

# OSFA News For Guidance Counselors

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## Bright Futures 2010 Legislative Changes

The Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance would like to share the 2010 Bright Futures Legislative changes with you.

- **HB5001 – General Appropriations Act (GAA)**  
Specifies Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program award amounts per credit hour in the 2010-11 academic year. 2010-2011  
[www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/bf/awardamt.htm](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/bf/awardamt.htm) for Bright Futures award amounts. (**Chart A, page 2**)
- 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 up to their remaining hours 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 if the award is **lost due to insufficient GPA in the first year of funding.**
- **2010-11 high school graduates and thereafter** eligible for Bright Futures:
  - May receive funding for up to five years after high school graduation instead of seven years.
- Increases SAT/ACT test scores for the Florida Academic Scholars and Florida Medallion Scholars initial awards incrementally over the next four years. (**Chart B, page 3**)

# Bright Futures Award Amounts

The 2010 Florida Legislature designated an additional \$25 million in federal funds for Florida Bright Futures scholarships. If those funds are not approved for Florida prior to the fall 2010 term, Bright Futures awards will be prorated accordingly.

Chart A

2010-11 Award Amounts			
	Semester Hour Award	Quarter Hour Award	Clock Hour Award
<b>Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)</b>			
4 Year	\$125.00	\$83.33	
2 Year	\$77.00	\$51.33	\$2.57
Florida Colleges Baccalaureate Programs (Public Community Colleges Only)	\$86.00		
Career/Technical Centers	\$63.00	\$42.00	\$2.10
<b>Academic Top Scholars (ATS)</b>			
4 Year	\$53.00	\$35.33	
2 Year	\$53.00	\$35.33	\$1.77
Florida Colleges Baccalaureate Programs (Public Community Colleges Only)	\$53.00		
Career/Technical Centers	\$53.00	\$35.33	\$1.77
<b>Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)</b>			
4 Year	\$94.00	\$62.67	
2 Year	\$58.00	\$38.67	\$1.93
Florida Colleges <b>Associate Degree Programs</b> (Public Community Colleges Only)	\$77.00		
Florida Colleges <b>Baccalaureate Programs</b> (Public Community Colleges Only)	\$64.00		
Career/Technical Centers	\$47.00	\$31.33	\$1.57
<b>Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV)</b>			
4 Year	\$94.00	\$62.67	
2 Year	\$58.00	\$38.67	\$1.93
Florida Colleges Baccalaureate Programs (Public Community Colleges Only)	\$64.00		
Career/Technical Centers	\$47.00	\$31.33	\$1.57

# Test Score Requirements for Florida Academic Scholars and Florida Medallion Scholars (2010-11 high school graduates and later)

Chart B

2010-11 Prorated Award Amounts			
	Semester Hour Award	Quarter Hour Award	Clock Hour Award
<b>Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)</b>			
4 Year	\$118.00	\$78.67	
2 Year	\$73.00	\$48.67	\$2.43
Florida Colleges Baccalaureate Programs (Public Community Colleges Only)	\$81.00		
Career/Technical Centers	\$59.00	\$39.33	\$1.97
<b>Academic Top Scholars (ATS)</b>			
4 Year	\$50.00	\$33.33	
2 Year	\$50.00	\$33.33	\$1.67
Florida Colleges Baccalaureate Programs (Public Community Colleges Only)	\$50.00		
Career/Technical Centers	\$50.00	\$33.33	\$1.67
<b>Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)</b>			
4 Year	\$89.00	\$59.33	
2 Year	\$55.00	\$36.67	\$1.83
Florida Colleges <b>Associate Degree Programs</b> (Public Community Colleges Only)	\$73.00		
Florida Colleges <b>Baccalaureate Programs</b> (Public Community Colleges Only)	\$60.00		
Career/Technical Centers	\$44.00	\$29.33	\$1.47
<b>Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV)</b>			
4 Year	\$89.00	\$59.33	
2 Year	\$55.00	\$36.67	\$1.83
Florida Colleges Baccalaureate Programs (Public Community Colleges Only)	\$60.00		
Career/Technical Centers	\$44.00	\$29.33	\$1.47

# College Goal Sunday

The College Goal Sunday Florida Taskforce wishes to announce that on February 20, 2011 thousands of college bound students will have an opportunity to receive assistance completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The Taskforce encourages institutions and school districts who are interested in hosting the event to visit the [website](#) for signup information.

February is Student Aid Awareness month! What a great way to support the cause, helping Florida's students apply and find financial aid for college!

## Watch for details about the 2011-2012 NT4CM

The Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) is gearing up for another training opportunity for high school guidance counselors and mentors. Look for upcoming information about how you can register for a [workshop](#) in your area. Registration is planned for September 2010. Dates & locations TBA.

## Financial Aid Nights

OSFA outreach representatives are available to assist you with providing information to high school seniors. As we embark on a new academic year, early planning is pivotal in providing guidance to our seniors on federal, state, institutional, and private sources of financial aid.

OSFA welcomes the opportunity to participate in your on-site high school activities, to facilitate financial aid awareness and financial literacy by providing workshops throughout the upcoming year. Please contact your OSFA [Outreach Representative](#) when planning your Financial Aid Night events.

# Navigating Your Financial Future (NyFF)

The Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) offers a series of *free* on-site workshops. Through *Navigating Your Financial Future* (NyFF), OSFA's Outreach Team is available to present training for your students or staff on the following topics:

Financial Aid

Financial Literacy

Managing Your Budget

Managing Your Credit

Repayment of Your Student Loan

School and Life Management

NEW Year Round Pell Grant

Or feel free to suggest a topic of your choice.

These sessions last approximately one hour (including a Q&A session) and can fit perfectly into your classroom curriculum or next "brown bag lunch" seminar.

OSFA also encourages you to check out our websites (<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org> and [www.navigatingyourfuture.org](http://www.navigatingyourfuture.org)). Each website has helpful information for students, parents, schools, and guidance counselors. For more information, or to schedule an onsite workshop, please contact your local OSFA [Outreach Representative](#).

## Great Counselor Resources!

- [Navigating Your Future](#) - was created to assist schools, students, lenders, and parents with the resources needed to increase their knowledge of default prevention and debt management practices.
- [College Access website](#) - provides general information and guidelines for students planning to attend college, and wish to access state and federal financial aid that is available.
- [Mapping Your Future](#) - has a complete section geared toward [Middle and High School Guidance Counselors](#) to assist counselors introduce to their schools, students, and families, free, web-based college, financial aid, career, and financial literacy information and services.

## Upcoming Calendar Dates

- July 2010 - Summer classes begin for high school graduates. Students should check with their postsecondary institution to make sure they have completed all forms for the financial aid office prior to start of the semester.
- August 2010 - Fall classes begin.
- September 2010 - Begin scheduling now for financial aid workshops.

## The June 2010 NyFF E-News

Please go to the following link:

<http://tinyurl.com/2aybjqv>

In this month's issue:

- Transitioning to Direct Lending
- Social Engineering—the latest scams
- Student Trends: Research on financial awareness

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