



In 1997, the Florida Legislature created the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program. Students must complete required high school coursework and meet minimum grade point average and test score requirements to earn a Bright Futures award. They are also required to enroll in an eligible Florida postsecondary institution. Through 2008-09, students could earn an award amount equal to 100% or 75% of a public institution's tuition and allowable fees, dependent upon the level of their award; Florida Academic Scholar (FAS), Florida Medallion Scholar (FMS) or Gold Seal Vocational Scholar (GSV) award.

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Disbursement History

Academic Year	Total Disbursed Scholarships	% Change from Previous Year	% Change from 1997	Total Disbursed Funds	% Change from Previous Year	% Change from 1997	Average Cost per Award	% Change from Previous Year	% Change from 1997
1997-98	42,319			\$69,566,969			\$1,644		
1998-99	56,065	32%	32%	\$93,332,570	34%	34%	\$1,665	1%	1%
1999-00	71,005	27%	68%	\$131,850,932	41%	90%	\$1,857	12%	13%
2000-01	87,056	23%	106%	\$164,769,347	25%	137%	\$1,893	2%	15%
2001-02	98,294	13%	132%	\$174,914,917	6%	151%	\$1,780	-6%	8%
2002-03	109,868	12%	160%	\$202,204,806	16%	191%	\$1,840	3%	12%
2003-04	120,637	10%	185%	\$235,188,754	16%	238%	\$1,950	6%	19%
2004-05	130,597	8%	209%	\$268,944,369	14%	287%	\$2,059	6%	25%
2005-06	140,049	7%	231%	\$306,335,218	14%	340%	\$2,187	6%	33%
2006-07	148,631	6%	251%	\$347,014,439	13%	399%	\$2,335	7%	42%
2007-08	159,170	7%	276%	\$379,874,911	9%	446%	\$2,387	2%	45%
2008-09	169,366	6%	300%	\$429,012,109	11%	517%	\$2,533	6%	54%
Total	1,333,057			\$2,803,009,341			\$2,103		