



# College Funding and Financial Aid Workshop

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# Tonight's Agenda and Housekeeping

## Introductions

## Questions & Answers

- Hold all questions until the end
- Direct personal questions to the email below
  
- Presentation and handouts that have been shared previously appear on the PV Counseling website

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# Application Announcements/Updates

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- **Most Early Application deadlines** have passed\* (Early Decision and Early Action and out-of-state Public University Applications)
  - USF (74 complete/27 pending). Early application release date 12/12. Rolling thereafter
  - FSU (106 complete/5 pending). Early application release date 12/15
  - UF (134 complete and pending). Admissions decisions notification 2/24/2023
  - UCF (72 complete/17 pending/40 admitted ths far). Rolling release
- **Upcoming application deadlines**
  - Florida State University Regular Deadline - 12/1
  - Upcoming Regular Decision applications January 2 (and EDII deadlines)
  - Private and public Rolling Application deadlines ongoing
- **FAFSA deadlines** for aid consideration vary (FSU and UCF December 1, USF January 1, UF ASAP)



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# Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program rewards students for their academic achievements by providing funding to attend postsecondary institutions in Florida

- There are three award levels
  - *Florida Academic Scholar (FAS)*
  - *Florida Medallion Scholar (FMS)*
  - *Gold Seal Vocational Scholar (GSV)*
  
- There are Grade Point Average, Test Score and Community Service/Work requirements for each level



# Current Bright Futures Eligibility Requirements (2022-23)

Type	16 High School Course Credits <sup>1</sup>	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT <sup>®</sup> /SAT <sup>®</sup> )	Volunteer Service*	Paid Work Hours*
<b>FAS</b>	4 - English <i>(three must include substantial writing)</i> 4 - Mathematics <i>(at or above the Algebra I level)</i> 3 - Natural Science <i>(two must have substantial laboratory)</i>	3.50	2022-23 Graduates: 29/1330  2023-24 Graduates: 29/1340	100 hours	100 hours
<b>FMS</b>	3 - Social Science 2 - World Language <i>(sequential, in same language)</i>	3.00	2022-23 Graduates: 25/1210  2023-24 Graduates: 25/1210	75 hours	100 hours

\*Student must earn either the required volunteer service OR paid work hours, but not a combination of both.

<sup>1</sup> The required coursework aligns with the State University System admission requirements found in Florida Board of Governor's Regulation 6.002. Additional information regarding high school coursework can be found within the [Florida Counseling for Future Education Handbook](#).

# Bright Futures Award Amounts (2022-23)

- Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) will receive 100% of tuition and applicable fees
- Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) will receive 75% of tuition and applicable fees
  - Bright Futures is only available at Florida colleges/universities
  - Students attending private, *in-state* institutions receive a sum equivalent to the public university reimbursement
  - Bright Futures can be used in Summer term



# How/When Do I Apply for Bright Futures?

- The Bright Future Application opened October 1, 2022
- Instructions for completing the Bright Futures application were sent home via email. [Instructions are uploaded to the PVS college counseling website under \*Announcements\* and \*Resources\*. Please apply now!](#)
- We ask **ALL** seniors to make an initial application regardless of whether they intend to apply in-state

[Home - Florida Student Scholarship & Grant Programs \(floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org\)](http://floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org)



# State Scholarship and Grant Opportunities



Office of Student Financial Assistance

## Florida Student Scholarship & Grant Programs

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The Bright Futures Scholarship ACT, SAT, PERT extended testing deadline for 2020-21 high school graduates expired on December 1, 2021. No additional extensions have been granted. At this time, there is not an Emergency Order in place to grant a testing deadline extension for 2021-22 high school graduates.



### First-Time Applicants

Students must submit a completed Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) to OSFA for programs denoted by an asterisk (\*). In order to apply for State Scholarship & Grant Programs, a student must first [Create a Student Account](#). After logging into your account, you may proceed to complete the FFAA.

### State Scholarship and Grant Programs

[Application for the Florida Law Enforcement Reimbursement Program](#)

[Benacquisto Scholarship Program \(FAQ\)](#)

[Bright Futures Scholarship\\*](#)

[Effective Access to Student Education](#)

[First Generation Matching Grant](#)

[Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship\\*](#)

[Florida Law Enforcement Academy Scholarship Program](#)

<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHOME/SAPHOME>

# Bright Futures Eligibility Evaluations

- Early 7th semester evaluations will post late January. To be eligible for Summer 2023 reimbursement students must meet initial eligibility requirements (GPA, Scores, and Hours). Final 8th semester evaluations post in July
- Students must monitor award status online. *After submitting the FFAA, the student is responsible for tracking application and award status online (Students must update college selection in the Spring)*



# Florida PrePaid College Plans

- *Tuition plan* covers the basic cost of classes
- *Local fee* plan covers the state required fees
- *Dormitory* plan covers the cost of a standard, double-occupancy room at a Florida university
- Specific questions regarding your plan should be directed to the Florida PrePaid program <http://www.myfloridaprepaid.com/>



