



**2025-2026**

## **VERIFICATION OF RECEIPT**

*This is not the application for the scholarship.*

I verify that I have received and read the initial eligibility requirements of the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Name (please print)\_\_\_\_\_

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this receipt to your school counselor.*

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# SENIOR SEMINAR GUIDE



Today's presentation will cover all the topics listed below. All resources, including the PowerPoint, are posted on the **Seminars & Resources** page of the Guidance website – [pcsb.org/Page/21892](https://www.pcsb.org/Page/21892).

## **GRADUATION**

- Credit Check
- Standard Diploma Requirements
  - Credits
  - GPA
  - Assessments
- Acceleration Goals
- Diploma Designations
  - EOC Testing for Designation Eligibility
- Credit Recovery and Grade Forgiveness
- Tutoring and Extended Learning

## **FINANCIAL AID and SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Federal Aid – FAFSA → Opens Oct. 1
  - Grants
  - Loans
  - Work-Study
- State Aid – FFAA → Opens Oct. 1
  - Bright Futures Scholarship Program
    - Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)
    - Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)
    - Florida Gold Seal Vocational (GSV)
    - Florida Gold Seal CAPE (GSC)
  - Other State Grants and Scholarships
- Local Aid – PEFSA → Opens Sept. 30
- Pinellas County Schools Office of Financial Aid
  - Scholarship Opportunities
  - Financial Aid Seminar → Nov. 6 @ OFHS
  - FAFSA Completion Events → TBD
- BigFuture Scholarship Program

## **POST-SECONDARY PREPARATION**

- Post-Secondary Options
  - FL State University System (SUS)
  - FL College System
  - Independent Colleges and Universities of FL
  - Non-Public Post-Secondary Schools and Colleges
  - Career and Technical Schools and Colleges
  - The Military
- College & Career Center
- College Application Week → Sept. 29 - Oct. 3
- Xello
- College Days / Letters of Recommendation / Secondary School Reports / Transcripts
- Testing
  - SAT – In-School SAT → Oct. 22
    - Khan Academy
  - ACT
    - ACT Prep Resources
  - ASVAB → Dec. 5
- NEXT Magazine

## **QUESTIONS**

- Contact your counselor
  - A-G = Mrs. Nymark [nymarkk@pcsb.org](mailto:nymarkk@pcsb.org)
  - H-O = Ms. Jackson [jacksontw@pcsb.org](mailto:jacksontw@pcsb.org)
  - P-Z = Ms. Polizzi [polizzie@pcsb.org](mailto:polizzie@pcsb.org)
- Visit the Guidance website [pcsb.org/Page/21888](https://www.pcsb.org/Page/21888)
- Follow us on Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/people/Osceola-Fundamental-High/100057148762435/>

## **COMMON APP MATCHING VIDEO**



## **SPC FREE APP DRIVE October 1**



## **SCHOLAR DESIGNATION EOC REQUEST December 2 & 3**



## **ASVAB REQUEST December 5**



# RESOURCE MENU

Standard Diploma  
Graduation  
Requirements



Credit Recovery  
Grade Forgiveness  
Tutoring  
Extended Learning



HOPE  
Waiver



Federal  
Student Aid  
Youtube  
Video Library



Create an  
FSA ID



FAFSA  
Form



Florida Student  
Scholarship and  
Grant Programs



FFAA  
Bright Futures  
Application



Bright Futures  
Requirements



Bright Futures  
Paperwork



PEFSA



PCSB  
Office of  
Financial Aid



PCSB  
Scholarship  
Opportunities



PCSB  
Financial Aid  
Info Flyer



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FAFSA and  
Financial Aid  
Evening Support  
Sessions



College Board  
BigFuture  
Scholarships



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College  
System



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Florida



St. Petersburg  
College



Pinellas  
Technical  
College



Today's  
Military



17th Annual  
Pinellas County  
College & Career  
Fair



College & Career  
Center



College  
Application  
Week



Common App  
and  
Xello



College Day  
Request Form



Student Resume  
for Letters of  
Recommendation



Transcript  
Request  
Form



ACT



CLT



PERT



SAT



satpractice.org



ASVAB



**Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program**  
**Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) / Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)**  
**2025-26**

**Initial Eligibility Requirements:** (As determined by the Florida Department of Education)

1. Submit the [Florida Financial Aid Application \(FFAA\)](#) no later than August 31 after high school graduation.
2. Graduate from a Florida high school with a standard high school diploma or its equivalent.
3. Complete the 16 college-preparatory courses required for admission to a state university.
4. Achieve the required weighted GPA in the 16 college-preparatory courses per the chart below.
5. Achieve the required composite ACT® score, Overall Score on the Classic Learning Test (CLT®), or combined SAT® score. Tests must be taken no later than August 31 of the student's graduation year (or through January 31 for mid-year graduates), per the chart below.
6. Complete the required number of volunteer service hours, paid work hours, or 100 total combined hours per the chart below.

