



Florida High School Graduates Eligible for Bright Futures

Each year, many Florida high school graduates meet the Bright Futures academic requirements and earn the Lottery funded scholarship. In addition, many of these eligible scholars choose to accept their award and further their education by enrolling in an eligible postsecondary institution in Florida. Both were initial program goals and represent intended scholarship results.

- The percentage of qualifying high school graduates has increased from the program inception year, 1997-98, to present.
- The percentage of Florida high school graduates who attend an eligible Florida institution and are disbursed an award continues to increase.

The tables below show the percentage of Florida high school graduates who met the initial eligibility requirements followed by a chart which outlines the initial eligibility requirements.

**Percentage of Florida High School Graduates Eligible for
and Receiving Bright Futures Awards**

Postsecondary Academic Year	Estimated Florida Public and Private High School Graduates from Previous Academic Year ¹	Initially Eligible Bright Futures Students	Percentage of High School Graduates Eligible for Bright Futures	Initially Eligible Bright Futures Students Disbursed	Percentage of High School Graduates Disbursed
1997-98	103,700	30,701	30%	23,710	23%
1998-99	107,700	32,048	30%	25,343	24%
1999-00	112,200	35,614	32%	28,529	25%
2000-01	116,950	39,729	34%	32,255	28%
2001-02	121,400	40,580	33%	33,050	27%
2002-03	131,600	43,040	33%	36,834	28%
2003-04	137,100	45,067	33%	39,921	29%
2004-05	140,600	50,965	36%	42,994	31%
2005-06	143,300	53,703	37%	44,960	31%
2006-07	147,700	55,993	38%	47,216	32%
2007-08	154,693	59,706	39%	50,499	33%
2008-09	164,258	62,360	38%	52,497	32%

Source: ¹ Florida Department of Education, Office of Evaluation and Reporting

Bright Futures Initial Eligibility Requirements for High School Applicants

Bright Futures Award	High School GPA and Community Service Requirement	Test Scores	Other Ways to Qualify
Florida Academic Scholar (FAS)	3.5 weighted GPA in 15 required credits of college preparatory academic coursework 75 Hours of Community Service	1270 SAT <i>or</i> 28 ACT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Merit or Achievement Scholars and Finalists; • National Hispanic Scholars; • IB or AICE Diploma Recipients; • IB or AICE Curriculum Completion and 1270 SAT or 28 ACT; • Home Educated Students with a 1270 SAT or 28 ACT; • GED Recipients with 3.5 GPA in 15 required credits and 1270 SAT or 28 ACT; • 3-year standard college preparatory program with best composite score of 1270 SAT or 28 ACT and a 3.5 weighted GPA in required 15 credits.
Florida Medallion Scholar (FMS)	3.0 weighted GPA in 15 required credits of college preparatory academic coursework No Community Service Required	970 SAT <i>or</i> 20 ACT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Merit or Achievement Scholars and Finalists and National Hispanic Scholars who have not completed 75 hours of community service; • AICE Diploma Recipients who have not completed 75 hours of community service; • IB or AICE Curriculum Completion and 970 SAT or 20 ACT; • Home Educated Students with a 1070 SAT or 23 ACT; • GED Recipients with a 3.0 GPA in 15 required credits and 970 SAT or 20 ACT; • 3-year standard college preparatory program with best composite score of 970 SAT or 20 ACT and a 3.0 weighted GPA in required 15 credits.
Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar (GSV)	3.0 weighted GPA in 15.5 core credits required for high school graduation and 3.5 unweighted GPA in a minimum of 3 vocational courses in one vocational program No Community Service Required	SAT: 440 Critical Reading 440 Math <i>or</i> ACT: 17 English 18 Reading 19 Math <i>or</i> CPT: 83 Reading 83 Sentence Skills 72 Math	<p>The other ways to qualify listed below must also include a 3.5 unweighted GPA in a minimum of 3 vocational credits in one vocational program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-year Career Preparatory Diploma with 3.0 weighted GPA using the 13 core credits required for graduation; • 3-year College Preparatory Diploma with 3.0 weighted GPA using the 15 core credits required for graduation; • GED with 3.0 weighted GPA using the core credits required for your selected high school graduation option (standard, career, or college).