- 3.5 Bright Futures weighted gpa
- 1330 SAT or 29 ACT
- 100 hours of community service

Value as of now = Full Tuition at SUS Schools (Approximately $211/credit hour)
Tuition does NOT equal total Cost of Attendance

- Cost of Attendance includes:
  - Tuition
  - Fees
  - Room-housing
  - Board-food
  - Transportation-flights, cars, parking
  - Expenses-books, computer, phone, medical insurance, parking

- Bright Futures addresses Tuition expenses
  - Other fees are considered each year when the Legislature meets
### GPA Calculations

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<th>Type</th>
<th>16 High School Course Credits (^1)</th>
<th>High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA</th>
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| **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 |
| **FMS** | 3 - Social Science  
2 - World Language  
(sequential, in same language) | 3.00 |
SAT/ACT Scores

- All scores that used for Bright Futures consideration must be sent directly to a school in the Florida State University System (SUS).
- Student name, birthdate, social security number, and address must be exactly the same on the online application, test registration, and Authorization form for the scores to MATCH in the Bright Futures system.
Who should apply?

- Any student who is eligible!
- If you plan to go to an out of state school…
- If you plan to join the military…
Application Timeline - Senior Year

i. October - Complete the BMC Preliminary Release Form that will be mailed home.

ii. October-December – Submit the FFAA (Initial Student Florida Financial Aid App)

1. Apply online by December even if you are planning to continue testing.
2. This is also the application for other state sponsored scholarships.

iii. January-March – 7th semester evaluation

1. All demographic information must match on your FFAA and scores.
2. SAT and ACT scores must be sent to one FL SUS school.

iv. March-April – Notification of Awards online

v. May – Confirmation of College Choice online

vi. June – 8th semester evaluation

vii. July – Notification of Final Award Status online

viii. August-September – Money sent to the college of your choice.
### GPA Renewal Requirements

The renewal cumulative GPA requirements are outlined in the table below.

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<th>Minimum Cumulative GPA (unrounded and unweighted)</th>
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<th>Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)</th>
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¹Assumes a 4.0 scale.
Bright Futures Contact Information

- Toll Free Number: 1-888-827-2004
- The Florida Legislature reserves the right to change the program and its requirements at any time.
Questions?

Thank you for your time.