Type	16 High School College-Preparatory Course Credits <sup>1</sup>	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/CLT®/SAT®) <sup>2</sup>	Volunteer Service Hours <sup>2</sup>	Paid Work Hours <sup>2</sup>
<b>FAS</b>	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	2025-26 Graduates: 29/95/1330  2026-27 Graduates: 29/95/1330	100 hours	100 hours
<b>FMS</b>	3 - Social Science  2 - World Language (sequential, in same language)	3.00	2025-26 Graduates: 24/82/1190  2026-27 Graduates: 24/82/1190	75 hours	100 hours

<sup>1</sup> The required coursework aligns with the State University System admission requirements found in Florida Board of Governor's Regulation 6.002. Additional information regarding high school coursework can be found within the [Florida Counseling for Future Education Handbook](#).

<sup>2</sup> Students must earn the required volunteer service hours, 100 paid work hours, or a combination that totals a minimum of 100 hours.

**Requirements to Receive an Award:** (As determined by the postsecondary institution)

1. Be evaluated by the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) as meeting initial eligibility requirements.
2. Be a Florida resident and U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen.
3. Enroll as a degree- or certificate-seeking student at a Florida institution in at least 6 non-remedial semester credit hours.

**Renewal Requirements:** (As determined by grade and hours submitted by the postsecondary institution)

1. Students must earn the number of credit hours based on the student's enrollment type per term.
2. The renewal cumulative GPA requirements are outlined in the table below.

	Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)	Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)
<b>Minimum Cumulative GPA</b> (unrounded and unweighted)	3.0	2.75

For detailed information, including other ways to qualify, please refer to the [Bright Futures Student Handbook](#).

**Eligibility requirements are subject to change with each legislative session.**

Students are responsible for tracking their application and award status online and ensuring that funding for an academic year is accurate by contacting their institution's financial aid office.

# Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

## Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV)

### 2025-26

#### **Initial Eligibility Requirements:** (As determined by the Florida Department of Education.)

1. Submit the [Florida Financial Aid Application \(FFAA\)](#) no later than August 31 after high school graduation.
2. Graduate with a standard Florida high school diploma or its equivalent.
3. Achieve the required weighted 3.0 GPA in the non-elective high school courses.
4. Completes at least three (3) full Career and Technical Education credits
5. Achieve the required minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA in Career and Technical Education credits.
6. Complete at least 30 volunteer service hours, 100 paid work hours, or a combination that equals a minimum of 100 total hours. For students entering grade 9 in the 2024-2025 school year and thereafter, 75 hours of volunteer service must be completed.
7. Achieve the required minimum scores on one of the college entrance exams per the chart below no later than August 31 of the year the student graduates from high school.

Exam Type	Sub-test	Required Score
<b>ACT®</b>	Reading	19
	English	17
	Mathematics	19
<b>SAT®</b> (March 1, 2024, and thereafter)	Critical Reading or Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	490
	Mathematics	480
<b>SAT®</b> (Prior to March 1, 2024)	Reading	24
	Writing and Language	25
	Math Test	24
<b>PERT</b> (Only applies to the GSV Scholarship)	Reading	106
	Writing	103
	Mathematics	114

Required test scores follow those established by Rule [6A-10.0315](#), Florida Administrative Code.

#### **Requirements to Receive an Award:** (As determined by your postsecondary institution.)

1. Be evaluated by the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) as meeting initial eligibility requirements.
2. Be a Florida resident and U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen.
3. Enroll as a degree- or certificate-seeking student at a Florida institution in at least six (6) non-remedial semester credit hours.

#### **Scholarship Restrictions:**

The GSV award may only be used at postsecondary institutions that offer an applied technology diploma, technical degree education program (associate in applied science or associate in science), or a career certificate program and not toward the completion of an associate in arts or a baccalaureate degree.

