

# APHS SCHOLARSHIP HANDBOOK

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A Guide for the Class of 2012

**Guidance Department**

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Students and Parents: The Scholarship handbook is designed to assist you in finding post-secondary schools and financial assistance.

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# SCHOLARSHIP NOTEBOOK

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

English Class Period \_\_\_\_\_

This will be a folder in which you will keep all of your scholarship information. Throughout the year you will receive updated scholarship lists through your English class or viewing current lists on our guidance website. You can request PDF formatted scholarship applications from Dr. Webb [webbr@highlands.k12.fl.us](mailto:webbr@highlands.k12.fl.us) or hard copies Tuesday mornings before school outside of the front office next to the Chatter Box or from 3:15 to 3:30 in the Media Center Wednesday afternoons.

*\*\*Please have a business type e-mail address that does not appear to be SPAM or our Highlands County website will not recognize your e-mail, therefore, I won't receive your request or you will login in to Gagle intranet where you will may contact Dr. Webb or receive updated information.*

As you begin to get scholarship applications, you should plan to keep them in this folder so you can make the deadlines.

All updated lists of Scholarships will be posted in your English class or the Guidance Chatter Box is also available on the APHS Website. Just find "Scholarships" on the sidebar and click.

## **Senior Year**

- ❖ Continue to excel: maintain a G.P.A. at or above 2.0 to graduate
- ❖ Know graduation requirements, retake FCAT Read/Math as necessary, look at alternative testing (ACT, SAT).
- ❖ Create a Resume (talk about you outside of academics)
  - School Activities
  - Community activities
  - Sports
  - Awards and recognition
  - Hobbies
  - Work experience
- ❖ Review and update **ePep** at [www.facts.org](http://www.facts.org)
- ❖ Read magazines provided through the Guidance Office
  - Careers and College [www.careersandcolleges.com](http://www.careersandcolleges.com)
  - College Bound Magazine [www.collegeboundmag.com](http://www.collegeboundmag.com)
  - Florida Leader [www.floridaleader.com](http://www.floridaleader.com)
  - Florida's Trend Next Magazine [www.floridanext.com](http://www.floridanext.com)
  - Next Step Magazine [www.nextstepmagazine.com](http://www.nextstepmagazine.com)
- ❖ Visit colleges and /or shadow a role model in a likely career field
- ❖ Retest if necessary
- ❖ Narrow Choice [www.ed.gov/](http://www.ed.gov/)
- ❖ Apply to your "Choice" Colleges
  - Obtain/Complete applications
  - Observe Deadlines
  - Submit Transcript & Scores
- ❖ Apply for Financial Aid-Parents & Students must do their income taxes first. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) after January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ❖ Contact the Financial Aid Office at the colleges of your choice and secure forms and make deadlines.
- ❖ Apply for Bright Futures Scholarship before graduation, beginning Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, [www.facts.org](http://www.facts.org)
- ❖ Apply for Local Scholarships which are available from Dr. Webb
- ❖ Free Scholarship Search Services [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)
- ❖ [www.college-scholarships.com/100college.htm](http://www.college-scholarships.com/100college.htm)
- ❖ All Eligible Males Must Register with the Selective Service [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov)

**Students working toward Bright Futures scholarships must complete a Pre-Approved community service project of 100 hours for Florida Academic Scholars; 75 hours for Florida Medallion; 30 hours for Gold Seal Vocational.**

## STAYING ON SCHEDULE YOUR SENIOR YEAR CALENDAR

<b>Sept.</b>	<p>If you have not thought out your educational goals, needs, and preferences and developed a preliminary list of colleges, do so now. Reduce your preliminary list to approximately 2 to 3. Continue using <i>www.facts.org</i>. E-mail or write to each college, request a catalog, application, and financial aid information. Analyze the application instructions to see what information is required, check for open houses and all due dates. If you need to take/retake ACT, or SAT, schedule test dates to allow 4-5 weeks for scores to be received by the colleges. If the colleges require a registration fee, which you are unable to pay, consider writing the Admissions Director for a fee waiver. If you received an ACT or SAT test fee waiver, contact Dr. Webb, counselor, for an ACT or SAT admissions fee waiver.</p>
<b>Oct.</b>	<p>Decide whom to ask for recommendations, and ask them now. Provide them with your resume, appropriate forms, and an envelope. Talk with students or former students of the schools you are exploring to get a feel for everyday living. Listen to announcements and check the <i>Guidance Chatter Box</i> for scholarships; explore scholarships on the Internet; establish a <i>www.fastweb.com</i> mailbox. If an athlete, be sure you're registered with the NCAA or NAIA. (Discuss choices with your coach.) Your ACT and/or SAT fee waivers waive the application fee for NCAA and NAIA. Contact Dr. Webb to file the online waiver. Begin to apply to your colleges of your choice. Do not apply to the top choice and wait to be accepted or denied.</p>
<b>Nov.</b>	<p>If an application essay is needed, complete and have someone proofread it for you. Most colleges require applications to be completed by mid month. Check application deadlines. Fill out all paperwork. Forms are in the guidance office for requesting transcripts. Be sure to allow time for processing. If using dual enrollment credits, contact SFCC for transcripts. <b>Parents</b> begin to gather tax information and plan for filing income taxes as soon as possible, most financial aid is based on this information.</p>
<b>Dec.</b>	<p>Even though many will continue to accept applications in Feb. and March or have rolling enrollment, you should have your applications filed. Financial aid is a finite amount, and the earlier you are accepted the better opportunities you will have. Review your second semester schedule. <b>Register with <a href="http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org">www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org</a></b>. You cannot receive Bright Futures or any</p>

	<p>other Florida Scholarships unless you register. Many local scholarships want to know that you have applied for a college and/or want a letter of acceptance from the institution you plan to attend.</p>
<p><b>Jan.</b></p>	<p><b>AVOID SENIORITIS: IT CAN BE FATAL, SECOND SEMESTER COUNTS!!!</b></p> <p>Process the FAFSA (federal financial aid form), on-line <a href="http://www.fafsa.ed.gov">www.fafsa.ed.gov</a> as soon as possible, with information from income tax return. Complete the local scholarship applications, resume, and reference letters.</p>
<p><b>Feb. Mar.</b></p>	<p>Complete anything you have not completed. Review second semester transcript with Dr. Webb and make sure it is correct. If mid-year reports are required by your school, make sure your forms are in guidance. Many local and state scholarship applications will begin to come in. Stay in close contact with the guidance office and review the available lists frequently.</p>
<p><b>April</b></p>	<p>Continue to check the scholarship availability; new scholarships will be arriving daily. CAREFULLY review financial aid notices, and if you have questions, contact the office at the college. Don't just look at how much, but how much of your need is met. If it is not enough, ask for additional options. If you have been placed on a waiting list, you should call and find out what you can do to strengthen your position, such as retesting, or attending summer school.</p>
<p><b>May</b></p>	<p>Notify colleges of your decision. Look for deadlines for housing, meal plans, etc. Let the guidance office know of any grants, or scholarships. Final transcript request forms need to be completed. Dual Enrollment students must complete a transcript request with SFCC in order to transfer their college credits.</p>

# ACT Test Dates 2011–2012

September 10, 2011  
October 22, 2011  
December 10, 2011  
February 11, 2012\*  
April 14, 2012  
June 9, 2012  
Test Date

August 12, 2011  
September 16, 2011  
November 4, 2011  
January 13, 2012  
March 9, 2012  
May 4, 2012  
Registration Deadline

August 13–26, 2011  
Sept. 17–30, 2011  
November 5–18, 2011  
January 14–20, 2012  
March 10–23, 2012  
May 5–18, 2012  
Late Fee Required

## APHS HIGH SCHOOL CODE: 100060

\* No test centers are scheduled in New York for the February test date.

