

FLORIDA FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION (FFAA) & BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP

Bright Futures is a merit/academic scholarship funded by the state of Florida and 2024-25 Student Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) is open on 10/1/2024. The deadline to complete the requirements for 2024-2025 Bright Futures is **August 31st, 2025**.

STEP 1: Submit the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)

Submitting the FFAA is a three-step process — (1) Create a Student Account, (2) Complete the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) and (3) Review and Submit the FFAA.

Students need to submit the [Florida Financial Aid Application \(FFAA\)](#).

You can check the status of your Bright Futures Scholarship Application at [Office of Student Financial Assistance \(OSFA\) website](#) and click "Check My Status" under Applicant Quick Links.

Do not wait to apply for Bright Futures until you meet its requirements. You can apply now and meet its requirements throughout the year.

Step 2: Take the ACT (American College Testing) or SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) and Submit Your Scores

When you register for ACT/SAT, you can request to send your scores to at least one of Florida's 12 state universities and/or public community colleges and your ACT/SAT scores will automatically be forwarded to the Florida Department of Education repository.

Past SAT/ACT cores can be sent at collegeboard.org or ACT.org respectively.

Step 3: Submit Your Community/Work Service Hours and High School Transcript

OCPS (Orange County Public Schools) submits your high school transcript directly to Bright Futures periodically throughout the year. When OCPS submits your transcript, your community/work hours also will be automatically submitted to Bright Futures along with your transcript.

Complete your "Community Service/Work Hours". Bright Futures requires a minimum of 75 hours for the Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) Award and 100 hours for the Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) Award.

Your community service/work hours are logged into your transcript. The deadline to submit your community/work hours to Orlando Science HS is **May 15th, 2025.**

Effective July 1, 2023, students graduating in the 2022-23 academic year, and thereafter, may satisfy the service hour requirement for a specific Bright Futures program by completing the statutory required number of volunteer service hours, 100 paid work hours, or a combination of both. The combination of volunteer service hours and paid work hours must equal a minimum of 100 total hours to fulfill the service hour requirement. Eligible paid work hours completed on or after June 27, 2022, may be included retroactively in the calculation of the student's total paid work hours completed.

<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/PDF/FAS-FMS.pdf>

Type	16 High School College-Preparatory Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT [®] /CLT [®] /SAT [®])	Volunteer Service Hours ²	Paid Work Hours ²
FAS	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	2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340 2025-26 Graduates: 29/95/1330	100 hours	100 hours
FMS	3 - Social Science 2 - World Language (sequential, in same language)	3.00	2024-25 Graduates: 25/84/1210 2025-26 Graduates: 24/82/1190	75 hours	100 hours

[BF \(Bright Futures\) Initial Eligibility Requirements](#)

[Bright Futures Student Handbook](#)

Additionally, current seniors must submit the FFAA to be evaluated for the following state-funded scholarship and grant programs:

Please refer to the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) website at <https://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org> to review the respective Fact Sheets/Handbook for the programs for clarity regarding program requirements, procedures and deadlines.

Program Name	Application Deadline
Florida Bright Futures (BF) Scholarship	August 31
Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans (CSDDV)	April 1
José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant (JM)	April 1
Rosewood Family Scholarship (RFS)	April 1
Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship (FFSS)	April 1
Randolph Bracy Ocoee Scholarship Program (OCOEE)	April 1