#### **Renewal Requirements:** (As determined by grade and hours submitted by your postsecondary institution.)

1. Students must earn the number of credit hours based on the student's enrollment type per term.
2. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative 2.75 GPA (unrounded and unweighted).

For detailed information, please refer to the [Bright Futures Student Handbook](#).

**Eligibility requirements are subject to change with each legislative session.**

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**Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program**  
**Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars (GSC)**  
**2025-26**

**Initial Eligibility Requirements:** (As determined by the Florida Department of Education.)

1. Submit the [Florida Financial Aid Application \(FFAA\)](#) no later than August 31 after high school graduation.
2. Graduate with a standard high school diploma or its equivalent.
3. Earn a minimum of five (5) postsecondary credit hours through CAPE industry certifications that articulate for college credit.
4. Complete at least 30 volunteer service hours, 100 paid work hours, or a combination that equals a minimum of 100 total hours. For students entering grade 9 in the 2024-2025 school year and thereafter, 75 hours of volunteer service must be completed.

Eligible CAPE Certifications:

[Bright Futures Course Table](#)

**Requirements to Receive an Award:** (As determined by your postsecondary institution.)

1. Be evaluated by the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) as meeting initial eligibility requirements.
2. Be a Florida resident and U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen.
3. Enroll as a degree- or certificate-seeking student at a Florida institution in at least six (6) non-remedial semester credit hours.

**Scholarship Restrictions:**

Until a student has earned an eligible associate degree, Gold Seal CAPE (GSC) scholarships may only be used at postsecondary institutions that offer an applied technology diploma, technical degree education program (associate in applied science or associate in science), or a career certificate program.

Upon completion of an eligible associate degree program, a GSC Scholar may also receive an award for a maximum of 60 credit hours toward an eligible baccalaureate degree.

**Renewal Requirements:** (As determined by grade and hours submitted by your postsecondary institution.)

1. Students must earn the number of credit hours based on the student's enrollment type per term.
2. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative 2.75 GPA (unrounded and unweighted).

For detailed information, please refer to the [Bright Futures Student Handbook](#).

**Eligibility requirements are subject to change with each legislative session.**

Students are responsible for tracking their application and award status online and ensuring that funding for an academic year is accurate by contacting their institution's financial aid office.



	SUMMER SEMESTER						
	NAME OF INSTITUTION	Total Enrollment	Total Undergraduate Enrollment (2024)	Anticipated class size	Average or middle 50% FTIC GPA	Middle 50% Admit FTIC SAT	Middle 50% Admit FTIC ACT
	FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY	9,296	7,863	300	3.16 – 3.88	1030 – 1150	19 – 24
	FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	30,854	23,755	1,000	3.36 – 4.02	1010 – 1180	20 – 25
	FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY	15,962	13,864	400	3.12 – 4.21	1020 – 1160	19 – 24
	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY	54,037	39,470	3,900	3.9 – 4.5	1060 – 1180	22 – 25
	FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY	1,618	1,769	200	3.96	1130	23
	FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	43,871	32,711	2,200	4.1 – 4.5	1280 – 1370	28 – 30
	NEW COLLEGE OF FLORIDA	881	852	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA	69,316	59,644	3,400	3.98 – 4.38	1190 – 1240	24 – 27
	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	61,936	38,246	1,600	4.5 – 4.7	1260 – 1410	28 – 32
	UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA	16,575	13,869	1,500	3.23 – 3.71	960 – 1140	18 – 24
	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA	48,732	37,000	2,990	3.61 – 4.18	1110 – 1220	23 – 26
	UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA	14,797	9,959	60	3.47 – 4.08	990 – 1200	19 – 25

This matrix was produced by Florida International University.



