

**Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program**  
**Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholarship (GSC)**  
**2017-18**

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

1. Submit the [Florida Financial Aid Application \(FFAA\)](#) by August 31 of senior year of high school,
2. Earn a minimum of 5 postsecondary credit hours through CAPE industry certifications that articulate for college credit, and
3. Complete at least 30 service hours.

Eligible CAPE Certifications: <http://fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7525/urlt/goldstandardarticulationindex.xls>

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

1. Evaluated by Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) as meeting the initial eligibility requirements,
  2. Graduated with a standard high school diploma or its equivalent,
  3. Be a Florida resident and U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen, and
  4. Enroll as a degree-seeking student at a Florida institution in at least 6 non-remedial semester credit hours.
- Note: If not funded the year after graduating from high school, student must apply within 2 years of graduating from high school to have the award reinstated.*

**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.)

Students must earn the number of credit hours based on their enrollment type per term.

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

**These eligibility requirements are subject to change with each legislative session.**

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