# Florida Pre-Paid & Florida Bright Futures FAQs

- Pre-Paid Tuition Plan may *not* cover all costs. In the case of the Tuition Plan, funds are applied to the student's tuition charges only
- Typically Pre-Pay is applied first. Bright Futures funds are applied to remaining charges *after* classes begin (there is some variation in this)\*
- Excess funds remaining after tuition is paid will be applied to other charges owed to the school, including on-campus housing costs, etc
- Florida Prepaid plan holders can request to defer the use of their Prepaid Plan and use Bright Futures first if they so choose
- Each college is slightly different. Be sure to check with the college(s) you are considering attending



# Financial Aid and Scholarships

- Once again, FAFSA completion is required for all *need-based* and *need-informed* scholarships. It may also be expected for *merit-based* aid as well
- In addition to institutional aid and scholarships which you may receive with your acceptance and that are listed in your financial aid 'award letter,' there are numerous private and corporate-sponsored *application-based* scholarships opportunities available.



# Local Scholarship Resources

**Ed Foundation of Sarasota County** - Local and State Scholarship list

<https://edfoundationsrq.org/scholarships/>

**Boys & Girls Club College Planning** - Scholarship Database

<https://theclubsdcc.org/opportunities/plan-for-success/scholarships>

**Community Foundation** (Register ASAP and apply - *Spring Deadlines*)

<https://www.cfsarasota.org/students/scholarships-for-students-under-24-years>

**Gulf Coast Community Foundation** - Create account and apply

<https://www.gulfcoastcf.org/scholarships>

**Selby Foundation** - Several need-based, large \$ scholarships

<https://selbyfdn.org/scholarships/>

# Naviance

## Naviance Scholarship Database

Sign-in to [Naviance](#) through your MySCS account (check regularly)

### Scholarships & Money

College-Specific Scholarships

National Scholarship Search

Scholarship Search



Favorite Scholarships

## Local Scholarship Shout-outs!

- Archimedes Award \$5000/yr – STEM students. Hard copies of application (TBA)
- Retsy Lauer Visual Arts Scholarship  
<https://bit.ly/LauerScholarship2022>
- Pine View Association Scholarships (TBA)
- Paper Applications – GCIS, Sarasota Lions, Archimedes, SCTA, and others. Copies of applications when announced will be in the College Resource Office



# Scholarship Clearinghouses (free, searchable)

- <https://accessscholarships.com/>
- <https://bold.org/applicants/>
- <https://www.brokescholar.com/>
- <https://www.cappex.com/scholarships>
- <https://www.chegg.com/scholarships#>
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
- <https://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships>
- <https://www.goingmerry.com/>
- <https://www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/>
- <https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/college-scholarships/>
- <https://www.scholarships.com/>
- <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships>

# Scholarship Materials Request

When requesting Pine View transcripts and letter(s) of recommendations please provide the following:

1. Name of the Scholarship(s) and Deadline(s)
2. Mode of Delivery (Please include addressee(s), if possible)

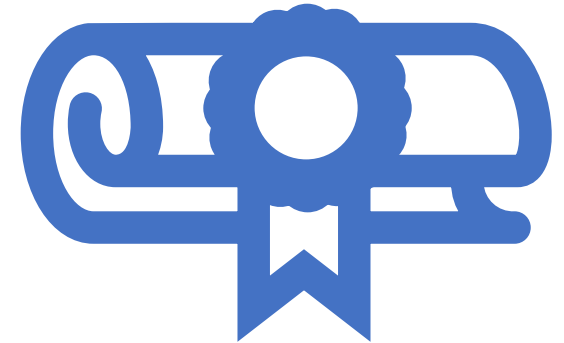
- \_\_\_\_\_ Electronic invite –
- \_\_\_\_\_ Email (provide address)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hard mail/USPS (provide address)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Direct upload – Please make an appointment

### 3. Materials Requested

- \_\_\_\_\_ Transcript
- \_\_\_\_\_ Letter(s) of Recommendation (Teacher/Counselor)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Unofficial test scores

### 4. Special Instructions

*Return this completed form to Mrs. Manders or Mr. Bergman. Please be mindful of deadlines and allow 2-3 days to fulfill your request.*



# Once Again, This Evening's Resources and Handouts...

The following can be found at the Pine View College Counseling website [www.pvscollegecounseling.com](http://www.pvscollegecounseling.com) under *Class of 2023 Resources* section

FAFSA Financial Aid Workshop PPT (Robbins)

Florida Bright Futures, Prepay and Scholarships PPT (Bergman)

- FAFSA Announcement 2022
- Bright Futures Instructions 2022
- Scholarship List 2022 (and accompanying Scholarship Request form)



Thank you for attending