	FALL SEMESTER							
Middle 50% FTIC CLT	Anticipated class size	Average or middle 50% FTIC GPA	Middle 50% Admit FTIC SAT	Middle 50% Admit FTIC ACT	Middle 50% FTIC CLT	STARS/SPARK	Self-Reported Test Scores	2+2 Program
54 – 73	1500	3.69 – 4.25	1080-1230	22 – 27	61 – 73	YES	NO	IGNITE
81 – 97	4,400	3.78 – 4.35	1100 – 1280	22 – 28	87 – 98	YES	YES	Link2FAU
51 – 72	2,400	3.79 – 4.54	1070 – 1240	21 – 26	56 – 73	NO	NO	Destination FGCU
72 – 82	2,000	4.1 – 4.6	1250 – 1390	27 – 31	86 – 93	NO	NO	Connect4Success
N/A too few	330	3.48 – 3.86	1206	27	76	YES	YES	N/A
N/A too few	4,000	4.3 – 4.6	1370 – 1460	30 – 33	N/A too few	YES	YES	Aspire Transfer Program through TSC (Traditional, Elite, Honors, Online Options)
N/A	300	3.7 – 4.3	1060 – 1240	22 – 27	63-83	YES	YES	Guaranteed Admission Program
81 – 88	4,900	4.11 – 4.57	1310 – 1430	28 – 32	92 – 100	YES	NO	Direct Connect to UCF
N/A too few	5,900	4.5 – 4.7	1390 – 1510	31 – 34	N/A too few	YES	YES	Gator Engineering @ Santa Fe; Gator Design and Construction @ Santa Fe
49 – 63	1,500	4.00 – 4.53	1100 – 1300	22 – 28	51 – 75	YES	YES	Transfer2UNF
71 – 85	3,800	4.03 – 4.55	1260 – 1410	27 – 31	86 – 97	YES	NO	FUSE
57 – 68	1,494	3.58 – 4.22	1020 – 1230	20 – 27	48 – 69	YES	NO	2UWF





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

Cost: \$68 Late Fee: + \$38

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Deadline
Aug 23	Aug 6	Aug 12
Sept 13	Aug 29	Sep 2
Oct 4	Sep 19	Sep 23
Nov 8	Oct 24	Oct 28
Dec 6	Nov 21	Nov 25
Mar 14	Feb 27	Mar 3
May 2	Apr 17	Apr 21
Jun 6	May 22	May 26



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

Cost: \$68\* Late Fee: + \$40

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Deadline	Standby / Photo Deadline
Sep 6	Aug 1	Aug 19	Aug 29
Oct 18	Sep 12	Sep 30	Oct 10
Dec 13	Nov 7	Nov 24	Dec 5
Feb 14	Jan 7	Jan 21	Feb 6
Apr 11	Mar 6	Mar 24	Apr 3
Jun 13	May 8	May 27	Jun 5
Jul 11	Jun 5	Jun 24	Jul 3

\* ACT Science subsection IS OPTIONAL for Bright Futures scholarship eligibility and for admission to Florida public universities.



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

Cost: \$69

Test Date	Regis. Deadline	Test Date	Registration Deadline
Aug 16	Aug 7	Nov 8	Oct 30
Sep 18	Sep 11	Dec 3	Nov 20
Oct 11	Oct 2		

# September 29 thru October 3



**A variety of face-to-face &  
virtual workshops  
to assist you with your  
post-secondary planning!**

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**Monday, September 29**

**Homecoming Ticket Giveaway / CAW Kick-Off**

**Cafeteria**

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During lunch, stop by the Guidance table in the Cafeteria for a chance to win a FREE Homecoming ticket!

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**Tuesday, September 30**

**Writing an Effective and Engaging College Admissions Essay**

**Online Presentation**

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Our guest speaker is a product of the Pinellas County Schools system, is an Associate Director of College Counseling, has conducted "Crafting a Competitive Admission Essay" workshops at various college admission conferences, as well as hosted her own TED Talk!

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**Wednesday, October 1**

**St. Petersburg College Free Application Drive**

**Media Center**

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Here's your opportunity to apply to SPC for FREE! You'll need to have the following information on hand:

- Your Social Security Number
- Your SPC ID number (if you already have one)
- Your parent's driver's license number
- Your parent's voter registration or car registration



SPC academic advisors will be available to help you complete a free application!

Scan to Sign Up

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**Thursday, October 2**

**Say Hello to Xello / College Application Assistance**

**College & Career Center**

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Open house with your counselors and CCC manager! Not sure where to begin? Feeling overwhelmed? Confused about Xello? Learn more about how-to-go college resources, the application process, test scores, letters of recommendation, and transcripts. Come prepared with any questions!

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**Friday, October 3**

**Visit the College & Career Center**

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The College & Career Center welcomes you to stop by to meet our CCC manager and volunteer staff! Come learn about what the CCC has to offer and make an individual appointment to discuss scholarship opportunities, post-secondary and career planning resources, and begin creating your personal plan!

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***College: It's not a dream, it's a plan.***

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🔊 Save the Date! 🔊

District hosted Financial Aid Seminar for families – OFHS Cafeteria, Nov 6 @ 5PM