### On Test Day

- Report to your assigned test center by the time shown on your admission ticket, normally 8:00 a.m. You will not be admitted to test if you are late.
- Be prepared to begin testing after all examinees are seated.
- A break is scheduled after the first two tests.
- Do not engage in any prohibited behavior at the test center. (See [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) for details.)
- You will normally be dismissed about 12:15 p.m. if you take the ACT (No Writing) or about 1:00 p.m. if you take the ACT Plus Writing.
- Once you break the seal on your test booklet, you cannot later request a Test Date Change, even if you do not complete testing.

#### Bring the following items to the test center:

- A printed copy of your admission ticket.
- Acceptable identification. (See [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) for details.)
- **Viewing Your Scores and Score Report on the Web** Schedules for posting scores after each test date are at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) along with reasons why some scores take longer. If you take the ACT Plus Writing, your Writing scores will be added as soon as they are available, usually about 2 weeks after your multiple-choice scores are posted. Normally, and all scores are posted by 8 weeks after the test date. Your score report will also be delivered through your Web account.

**Student Reports by Mail** If you register online and want to receive a paper report in the mail; you must request that when you register. Reports are normally mailed 3-8 weeks after the test date. (ACT Plus Writing reports are mailed only when all your scores are available, including Writing, normally 5-8 weeks after the test date.)

- Sharpened soft lead No. 2 pencils with good erasers (no mechanical pencils or ink pens).
- A watch to pace yourself. (Your supervisor will announce when you have 5 minutes remaining on each test.)
- A **permitted** calculator. (See [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) for details.)
- Snacks to eat outside the test room during break.

#### Do NOT bring any of the following items:

- Books, dictionaries, notes, scratch paper, or other aids.
- Highlighters, colored pens or pencils, or correction fluid.
- **Any** electronic device other than a permitted calculator (e.g., timer, cell phone, media player, iPad).
- Reading material.
- Tobacco in any form.

### Reporting To Colleges

- You can add, change, or delete the colleges you list on your registration up to 12 noon central time the Thursday immediately after the regularly scheduled Saturday test date.
- Each college selects the method and frequency of reporting at least every two weeks.

### Problems on Test Day

- In the event of inclement weather, listen to your local radio or TV station for announcements about the status of your test center. ACT will post reschedule information on [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).
- If you have to leave the test center before completing all your tests, you must decide whether or not you want your answer document scored AND inform the room supervisor or test supervisor of your decision. If you do not, your answer document will be scored.
- If you decide to stop testing after you break the seal on your test booklet, but later decide to test again, you must re-register and pay the **full** fee for your test option.

## • 2011 - 2012 ACT Fees and Services



**TAKE NOTE**

- All fees are **nonrefundable** unless otherwise noted.
- For information on ACT Fee Waivers, see [Am I eligible for a fee waiver?](#)
- **Basic registration fee (per test option)**

<b>ACT (No Writing)</b>	<b>\$34.00</b>
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Includes reports for you, your high school (if you authorize reporting), and up to four college choices (if valid codes are provided when you register).

<b><u>ACT Plus Writing</u></b>	<b>\$49.50</b>
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Includes reports for you, your high school (if you authorize reporting), and up to four college choices (if valid codes are provided when you register). The \$15.50 Writing Test fee is refundable, on written request if you are absent on test day or switch to the ACT (No Writing) before testing begins.

- **Additional registration fees and services**

*Add to the basic fee for your test option (except for the Test Center Change)*

<b>5th and 6th college choices</b>	<b>add \$10.00 each</b>
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Requested online before the test date; refundable on written request, if you do not test. Find out how much it costs to [send your scores](#) after you test.

<b><u>Telephone re-registration</u></b>	<b>add \$13.00</b>
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<b>Late registration fee (U.S. or</b>	<b>add \$21.00</b>
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**Canada only)**

For registration or test date change submitted during the late period for a [national test date](#).

<b><u>Standby testing on test day</u></b>	<b>add \$42.00</b>
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<b><u>International testing (required outside the U.S. or Canada)</u></b>	<b>add \$27.00</b>
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The [ACT Plus Writing](#) is not available at international test centers on the February test date.

<b><u>Test date change</u></b>	<b>add \$21.00</b>
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For different date only if absent or unable to test on original date. If you request a test date change after the regular deadline for the new date, you must also add the late fee. You will be charged the full basic fee for your new test date plus \$21.00 (\$42.00 if you register during the late period). Your basic fee for the original test date will be promptly refunded.

<b><u>Test center change</u></b>	<b>\$21.00</b>
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For the same test date.

<b><u>Viewing scores and score report online</u></b>	<b>FREE</b>
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<b><u>Test Information Release (TIR) service</u></b>	<b>add \$18.00</b>
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more

SAT



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## 2011-12 SAT CALENDAR

Test Dates	OCT <b>1</b>	NOV <b>5</b>	DEC <b>3</b>	JAN <b>28</b>	MAR <b>10</b>	MAY <b>5</b>	JUN <b>2</b>
Registration Deadlines	<b>Regular</b> Sep 9	Oct 7	Nov 8	Dec 30	Feb 10	Apr 6	May 8
	<b>Late</b> Sep 21	Oct 21	Nov 20	Jan 13	Feb 24	Apr 20	May 22

## More than a Test

### Try College Search

The most popular college search tool on the Web is from the maker of the SAT. Search our database of over 3,800 colleges and universities by location, majors, cost and more.

[www.collegesearch.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegesearch.collegeboard.org)

### Consider SAT Subject Tests'

SAT Subject Tests' are college admission tests that allow you to differentiate yourself on your college application and showcase your achievements in specific subject areas like math, science, literature, foreign languages or history.

### Find out about financial aid

Use Scholarship Search to review 2,300 sources of funding, including scholarships, internships, grants and loans, totaling nearly \$3 billion in [aid](#).

[www.collegeboard.org/student/pay](http://www.collegeboard.org/student/pay)

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### Contact Us:

To ask a question or send us a message, visit [sat.collegeboard.org/contact](http://sat.collegeboard.org/contact) or call us at 866-756-7346.

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## Test & Registration Fees

Test	Fee	Practice with official SAT questions	Practice with official SAT questions
	\$49		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Subscribe to The Official SAT Online Course™</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Answer The Official SAT Question of the Day™</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Buy The Official SAT Study Guide™: Second Edition</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Practice with official SAT questions</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">SAT Register</a>	\$22 Basic Subject Test Fee (Per Registration)		
	+\$22 Language with Listening Tests (Per test)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Practice with new official SAT Subject Test™</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">SAT Subject Tests Register</a>	+\$11 All other Subject Tests (Per test)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Buy The Official Study Guide for all SAT Subject Tests™</a></li> </ul>
<p>= Total fees vary by number and type of tests.</p> <p><a href="#">See an example</a></p> <p><a href="#">Fee waiver available</a></p>			

## Acceptable Forms of Payment

- **Credit card** American Express, Discover, Visa or MasterCard accepted. (Credit cards are not accepted in Benin, Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, or Togo.)
- **Check or money order** Make checks payable to The College Board. Orders received with checks drawn on non-U.S. banks will be returned.
- **Other** Bank drafts, international money orders, UNESCO coupons (for international registration only).

