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Dear Senior:

Attached is your Bright Futures Student Evaluation Report. Please review it carefully. This report will list what items you are missing for each of the Bright Futures Award Levels.

The 2018 Bright Futures requirements are also included. Please review the requirements for each of the Bright Futures Award levels to determine if you are missing anything. This information can also be found on-line at www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org.

If you believe you will qualify you **must** submit an application at: www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org. You can submit your application beginning Oct. 1st, 2017, and by no later than August 31st, 2018. If you do not apply for the scholarship by the deadline, you will NOT receive the scholarship. It is to your advantage to apply as soon as possible. You do **not** have to have all of the requirements met in order to apply. All Eligibility requirements must be met by high school graduation but scores of ACT/SAT/P.E.R.T. tests taken through June 30 are accepted for evaluation purposes.

When you complete the application at www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org you are applying for the following scholarships and grants: "Access to Better Learning and Education (ABLE) Grant", "Bright Futures Scholarship", "First Generation Matching Grant", "Benacquisto Scholarship Program", "Florida Fund for Minority Teachers", "Florida Resident Access Grant (FRAG)", "Florida Student Assistance Grant (FSAG)", "Florida Work Experience Program", "Jose Marti Scholarship Challenge Grant", "Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship", "Rosewood Family Scholarship" and the "Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased and Disabled Veterans".

We strongly recommend that you **also** complete an error-free FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid before the end of the school year. The FAFSA web site is <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> and you can begin applying October 1st.

If you have any problems or questions, please call or visit the Guidance office.

Thank you,
Guidance

"Preparing tomorrow's leaders, today."

Bright Futures Eligibility Information

Specific Requirements for the Scholarships

Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)

Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)

Florida high school students who wish to qualify for the Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) award or the Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) award must meet the following initial eligibility requirements:

- Graduate high school from a Florida public high school with a Florida Standard Diploma (high school graduation requirements), graduate from a registered Florida Department of Education private high school, earn a GED, complete a home education program, or graduate from a non-Florida high school (OOS);
- Complete the required high school coursework;
- Achieve the required minimum high school grade point average (GPA);
- Achieve the required minimum score on either the ACT[®] or SAT[®] college entrance exam; and
- Complete the required number of service hours.

Type	16 High School Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted GPA	College Entrance Exams (ACT [®] /SAT [®]) ²	Service Hours
FAS	4 - English <i>(three must include substantial writing)</i> 4 - Mathematics <i>(at or above the Algebra 1 level)</i> 3 - Natural Science <i>(two must have substantial laboratory)</i>	3.50	29/1290	100 hours
FMS	3 - Social Science 2 - World Language <i>(sequential, in same language)</i>	3.00	26/1170	75 hours

¹The required coursework aligns with the State University System admission requirements found in regulation 6.002.

²SAT[®] score requirement is applicable to both the former SAT[®] and the redesigned SAT[®] introduced in 2016.

Other ways to qualify

Students who have demonstrated academic merit through a recognition program may be eligible for Bright Futures without having to meet one or more of the requirements. Note: Both AICE and IB Diplomas must be earned prior to high school graduation (August 31). Please refer to the table below for how to qualify based on one of the merit recognition programs.

Merit Recognition Program	College Entrance Exams (ACT [®] /SAT [®])	Service Hours	Bright Futures Award
National Merit [®] Finalists and Scholars		100 hours	FAS
		75 hours	FMS
National Hispanic Scholars		100 hours	FAS
		75 hours	FMS
Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) - Diploma		100 hours	FAS
		75 hours	FMS
International Baccalaureate (IB) - Diploma		100 hours	FAS
		75 hours	FMS
AICE - Curriculum	29/1290	100 hours	FAS
	26/1170	75 hours	FMS
International Baccalaureate (IB) - Curriculum	29/1290	100 hours	FAS
	26/1170	75 hours	FMS

Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV)

The Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV) may be funded if enrolled in a career education or certificate program. Florida high school students who wish to qualify for the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV) award must meet the following initial eligibility requirements:

- Achieve the required weighted minimum 3.0 GPA in the non-elective high school courses;
- Take at least 3 full credits in a single Career and Technical Education program;
- Achieve the required minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA in the career education courses;
- Achieve the required minimum score on the ACT[®], SAT[®], or Florida Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (P.E.R.T.) exams (see table below); and
- Complete 30 service hours.

