

Scholarships and Bright Futures

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Prayer

*“Be not afraid,
I go before you always.”*

*“Come, follow me,
and I will give you rest.”*
John Michael Talbot





Agenda

- Types of Financial Aid
- Terminology Used in Financial Aid Offices
- Merit Based Aid and Scholarships Sources
- Florida Bright Futures Scholarships Criteria
- Best Advice



Types of Financial Aid

Need-based aid

- Grants-Pell Grant, First Generation Matching Grant
- Loans -Student Loans, Parent Loans
- Work/Study-Money is disbursed as it is earned.

Merit-based aid

- Scholarships for academics
- Scholarships for athletics, talents, military, etc.



Terminology

1. FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid (December)
2. CSS Profile – Financial Aid forms (October)
3. COA - Cost of Attendance = Tuition, plus room/board, books, transportation, and other school expenses
4. SAI – Student Aid Index = Indicator of your financial need as determined by family income/assets reported FAFSA/CSS Profile using their 2022 tax data.
5. Financial Aid Award – Package offered to help meet determined Financial Need. (Not all colleges will meet 100% of Financial Need.)
6. Net Price Calculator – [Financial Aid Tools & Calculators | The College Board](#)



Sources of Merit Based Aid

1. Colleges – Admissions Office
2. Colleges – Specific Departments (art, music, athletics, etc.)
3. Corporations – Employers, Competitions
4. Community Groups/Private Funds
5. State of Florida – Bright Futures Scholarship, Jose Marti, Benaquisto, EASE Program
6. Research! Research! Research! (Visit the College and Career Center and Naviance Student for resources.)



Florida Bright Futures Scholarship

The Florida Legislature reserves the right to change the value and requirements of this program at any time!

- Florida Bright Futures Academic Scholars Award Requirements
 - 3.5 Bright Futures weighted gpa on 16 core classes
 - **1340 SAT or 29 ACT*** (Scores sent to FL SUS schools)
 - 100 hours of community service

- Florida Bright Futures Medallion/Merit Scholars Award Requirements
 - 3.0 Bright Futures weighted gpa on 16 core classes
 - **1210 SAT or 25 ACT*** (Scores sent to FL SUS schools)
 - 75 hours of community service

**Send individual ACT scores not superscore.*



Florida Bright Futures Scholarship

Timeline for the Bright Futures Application will be covered in a visit to your student's Government and Economics classes.

Steps for completion by the STUDENT:

1. Complete the BMC Preliminary Release Form.
2. Complete the online Florida Student Financial Aid Form.
3. Send qualifying scores to one Florida SUS 4 year school.
4. Follow up as needed on your account. Email notifications sent.

(Apply even if plans are to go out of state, as there is a window of time to reactivate the scholarship if student comes back to FL.)



Best Advice

Encourage your students to:

1. Take responsibility for this process.
2. Be smart in their choice of schools.
3. Have a mature conversation about your family's willingness and ability to contribute to their college.
4. Keep applying for scholarships throughout the year.
5. Meet deadlines.