## DO NOT SEND CASH.

We reserve the right to collect payments electronically by check. Checks returned to the College Board for insufficient funds will be represented electronically, and your account will be debited for the amount of the check, plus the state-allowed penalty fee.

## Refunds

Test and registration fees (including late fees and telephone re-registration fees) cannot be refunded, even if you cancel your test scores or are absent on test day.

The following fees are refundable only under specific circumstances:

- The [Question-and-Answer Service](#) or [Student Answer Service](#) are refundable only if your order has not yet been fulfilled or if you missed your test date (for example, you were absent or you had to take a makeup test).
- Additional score reports that you ordered at the time of registration are refundable only if you are absent.

If you ordered QAS and your order was not fulfilled (for example, because you had to take a makeup test), contact us to find out if you are entitled to a refund. Refunds are processed beginning six weeks after the test date.

## Additional Fees

Fee	More Information	Amount
Register by Phone	Available only if you've registered previously	\$15
Change Fee	Test type, center or date change	\$25
Late Fee	Charged if registering after regular deadline but before late registration deadline	\$26
Standby Fee	To be paid at test center on day of test	\$43
International Processing Fee	For students testing in countries other than the United States and U.S. territories, including Puerto Rico	\$29
Additional fee for testing in India and Pakistan	Additional surcharge for students testing in India and Pakistan	\$24

## Scholarship Tips

1. Review your Academic History NOW! You need to know where you stand academically; many scholarships are looking for a minimum GPA and you also need to be aware if you are on target for receiving Bright Futures.
2. Create a student resume.
3. Scholarship applications are available by contacting Dr. Webb.
4. Scholarship Criteria is listed on the application - check to see if you qualify before taking application. However, if "Need" is listed as part of the criteria, don't assume you won't qualify based on your family's income.
5. Remember, you are asking for someone else's money. Make your application a reflection of how badly you want it. NEATNESS COUNTS! Typed applications are preferred and in some cases are required. Give supportive information even if the application does not ask for it. Use nice paper on which to print your essay.
6. Fill out applications completely. Do not leave any blanks and don't use "unknown" for an answer. Review criteria/checklist to make certain you have included everything and proof your application and essays for errors.
7. If a transcript is required, you may request one in guidance. You will need to make your request a minimum of one day prior to the application deadline. Please indicate that you need either an official transcript (in a sealed envelope) or an unofficial transcript.
8. Keep track of application deadlines. **Absolutely** no applications will be accepted late.
9. Once applications are turned in, NO other material may be added.
10. All scholarship applications will be submitted to the organization together following the application deadline.
11. Remember to ask for letters of recommendation well in advance.
12. To ensure an excellent letter of recommendation, give a copy of your student resume to each person from whom you have requested a letter.
13. Deliver your application to the Guidance Office in person. If you leave your application with another student or school employee and they fail to turn it in before the deadline, your application will not be considered.
14. If you are awarded a scholarship, send a "Thank You" to the donor.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

**When should I apply for financial aid?** You must apply for aid each academic year and can do so anytime after January prior to the start of the fall semester. We suggest that you apply as early as possible, as many schools have their own deadlines to meet, and many programs have limited funding that will go only to early applicants.

### **Am I eligible for financial aid?**

Most financial aid programs require financial need and are based on family income. In addition, you must meet the following criteria:

- Be accepted as a degree seeking student to a degree program
- Be making satisfactory academic progress
- Be a U.S. citizen, national or permanent resident alien.
- Need to be enrolled at least half-time (6 credit hours) for most programs
- Not in default on a prior student loan.
- Not have been convicted for sale or possession of illegal drugs.
- Not have an existing financial obligation to school.
- Be registered for selective service if required.
- Have a high school diploma or GED certificate.

**What information is needed to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)?** Personal information from both student and parents will be needed to complete the form. If you are filing a federal income tax return, it is necessary to complete before filling out the FAFSA, as some of the income tax information will also be needed for the FAFSA. Carefully read the FAFSA and review your information before sending it. You can include up to six college/school codes for the post-secondary schools you might like to attend. Be sure you put your first choice and other just in case you do not attend your first choice. If any questions occur about your information you may be asked to provide additional documents. The federal examiner will notify the school and you when the examination is complete.

### **How do I qualify for the Bright Futures Scholarship Program?**

You must complete the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) during your last year in high school at [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org). This will give the Department of Education permission to evaluate your high school transcript to determine your eligibility. This is very important for you to do during your last year in high school BEFORE you graduate. Otherwise, you will forfeit all future eligibility for a Bright Future Scholarship.

**What do I do once I have been awarded a Bright Futures Scholarship by the State of Florida?** Once you know what Florida post-secondary school you will be attending, contact the State of Florida Bright Futures Office at 1-888-827-2004, or visit the website with the special PIN number issued to you by the State of Florida to declare the school you will be attending. The school of your choice will then automatically award you other scholarship.

**How do I apply for admission to the post-secondary school of my choice?** If possible, make a personal visit to the school's Admission, Financial, and Counseling Offices. Also, most schools have a web site that can answer your questions and provide forms that you can download.

## What's New

[Florida Legislative Session 2011 Updates and Legislative History](#)

## Applicant Quick Links

[Student Application](#)  
[View Student Financial Aid History](#)  
[Update My Demographics](#)  
[Check My Status](#)

## Administrator Quick Links

[Program Compliance Audits](#)  
[SSFAD Guide for Postsecondary Institutions](#)  
[SSFAD Guide for High School Personnel](#)



Want Bright Futures? Seniors submit a [Florida Financial Aid](#)

[Application](#) by high school graduation.



## Who We Are

The Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) State Programs, within the Florida Department of Education, administers a variety of postsecondary educational state-funded grants and scholarships, and provides information to students, parents, and high school and postsecondary professionals.

**Easy access to program information, application and award status.**

**Know it, Use it, Be Responsible for your state financial aid!**

**Students - link here to [Activate Your User ID and PIN](#)**

Students should regularly check online:

1. To update contact information,
2. To view all communications from OSFA, and
3. To view the status of their application and awards.



## Contact Us

1-888-827-2004  
Toll-Free

[osfa@fldoe.org](mailto:osfa@fldoe.org)

## Great Resources



Please use [Microsoft Internet Explorer](#) browser version 6.3 or higher for best results in interacting with this website.

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**What's New**

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**Student Quick Links**

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**Students - link here to [Activate Your User ID and PIN](#)**

1. Update contact information,
2. View all communications from OSFA, and
3. View the status of their application and awards.

In 1997, the Florida Legislature created the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program to reward students for their academic achievements during high school by providing funding to attend postsecondary education in Florida.