College Entrance Exams

Exam types cannot be combined; a student must qualify based on each sub-test score for a single exam type. Sub-test scores from different test dates may be used to meet the test requirement. Scores taken through June 30 of the student's senior year (for a regular graduate, or January 31 for a mid-year graduate) will be accepted for Bright Futures evaluation. There is no limit to the number of times a student may retake the test prior to June 30 of the student's graduation year.

Request test scores be sent to one of Florida's 12 state universities, Florida state colleges (public community colleges), or public high schools when the student registers for the ACT[®]/SAT[®] so that test scores will be sent to the FDOE repository.

Exam Type	Sub-test	Required Score
ACT [®]	Reading	19
	English	17
	Mathematics	19
SAT [®] (Prior to March 1, 2016)	Critical Reading	440
	Mathematics	440
SAT [®] (March 1, 2016 and thereafter)	Reading Test	24
	Writing and Language Test	25
	Math Test	24
P.E.R.T. (Only applies to the GSV Scholarship)	Reading	106
	Writing	103
	Mathematics	114

Required test scores follow those established by State Board Rule 6A-10.0315.

Service Hours

Students must complete service hours during high school and by high school graduation. For additional information, refer to Service Hours under Florida Academic and Florida Medallion Scholarships found on page 4.

Award Amounts

Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) will receive an award to cover 100% of tuition and applicable fees and \$300 for both fall and spring semesters for additional educational expenses. Students attending a public institution will have tuition and applicable fees covered. These fees include activity and service fee, health fee, athletic fee, financial aid fee, capital improvement fee, campus access/transportation fee, technology fee and tuition differential fee. Students attending a nonpublic institution will receive a comparable amount as noted in the Private Award Chart.

Other award recipients will receive a fixed cost per credit hour based on award level, institution type, and credit type as outlined in the table below.

2017-18 Bright Futures Scholarship Per Hour Award Amounts			
	Credit Hour Award		Clock Hour Award
	Semester	Quarter	
Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)			
4 Year	\$77	\$51	
2 Year	\$63	\$42	\$2.10
Florida Public Colleges – Baccalaureate Programs	\$53		
Career / Technical Centers	\$39	\$26	\$1.30
Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV) & Gold Seal CAPE Scholars (GSC)*			
Career Certificate Program (PSAV)	\$39	\$26	\$1.30
Applied Technology Diploma Program (ATD)	\$39	\$26	\$1.30
Technical Degree Education Program (AS, AAS, CCC)	\$48	\$32	\$1.60
Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV) – 2010-11 HS Graduates and earlier			
4 Year	\$77	\$51	
2 Year	\$63	\$42	\$2.10
Florida Public Colleges / Baccalaureate Programs	\$53		
Career / Technical Centers	\$39	\$26	\$1.30
* As of 2012-13, GSV recipients are ONLY eligible to receive funding in these vocational education categories. GSC recipients who earn a qualifying A.S. or A.A.S degree may receive \$48 per credit hour toward a qualifying B.S. or B.A.S. degree.			

A disbursed Florida Academic Scholar in each district is awarded an additional per credit hour award. Academic Scholars who attend in the fall following high school graduation are ranked on the product of their Bright Futures weighted GPA and their best college entrance exam score.

2017-18 Academic Top Scholars			
	Semester	Quarter	Clock
Per Hour Award Amounts	\$44	\$29	\$1.47

Summer 2018 Funding

Florida Academic Scholars will receive an award amount equal to 100% of tuition and applicable fees at a public postsecondary institution, or comparable at a nonpublic institution to attend classes during the summer 2018 term.