Important Legislative Changes

**STUDENTS – DON'T FORGET!**

2011-12 Awardees

Students are now required to submit a complete, error-free FAFSA for Bright Futures, Florida Resident Access Grant, and Access to Better Learning and Education Grant initial and renewal eligibility any time prior to disbursement. No FAFSA = No \$

2011-12 High School Graduates Increase in community service requirement (and hours increase for Florida Academic Scholars) for all three Bright Futures award levels. Bright Futures Florida Academic Scholars (FAS), Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS), and Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV) during the 2011-12 academic year, and thereafter, must complete:

- FAS – 100 hours
- FMS – 75 hours
- GSV – 30 hours
- The Florida Department of Education is required to approve home education community service hours for Bright Futures initial eligibility.
- A pilot program was created at the University of Florida to provide for a Bright futures cohort of initial students whose program funding will be limited to spring and summer on-campus classes beginning with the 2012-13 academic year.

[Brochures/Posters](#)

[Check Your Status](#)

[Bright Futures Statistics](#)

**2011 High School Graduates [apply here](#) beginning December 1, 2010, and before graduation. Additional documentation is required for [Home Education](#), [GED](#), and [Out-of-State](#) applicants.**

**Contact Us**

1-888-827-2004

Toll-Free

[osfa@fldoe.org](mailto:osfa@fldoe.org)



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**Florida Legislative Session 2011 Updates and Legislative History  
SB2000 General Appropriations Act (GAA)**

- Specifies Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program award amounts per credit hour in the 2011-12 academic year. See [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/bf/awardamt.htm](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/bf/awardamt.htm) **2011-12 for Bright Futures award amounts. SB2150**
- Students are **now required to submit a complete, error-free FAFSA** for Bright Futures, Florida Resident Access Grant, and Access to Better Learning and Education Grant initial and renewal eligibility any time prior to disbursement. No FAFSA = No \$
- **Increase in community service requirement** for all three Bright Futures award levels. Bright Futures Florida Academic Scholars (FAS), Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS), and Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV). During the 2011-12 academic year, and thereafter, the required community service hours to be completed for the following awards are:
  - FAS – 100 hours (increased from 75 hours)
  - FMS – 75 hours (increased from 0 hours)
  - GSV – 30 hours (increased from 0 hours)
- The Florida Department of Education is required to approve home education community service hours for Bright Futures initial eligibility.
- Increase in Bright Futures Florida Medallion Scholars award test scores for high school students graduating in the 2013-14 academic year.
  - 1050 increased to 1170 for SAT
  - 23 increased to 26 for ACT
- 1100 SAT increased to 1220/24 ACT increased to 27 for home educated students \

**Test Score Requirements for Florida Academic Scholars  
and Florida Medallion Scholars  
(2011-12 high school graduates and later)**

High School Graduation Year Florida Academic Scholars	SAT*	ACT**	Home Schooled Students (with undocumented GPA)	
			SAT*	ACT**
<b>2011-12</b>	1270	28	1270	28
<b>2012-13</b>	1280	28	1280	28
<b>2013-14 and thereafter</b>	1290	29	1290	29
Florida Medallion Scholars				
<b>2011-12</b>	980	21	1070	23
<b>2012-13</b>	1020	22	1070	23

\* SAT based on Critical Reading and Math sections only.

\*\*ACT based on English, Reading, Math, and Science sections only.

<b>2013-14 and thereafter</b>	<b>1170</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1220</b>	<b>27</b>
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**Florida Legislative Session 2010 Updates and Legislative History**

- Specifies Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program award amounts per credit hour in the 2010-11 academic year.
- Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) and Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) earning a baccalaureate degree in the 2010-11 academic year and thereafter in seven semesters or fewer (or the equivalent in credit hours) may receive funding for one term of graduate study, not to exceed 15 semester hours, paid at the undergraduate rate.
  - **2009-10 high school graduates and thereafter** eligible for Bright Futures:
    - May receive funding for up to 100% of the required hours for their program of study
    - May **ONLY** restore their award (during summer or a subsequent renewal period at the end

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of spring term) if the award is lost due to **insufficient GPA in the first year of funding.**

- Are terminated from the scholarship if the award is lost due to insufficient hours in the first year of funding.

Increases SAT/ACT test scores for the Florida Academic Scholars and Florida Medallion Scholars initial awards incrementally over the next four years.

- **2010-11 high school graduates and thereafter** eligible for Bright Futures:
  - May receive funding for up to 5 years after high school graduation instead of 7 years.
- The Critical Teacher Shortage (CTS) Tuition Reimbursement and the CTS Student Loan Forgiveness programs were not funded.

**HB5201 – Conforming Bill**

- Specifies Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans are funded equal to the amount required to pay tuition and registration fees at a public postsecondary institution.

**Florida Legislative Session 2009 Updates**

**2009 Legislative Updates**

**Review the entire Bright Futures website for updated scholarship information.**

- **Senate Bill 2600 - General Appropriations Act (GAA)**
  - Specifies **Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program** award amounts per credit hour in the **2009-10** academic year.
- **Senate Bill 1696 - Conforming Bill**
  - Removes **Bright Futures** college-related expense awards for **Florida Academic Scholars**.
- Requires institutions to refund the state for any **Bright Futures** award amount received for courses which were **dropped or withdrawn after the drop and add period**.
  - Amends Bright Futures Renewal Requirements:
    - Requires students to **submit a refund** to their institution for any award amount received for course(s) which were **dropped or withdrawn after the drop and add period**.
    - Allows students who **lose** their award due to **not earning the required hours to restore the award** in a subsequent academic year (available to students not meeting the hours requirement in the 2009-10 academic year and thereafter).
    - Revises credit hour requirements for **full-time** students to earn **24 semester hours (or the equivalent)** per academic year (and prorated for part-time enrollment).
    - Prohibits the renewal of Florida Gold Seal Vocational awards to Florida Medallion awards.

**Florida Legislative Session 2007C Enacts Changes to  
State Scholarship & Grant Programs  
Effective January 1, 2008**

**Senate Bill 10C**

**Changes to the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program, effective January 1, 2008**

- Early Admit students will no longer be eligible to apply for Bright Futures prior to their senior year in high school. Students may apply for an award beginning December 1 of the student's high school graduation year.

**SAT and ACT Subtests**

The new SAT and ACT writing subtests will not be used for determining Bright Futures eligibility. Bright

Futures eligibility will still be based on:

- SAT - Math and Critical Reading (formerly Verbal) sections
  - ACT - English, Reading, Math, and Science sections
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## **PROGRAMS OFFERED**

Below is a list of State of Florida Grant and Scholarship Programs administered by the Office of Student Financial Assistance. Each program name will link you to a program description that includes eligibility requirements, application procedures, award amounts, and renewal requirements.

**Access to Better Learning and Education Grant Program**

**Cost of Attendance and Adult Norm-Referenced Disability Testing**

**Federal Academic Competitiveness Grant and The National Science & Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant - not funded for 2011-12**

**First Generation Matching Grant Program**

**Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program *DEADLILNE PRIOR TO GRADUATION***

**Florida Fund for Minority Teachers Program**

**Florida Public Postsecondary Career Education Student Assistance Grant Program**

**Florida Resident Access Grant Program**

**Florida Student Assistance Grant Program**

**Florida Work Experience Program**

**José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant Fund *DEADLILNE APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2012***

**Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship Program**

**Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program - not funded for 2011-12**

**Rosewood Family Scholarship Program *DEADLINE APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2012***

**Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans and Service members *DEADLINE APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> 2012***

**Talented Twenty Program**

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT STATE OF FLORIDA FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS 2011-2012

### ***Student Application Questions***

1. What types of student financial aid programs are available?
2. How do I apply for state scholarships and grants and what are the program deadlines?
3. How long will it take me to complete the initial student application?
4. How can I check on the status of my award?
5. Why do some questions on the Florida Financial Aid Application contain an asterisk (\*) and appear in red type?
6. What if I do not know some of the answers to the application questions at the time of applying?
7. How do I submit additional test score and transcript documentation required?
8. What is the difference between an unweighted and a weighted Grade Point Average (GPA)?
9. When filling out the application, what should I do if I receive an error message when entering a valid unweighted GPA?
10. What if I do not know my exact Grade Point Average (GPA) for question #26 on the *Initial Student Florida Financial Aid Application*?
11. Why does a second twin who submits the application sometimes receive a duplicate error message?
12. What if I do not want to supply my Social Security Number (SSN)?
13. What application questions' responses are essential in determining eligibility for specific state program awards?
14. What is the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* and why do I need to fill it out?
15. How can the spouse of a deceased or disabled veteran apply for benefits through Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans and Service members?
16. Are there any student financial aid programs available for job training or trades?
17. Can I receive the First Generation Matching Grant at any institution?

### ***Student Eligibility Questions***

18. Do I have to be a Florida resident to be eligible for state-funded student financial aid?
19. What are the requirements to automatically maintain my award?
20. How many credit hours must I complete to be eligible for renewal of my Bright Futures award?
21. How can I verify that my grades, test scores, and certifications have been received?
22. What if I haven't decided to take a college entrance exam?
23. How is other documentation, such as a student's "high school transcript" and "test scores," received by the Florida Department of Education for a student's Bright Futures and José Martí evaluations?
24. How does the Florida Prepaid College Program work in coordination with the Florida Bright Futures Scholarships and/or Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans and Service members (CSDDV)?
25. What are the qualifications for spouses to receive state funding through Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans and Service members?
26. Can I skip a semester and still be eligible for my scholarship or grant??
27. Are graduate students eligible for state-funded financial aid programs?

### ***Student Communication Questions***

28. How and when will I be notified of my award eligibility?
29. When are students notified of their reinstatement or restoration eligibility?
30. When will I receive my User ID and PIN to access my application information?
31. If I lose my User ID and PIN, how do I obtain my State Program information?
32. I use Internet Explorer as my browser. When I use the keyboard backspace button, why am I sometimes taken to the previous page?
33. Why have I not received e-mail communications from the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA)?

### ***Other Financial Aid & Funding Questions for Students***

34. May I use my Bright Futures or another state scholarship and grant at an out-of-state college?
35. How can I find out in which programs my institution participates?
36. If I drop or withdraw from courses for which I received Bright Futures funding during the fall term and have not repaid this amount by the beginning of the following winter/spring term, will I still be eligible for funding during that winter/spring term?
37. When do I get my money and how much do I get?
38. What is Cost of Attendance (COA)?
39. Will financial aid cover the cost of required disability testing?
40. What are the student qualifications to receive disability testing?
41. How do I transfer my scholarship between postsecondary institutions?
42. How can I obtain information on the Talented Twenty program?
43. What financial aid benefits are available for dependent children of veterans classified as Deceased, Disabled, Prisoners of War, or Missing in Action?
44. What financial aid benefits are available for spouses of deceased or disabled veterans and service members?
45. Are there any financial aid programs for nurses?
46. What kinds of loans are available and how can I apply for a loan?
47. What kinds of scholarships are available for children of Marine Corps or other United States Armed Forces personnel?

Before you send money to apply for a scholarship, **check it out.** Ensure the legitimacy of the foundation, agency, and/or corporation. To find out how to spot, stop, and report a scholarship scam, contact:

Federal Trade Commission  
FTC Consumer Response Center  
600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20580  
Website: [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)  
Telephone: 1-877-382-4357

### **Websites for Scholarships:**

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) (Federal government) 1

[www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org) (State of Florida) 2

[www.collegeanswer.com](http://www.collegeanswer.com)

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.gocollege.com](http://www.gocollege.com)

[www.students.gov](http://www.students.gov)

[www.finaid.com](http://www.finaid.com)

[www.fastaid.com](http://www.fastaid.com)

[www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com)

[www.uncf.org](http://www.uncf.org)

[www.princetonreview.com/home.asp](http://www.princetonreview.com/home.asp) [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)

[www.usnews.com/sections/education](http://www.usnews.com/sections/education) [www.schoolsoup.com](http://www.schoolsoup.com)

[www.collegeboard.com/student/pay](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/pay)

1. Complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid beginning January 1st. Parents and Students must do their income taxes first. Worksheets available in guidance or you can apply online.

2. Complete Free Application for State Financial Aid beginning December 1st - no application = no award ever!!

3. Another helpful tool is to complete your *Financial Aid Profile* online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). This will help you demonstrate to your college of choice your various financial concerns that otherwise would be overlooked in the allocation of financial aid at your choice institution.

## MORE WEB SITES FOR ONLINE SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

(List will be updated frequently and posted/distributed in English IV classes, and Guidance Chatter Box.)

### **General Information about Different Scholarships Available**

[www.scholarships4students.com](http://www.scholarships4students.com)

[www.financialaidfinder.com](http://www.financialaidfinder.com)

[www.floridafinancialaid.org](http://www.floridafinancialaid.org)

[www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov](http://www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov)

### **Specific Scholarships**

[www.floridalegion.org](http://www.floridalegion.org) - American Legion Scholarships

[www.apple.com/education/students/scholars](http://www.apple.com/education/students/scholars) - Apple Scholars  
Program

[www.dixie.org/dyb](http://www.dixie.org/dyb) - Dixie Youth Baseball

[www.kfcscholars.org](http://www.kfcscholars.org)- KFC Colonel's Scholars Scholarship

[www.sammy.bodybymilk.com](http://www.sammy.bodybymilk.com) — Scholar Athlete Milk Moustache  
of the Year

[www.fwsgs.org](http://www.fwsgs.org) — Senior Golf Scholarship

<http://www.breylancommunications.com> -- Communications Scholarship

<http://bigsunathletics.com> – —————Big Sun Scholarship

<http://studentawardserch.com/scholarships.htm>--- B. Davis Scholarship

[www.southernscholarship.org](http://www.southernscholarship.org) –Southern Scholarship Foundation  
[www.studentcenter.ja.org](http://www.studentcenter.ja.org) –Junior Achievement Student Handbook  
<http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarship.htm> --Abbott and Fenner Business Consultants  
<http://roybal-allard.house.gov/students> –Courtesy of Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34). (Scholarship searches are listed from Jan. to Dec. yearly)  
<http://collegeispossible.org/> -College is Possible  
<http://www.freshinfo.com/> -Free Scholarship & Information Service  
<http://www.gmsp.org/> - Gates Millennium Scholars  
<http://www.hacu.net/> - Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities  
<http://hispanicheritage.org> - Hispanic Heritage Foundation  
<http://www.lationcollegedollars.org/directory.htm> - Latino College Dollars  
<http://maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/general/> - Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund  
<http://exchanges.state.gov/> -Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs  
[www.naacp.org/pages/naacp-scholarships](http://www.naacp.org/pages/naacp-scholarships) - NAACP Scholarships  
[www.colgate.com/hazlau](http://www.colgate.com/hazlau)- Colgate-Palmolive and the Hispanic Scholarship Fund  
September 1<sup>st</sup> through December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011

## INFORMATION ON LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Applications for local scholarships will not begin until November or December. Most of the scholarship applications will be done second semester.

2. When local scholarships become available, announcements about availability, requirements, and deadlines will be published in the following sites:

- a) APHS web page-click on “Scholarships” on the sidebar as they become available.
- b) Posting in Guidance Chatter Box
- c) Announcements on APBN
- d) Postings on Mrs. Maxine Johnson’s , Ms. Edelson’s doors and 700 building.
- e) Available lists and scholarships available on Tuesday mornings from Dr. Webb outside of Office.
- f) Available scholarships and assistance Wednesday afternoons 3:15 to 3:30 in the Media Center.
- g) Guidance Department-Dr. Webb all day or e-mail Dr. Webb ([webbr@highlands.k12.fl.us](mailto:webbr@highlands.k12.fl.us)) a request for scholarship(s) applications to be sent to you in PDF version.

3. You can begin looking on the Internet about national scholarships.

4. To help you prepare for the application process, you need to do the following:

- a) Apply for college in the fall.
- b) Make sure you have taken the SAT or ACT
- c) Prepare a types list of all your activities in and out of school
- d) Ask for general letters of recommendations from teachers, employers, church leaders, etc.
- e) Type an essay about your goals for the future and how you intend to achieve them and how you would benefit from a scholarship.

5. All items you collect can be saved in your scholarship notebook so you can copy them and attach them to your application. Your Scholarship Notebook will be the perfect place to keep you scholarship applications as you receive them.

6. Remember if you need a transcript for a scholarship, please download a transcript request from our website and turn it in to Mrs. Smith or ask her for one. You will need to indicate whether the request is for an official transcript which you will receive in a sealed envelope or an unofficial printed copy. Please indicate which scholarship you are requesting it for.

## **Note to Seniors Applying for Scholarships:**

***We need your help!!! Too many applications are being turned in at the last minute.***

***Please help us by following these guidelines. Thank you, Dr. Webb***

1. Please bring your Scholarship applications which are due each to Guidance by "A" or "B" lunch (in time for you to arrive in class on time without a pass) ON THURSDAY'S to Dr. Webb!!
2. Guidance Counselors and teachers WILL NOT write letters of recommendations on the date due. You must come in early before the deadline to request a letter. You were asked to have all your letters of recommendation accumulated in your folder or on a "jump drive". Some seniors did as they were asked and all they have to do is come to office or media center, ask to have a letter copied and then attach it to their application.
3. Please try to have your applications turned in BEFORE THE DEADLINE. Guidance has a lot of things to do, like transcripts, to attach to the application. It helps us a lot to be able to start early. We will save any applications turned in early and they will be sent in all together by the deadline.
4. Please make sure to type or write NEATLY IN INK when filling out your application. It would also help if you would have someone proofread it to make sure there are no spelling errors. We send your application in just like you give it to us. **MAKE SURE ALL REQUIRED ELEMENTS ARE ATTACHED! The only thing we attach is the transcript and/or Academic History and/or test grades.**

## Sample Student Resume

The resume may be double or single spaced, but should be in bullet form. It should group community service, school activities, and academic achievements together (see below). The biography may be any length and should highlight activities from 9<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Some scholarships have a required essay; be sure to cover the essay topic in its entirety. However, if an essay is not required, it is still a good idea to include one with your resume. This essay should include your future goals, your need for scholarships and possibly highlight one or two of the activities listed on your biography.

Student's Name

Senior

Avon Park High School

(863) 452-4311

Community Services (Below are examples, please insert your information)

- Member of Church Youth Group for 3 years
- Volunteered at Hospital for one summer
- Helped with community clean up: 40 hours
- Assisted with local YMCA camp: 15 hours
- Assisted with Children's Church: 5 hours
- Volunteered in Nursery: 10 hours

School Activities (Below are examples, please insert your information)

- Member of Class Executive Committee 10, 11, 12
- Member of Spanish Club 9, 10, 11, 12
- Member of Student Government 11, 12
- Member of Prom Committee 11
- Member of JV Volleyball Team 9
- Member of Varsity Volleyball Team 10, 11, 12 (Captain)
- Member of Varsity Softball 9, 10, 11, 12

Academic Achievements (Below are examples, please insert your information)

- Ranked 10 out of 170 seniors
- Principal's List 9, 10, 11, 12
- Received Perfect Attendance Award
- Scored a Level 5 on FCAT Math
- Scored an 1100 on SAT
- Social Studies Student of the Month

## Sample Cover Letter for Scholarship

Date

Applicant's Name

Street

City, State, Zip

RE: Memorial Scholarship

Dear Committee Members:

This letter is to introduce myself, Janie Smith, and my desire to participate in the Memorial Scholarship Program. I have been accepted into Florida Gulf Coast University for the Fall Term.

I would like to thank you for supporting college bound students with an opportunity for financial assistance through your scholarship program. Enclosed you will find my application, my essay on "*The Importance of Community Service as Well as Service to your School*," a letter of reference, and other required information. Again, thank you for your interest on my behalf and for the other students of Avon Park High School.

Sincerely,

Janie Smith  
Senior, Avon Park High School

## LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

### How to Stand Out from the Crowd

#### *When Should I Ask?*

Make sure to give your recommendation writers plenty of time , at least one month before letters are due, to complete and send your recommendation but as with anything, the earlier the better.

#### *How Can I Get the Best Possible Recommendations?*

Talk to your recommendation writers. For teachers, it is important that they focus on your academic talents and accomplishments within their classroom. Talk to them about what you remember about their class and your participation in it. Highlight a particular incident, paper, or anything else that might help them provide anecdotal information and specific examples of your achievement, rather than just vague praise.

It's also important that you spend time talking with your counselors and ensure they know ahead your plans, accomplishments, and involvements. You should provide them with a brief resume of your activities and goals; a resume can provide the best overview of your high school involvement and contributions. Also, if there is some aspect of your transcript that needs explaining, perhaps low grades sophomore year to explain "why" and "how" you've change and improved.

### Helpful Tips

- ❖ Don't be shy. Teachers and counselors are usually happy to help you as long as you respect their time constraints.
- ❖ Include addressed and stamped envelopes of each school to which you're applying.
- ❖ Provide teachers and counselors with deadlines for each recommendation that you are requesting, especially noting the earliest deadline.
- ❖ On the application form, waive your right to view recommendation that you are requesting especially noting the earliest deadline.
- ❖ Typically, you know your teachers well enough to know who can provide a favorable review of your accomplishments. If in doubt, don't hesitate to ask if they feel comfortable writing a recommendation. In some cases, you may have no choice as to who to use, but when you do, make the best choice possible.

## WRITING THE WINNING SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

**I. Introduction** - It must stand out catching the attention and interest of the reader. It can be a description of an engaging scene; it can ask a question, state a fact or be a quote that has been emphasized by a parent, grandparent, or relative. It must be unique and must stand out above **all** others. NEVER start the essay with, "Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_"

**II. Body of Essay** — Each section of the body should have only 2-3 sentences.

**A. Family** — Describe your family being very specific: ethnic background, country origins, number of brothers and sisters, parents' educational background and occupation. Include any special circumstances such as: single parent home, illness, death, disability of a fatally member.

**B. Obstacle** - Describe the most challenging obstacle you have faced and how were Are you able to overcome it? How has this obstacle made you stronger and/or better? What character qualities and traits have you learned? What has made you successful? How has this changed your life? How has the obstacle made you a better person and more determined in your purpose for your life? Some character qualities you could mention if they apply to you: diligence, perseverance, punctuality, leadership, compassion, respect, initiative, integrity, responsibility, determination, dependability, gratefulness, virtue, attentiveness, and creativity.

**C. Community Service** — Describe the contributions you have made in community service. This is not just a list. What was your commitment? Relate a personal experience or story. How has it made you a better person or the person you are today? What impact did you make? What did you learn about life, yourself or other people? How did you make a difference? What was your leadership role? Did you find your purpose in life through your community service activity? If possible, your community service should match your intended career goal. If the student's career goal is medicine then the community service should include hospitals, clinics, and/or nursing homes.

**D. Life Purpose, Dreams and Career Goals** - Begin with your life purpose statement. What are your dreams for the future? What do you want to study and why? Write in detail why you want the career field you have chosen, including the reasons for seeking this field of study. Why do you feel you will be successful in this field of study? How can you contribute to society or make a difference in the lives of others through this career?

**III. Conclusion** — Why do you need the scholarship money? Describe in detail any special family circumstances that will affect your ability to have assistance reaching your goal of a college education. The last sentence should contain a clincher, a strong statement showing determination and strength. With or without a scholarship I will reach my dream !!

## List of colleges and universities in Florida

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The following is a **list of colleges and universities** in the U.S. state of Florida. Many of these schools have multiple campuses. In such cases, only the location of the main campus in Florida is specified.

### Public Colleges and Universities

- [Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University \(Tallahassee\)](#)
  - [Florida Atlantic University \(Boca Raton\)](#)
  - [Florida Gulf Coast University \(Ft. Myers\)](#)
  - [Florida International University \(Miami\)](#)
  - [Florida State University \(Tallahassee\)](#)
  - [New College of Florida \(Sarasota\)](#)
  - [University of Central Florida \(Orlando\)](#)
  - [University of Florida \(Gainesville\)](#)
  - [University of North Florida \(Jacksonville\)](#)
  - [University of South Florida \(Tampa\)](#)
  - [University of West Florida \(Pensacola\)](#)
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- [Brevard Community College \(Cocoa\)](#)
  - [Broward College \(Davie\)](#)
  - [Chipola College \(Marianna\)](#)
  - [College of Central Florida \(Ocala\)](#)
  - [Daytona State College \(Daytona Beach\)](#)
  - [Edison State College \(Fort Myers\)](#)
  - [Florida Gateway College \(Lake City\)](#)
  - [Florida Keys Community College \(Key West\)](#)
  - [Florida State College at Jacksonville \(Jacksonville\)](#)
  - [Gulf Coast State College \(Panama City\)](#)
  - [Hillsborough Community College \(Tampa\)](#)
  - [Indian River State College \(Ft. Pierce\)](#)
  - [Lake-Sumter Community College \(Leesburg\)](#)
  - [Miami Dade College \(Miami\)](#)
  - [North Florida Community College \(Madison\)](#)
  - [Northwest Florida State College \(Niceville\)](#)
  - [Palm Beach State College \(Lake Worth\)](#)
  - [Pasco-Hernando Community College \(New Port Richey\)](#)
  - [Pensacola State College \(Pensacola\)](#)
  - [Polk State College \(Winter Haven\)](#)
  - [Santa Fe College \(Gainesville\)](#)
  - [Seminole State College of Florida \(Sanford\)](#)
  - [South Florida Community College \(Avon Park\)](#)
  - [St. Johns River State College \(Palatka\)](#)
  - [St. Petersburg College \(St. Petersburg, Florida\)](#)

- State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota (Bradenton)
- Tallahassee Community College (Tallahassee)
- Valencia College (Orlando)

### **Private Colleges and Universities**

- Ave Maria University (Ave Maria)
  - Baptist College of Florida (Graceville)
  - Barry University (Miami Shores)
  - Clearwater Christian College (Clearwater)
  - Eckerd College (St. Petersburg)
  - Florida Christian College (Kissimmee)
  - Florida Christian University (Orlando)
  - Florida College (Temple Terrace)
  - Florida Memorial University (Miami Gardens)
  - Florida Southern College (Lakeland)
  - Hobe Sound Bible College (Hobe Sound)
  - Hindu University of America (Orlando)
  - Miami Christian University (Miami)
  - Palm Beach Atlantic University (West Palm Beach)
  - Pensacola Christian College (Pensacola)
  - Reformed Theological Seminary (Orlando)
  - Saint John Vianney College Seminary (Miami)
  - Saint Leo University (St. Leo)
  - Smith Christian University (Plantation)
  - St. Thomas University (Miami Gardens)
  - South Florida Bible College and Theological Seminary (Deerfield Beach)
  - Southeastern University (Lakeland)
  - Tabernacle Bible College and Seminary (Tampa)
  - Touro College South (Miami Beach)
  - Trinity College (Temple Terrace)
  - Warner University (Lake Wales)
  - University of Fort Lauderdale (Lauderhill)
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- Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale (Fort Lauderdale)
  - College of Business & Technology (Miami)
  - Digital Media Arts College (Boca Raton)
  - Everest University (Pompano Beach)
  - Everglades University (Boca Raton)
  - Florida Career College (Miami)
  - Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences (Orlando)
  - Florida Technical College (Jacksonville)
  - Full Sail University (Winter Park)
  - Hodges University (Naples)
  - Keiser Career College (Greenacres)
  - Keiser University (Fort Lauderdale)

- [Miami International University of Art & Design \(Miami\)](#)
- [Orlando Culinary Academy \(Orlando\)](#)
- [Prince of Prestige Academy - School of Digital Motion Picture Production \(Maitland\)](#)
- [Ringling College of Art and Design \(Sarasota\)](#)
- [Springfield College School of Human Services \(Tampa\)](#)
- [The Digital Animation and Visual Effects School \(Orlando\)](#)
- [Webber International University \(Babson Park\)](#)

### **Other Private Institutions**

- [Atlantis University \(Miami-Dade County\)](#)
  - [Beacon College \(Leesburg\)](#)
  - [Bethune-Cookman University \(Daytona Beach\)](#)
  - [Carlos Albizu University \(Miami\)](#)
  - [DeVry University \(Orlando\)](#)
  - [Edward Waters College \(Jacksonville\)](#)
  - [Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University \(Daytona Beach\)](#)
  - [Flagler College \(St. Augustine\)](#)
  - [Florida Institute of Technology \(Melbourne\)](#)
  - [International Fine Arts College \(Miami\)](#)
  - [Jacksonville University \(Jacksonville\)](#)
  - [Johnson & Wales University \(North Miami\)](#)
  - [Jones College \(Jacksonville\)](#)
  - [Lynn University \(Boca Raton\)](#)
  - [Northwood University \(West Palm Beach\)](#)
  - [Nova Southeastern University \(Davie\)](#)
  - [Rasmussen College \(Holiday\)](#)
  - [Rasmussen College \(Ocala\)](#)
  - [Rasmussen College \(Fort Myers\)](#)
  - [Rollins College \(Winter Park\)](#)
  - [Schiller International University \(Largo\)](#)
  - [Stetson University \(Deland\)](#)
  - [Technological University of America \(Ft Lauderdale\)](#)
  - [University of Miami \(Coral Gables\)](#)
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# State University System Matrix

(Information from FLDOE)

## *Postsecondary Options*

### **State University System (SUS) Minimum Admissions Requirements**

Admission into Florida’s public universities is competitive. Acceptance is determined by enrollment limitations and the qualifications of the freshmen applicant pool. Prospective students should complete a rigorous curriculum in high school and apply to more than one university to increase their chance for acceptance. To qualify to enter one of Florida’s public universities, a first-time-in-college student in summer 2011 or later must meet the following minimum requirements:

- High school graduation with a standard diploma
- Admission test scores
- 16 credits of college preparatory academic courses – see Bright Futures requirements (FAS and FMS)
- 2 approved electives

The high school GPA is calculated by the university using a 4.0 scale from grades earned in high school academic core courses (additional weights may be assigned for grades in AP, dual enrollment, honors, IB diploma program, AICE program, and other advanced courses).

Although the potential for academic success is primary, many other factors may be considered in reviewing a student’s application for admission. These may include, but are not limited to, a combination of test scores and GPA that indicates potential for success, improvement in high school record, family educational background, socioeconomic status, graduation from a low-performing high school, graduation from an IB program, geographic location, military service, special talents or abilities, or other special circumstances.

For more information on individual Florida public universities, visit <http://www.flbog.org/aboutsus/universities>.

### **SUS Admissions Matrix (Fall 2010 Admits)**

#### **Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU)**

Middle Range GPA	2.744–3.412
Middle Range SAT	1300–1540
Middle Range ACT	18–22

#### **Florida Atlantic University (FAU)**

Middle Range GPA	3.2–3.8
Middle Range SAT	1510–1720
Middle Range ACT	22–26

**Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU)**

Middle Range GPA 3.07–3.73  
Middle Range SAT 1450–1680  
Middle Range ACT 20–24

**Florida International University (FIU)**

Middle Range GPA 3.4–4.1  
Middle Range SAT 1630–1810  
Middle Range ACT 24–27

**Florida State University (FSU)**

Middle Range GPA 3.6–4.2  
Middle Range SAT 1750–1970  
Middle Range ACT 26–30

**New College of Florida (NCF)**

Middle Range GPA 3.73–4.28  
Middle Range SAT 1220–1390  
Middle Range ACT 27–31

**University of Central Florida (UCF)**

Middle Range GPA 3.5–4.2  
Middle Range SAT 1700–1890  
Middle Range ACT 25–28

**University of Florida (UF)**

Middle Range GPA 4.1–4.4  
Middle Range SAT 1870–2100  
Middle Range ACT 28–32

**University of North Florida (UNF)**

Middle Range GPA 3.41–4.1  
Middle Range SAT 1140–1270  
Middle Range ACT 23–26

**University of South Florida (USF)**

Middle Range GPA 3.51–4.12  
Middle Range SAT 1090–1290  
Middle Range ACT 24–28

**University of South Florida St. Petersburg (USFSP)**

Middle Range GPA 3.21–3.85  
Middle Range SAT 1020–1180  
Middle Range ACT 21–26

**University of West Florida (UWF)**

Middle Range GPA 3.1–4.0  
Middle Range SAT 1000–1180  
Middle Range ACT 21–26

***Transition Services for Individuals with Disabilities***

As students exit high school and begin postsecondary education, they transition from the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* (IDEA) to the *Americans with Disabilities Act* (ADA). This transition affects the types of services provided and the responsibilities of students and educational institutions. College students with documented disabilities are eligible to receive support services and accommodations. Resources related to postsecondary transition services for individuals with disabilities include the following:

*Transition Planning for Students with Disabilities: A Guide for Families*

<http://www.fl DOE.org/ese/rtf/TransitionGuide.rtf>

Florida Colleges – Disability Support Services <http://www.fl DOE.org/cc/educators/Disability/dss.asp>

State University System of Florida – Services for Students with Disabilities

<http://www.flbog.org/forstudents/ati/disabilities.php>

## U.S. Military Entrance

The U.S. Military branches offer another option for a student after high school graduation. The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is the required entrance test to enlist in the U.S. Military. For more information on the ASVAB, please visit <http://www.military.com/ASVAB>.

Please visit the websites below for more information related to entrance requirements:

United States Air Force	<a href="http://www.airforce.com/">http://www.airforce.com/</a>
United States Army	<a href="http://www.goarmy.com/cl5.html">http://www.goarmy.com/cl5.html</a>
United States Coast Guard	<a href="http://www.uscg.mil/">http://www.uscg.mil/</a>
United States Marine Corps	<a href="http://www.marines.com/-default">http://www.marines.com/-default</a>
United States Navy	<a href="http://www.navy.com/">http://www.navy.com/</a>

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## Senior Awards Night

**Date: May 15<sup>th</sup>,**

**Time: 6:30 p.m.**

**Place: APHS Auditorium**

Students,

If you receive a scholarship or college award please give Mrs. Smith, guidance secretary, or Dr. Webb, senior counselor, complete details of the award. For example, what college you have a scholarship from, the award amount, who do we contact to determine if a representative desires to be on the program, etc.

Please be aware that you will not be recognized for Bright Futures if you have not applied by February and have all the documentation FLDOE requires to grant you FAS, FMS or GVS status. I cannot announce that you are receiving the scholarship if you are not listed in their database by May 11th even though you may get the scholarship at a later date.

Also SFCC Scholarships must be applied for by March 15<sup>th</sup> for you to be recognized as a scholarship winner.

\*\*\*Please note a deadline of May 11<sup>th</sup> to get your information to us so we can get the invitations made and delivered and produce an accurate program of events by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

## APPENDICES

## College – Self Assessment

Colleges are looking for a challenging academic curriculum, evidence of creativity, energy, curiosity, and commitment. A good starting point is a college self-assessment. Be specific in providing the following information and then take the time to review your answers with your counselor. This will also assist your counselor in preparing a college recommendation for you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

### **I. Activities**

- A. List all major activities you have been involved in. Include offices held, positions played.
- B. What activity have you enjoyed the most and why?
- C. How have you spent the last three summers?
- D. List any academic and non-academic honors receives while in high school.

### **II. Academic**

- A. List your favorite courses in high school and why?
- B. Indicate your least favorite course in high school and *why?*
- C. Provide evidence of your intellectual curiosity.
- D. Show evidence of your creativity. Use examples.

### **III. Personal**

- A. List three adjectives which describe yourself and provide an example to illustrate your description.
- B. What makes you unique?
- C. Are you an introvert or extrovert?
- D. What type of college experience are you looking for?
- E. What person has had the greatest impact on your development?

### **IV. Post High School Plans**

- A. List colleges being considered.
- B. List possible college majors.
- C. Where will you live during college? On-Campus Dorms or Off-Campus Apartments?
- D. List careers being considered.



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