



State Scholarships and Grants Update

Florida Association of Financial Aid Administrators Fall Regionals 2016-17

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2016-17 Fiscal Year Appropriation

Ch. 2016-66, L.O.F.

Appropriation Three-Year Comparison

Program	2014-15 Appropriation	2015-16 Appropriation	2016-17 Appropriation
BF	\$266.19	\$239.80	\$217.30
FSAG	\$148.35	\$148.74	\$148.44
FRAG	\$112.36	\$115.27	\$115.26
ABLE	\$5.69	\$5.67	\$5.01
FIS	\$4.87	\$8.38	\$12.92

NOTE: Appropriation amounts are in millions.

2016 Award Amounts

Bright Futures

Institution Type	FAS (Semester)	FMS (Semester)
4 Year	\$103	\$77
2 Year	\$63	\$63
College - BA	\$71	\$53
Career / Technical Centers	\$52	\$39

Program Type	GSV (Semester)	GSV (Clock Hours)
PSAV	\$39	\$1.30
ATD	\$39	\$1.30
AS, AAS, CCC	\$48	\$1.60

2016 Award Amounts

FSAG

Type	Minimum Award	Maximum Award	EFC Maximum
Public	\$200	\$2,610	5273
Private	\$200	\$2,610	6080
Postsecondary	\$200	\$2,610	5542
Career Education	\$200	\$2,610	N/A

2016 Award Amounts

ABLE / FRAG

Type	Maximum
ABLE	\$1,500
FRAG	\$3,000



2016 Legislative Session

2016 Legislative Session

Bright Futures

- Eligibility Extension (Religious or Service Obligation)
- Gold Seal CAPE Scholarship
 - Beginning with 2016-17 high school graduates
 - After completing an eligible A.S. or A.A.S. degree, a student can be funded for an additional 60 hours toward a B.S. or B.A.S. degree

2016 Legislative Session

Florida Incentive Scholarship (FIS)

- Statutory name change to “Benacquisto Scholarship Program”
- Public institutions that are eligible to be College Sponsors are required to be College Sponsors

2016 Legislative Session

FSAG Statutory Changes for 2016-17

- Prior Statutory Language:

The grants shall be awarded annually for the amount of demonstrated unmet need for the cost of education

- 2016-17 Statutory Language:

The grants shall be awarded annually for the amount of demonstrated unmet need for the cost of education, after the EFC and all other aid available to the student is accounted for

2016 Legislative Session

FSAG Statutory Changes for 2016-17

- **Prior Statutory Language:**
Priority in the distribution of grant moneys shall be given to students with the lowest total family resources, in accordance with a nationally recognized system of need analysis
- **2016-17 Statutory Language:**
Priority in the distribution of grant moneys shall be given to students with the highest unmet need after the assessment of available financial resources

2016 Legislative Session

FSAG Statutory Changes for 2016-17

- Available financial resources defined:
 - Pell Grants and other federal aid
 - State grants and scholarships
 - Institutional awards for merit or need
 - Private awards for merit or need
- Excludes:
 - Loans
 - Federal or state work study
 - Prepaid



What You Need to Know

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Financial Aid Applications

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - Moved from January to October
- Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)
 - Moved from December to October

What You Need to Know

FAFSA State Deadline

Unchanged – May 15

- Rosewood Family Scholarship Program
- José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant

What You Need to Know

State Calendar

Term 1 Disbursement – Reported on the DER 30 days after last day of drop/add

Term 1 Reconciliation – Refunds/ reconciliation due to OSFA within 60 days after last day drop/add

Bright Futures Refunds (D04) – Dropped/withdrawn funds are due within 30 days of last day of each term

Report ‘Otherwise Eligible’ Students – FSAG

What You Need to Know

Database Security

Login Module

- Requiring stronger password
- New password requirements include:
 - 8-30 characters in length
 - One uppercase letter
 - One lowercase letter
 - One number
 - One special character (e.g., !, @, #, \$, etc.)

What You Need to Know

Database Security

Login Module

- Initially, you will be asked to update your login information
- Enter your existing password and then create a new one
- Enter and then confirm your email address
- Select 2 security questions
- To retrieve a forgotten password, you will answer your security questions

What You Need to Know

Program Administration Reminder

Bright Futures GSV

- Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award may only be used to fund:
 - Applied Technology Diploma, up to 60 credit hours or equivalent clock hours
 - Technical Degree Education Program, not to exceed 72 hours or equivalent clock hours
 - Career Certificate Program, not to exceed 72 credit hours or equivalent clock hours

What You Need to Know

Program Administration Reminder

Bright Futures – Restoration

- Students may only use summer coursework to raise the GPA for a one-time restoration at the end of the first year of funding only
- If the student did not earn the GPA after the first year of funding, restoration is not permitted
- If the student did not earn the hours, regardless of year of funding, restoration is not permitted

What You Need to Know

Program Administration Reminder

Bright Futures – Reinstatement

- Reinstatement is only for students who, although eligible, were not funded in the prior academic year
- Students are required to apply for reinstatement of their award within 2 years of high school graduation

What You Need to Know

Credit Hour Tool

Bright Futures Student Handbook:

Chapter 1: Initial Eligibility Requirements

- Requirements for the Three Scholarship Types (*FAS, FMS, GSV*)
- Non-Traditional Students (*home-educated, GED, out-of-state, mid-year*)

Chapter 2: Information to Know Now That You Are Eligible

- Length of the Scholarship Award
- Award Amounts
- Summer Funding
- Transferring the Scholarship between Institutions

Chapter 3: Renewing Your Award

- Renewal Requirements
- Reinstatement Requirements
- Restoration Requirements
- Institutional Appeal Process

Other Bright Futures Resources:

[Bright Futures Brochure](#)

[Chart of Eligibility and Award Criteria](#)

[Bright Futures Award Amounts](#)

[The Out-Of-State Student Guide](#)

[Bright Futures Statistical Reports](#)

[Bright Futures Credit Hour Renewal Requirement Interactive Tool](#)

[Religious and Service Obligation Reporting Form](#)

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What You Need to Know

Resources and Training

Website Resources

- Postsecondary Institutions/Log in
- Institutional Information
- Publications
- Program Contacts

Training Resources

Contact Hortensia Campbell at hortensia.campbell@fldoe.org



Resources



Resources

Program Fact Sheets

Welcome to **Florida Student Scholarship & Grant Programs** 1-888-827-2004
Florida Department of Education
Office of Student Financial Assistance

State Programs Home	Applications and Updates	Financial Aid Resources	Postsecondary Institutions	High Schools	State Program Links
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What's New

[Florida Legislative Updates and History of Financial Aid Changes](#)

Applicant Quick Links

[Student Application \(for new applicants\)](#)

[View Student Financial Aid History](#)

[Update My Demographics](#)

[Check My Status](#)

[Reinstatement/Restoration Application \(for returning students\)](#)

Administrator Quick Links

[Program Compliance Audits](#)

[Postsecondary Institutions Login](#)

[High School Personnel Login](#)

[Florida Department of Veterans Affairs Certification](#)

Want Bright Futures?

Seniors submit a Florida Financial Aid Application by high school graduation.

Contact Us

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STATE SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT PROGRAMS

The Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA), administers a variety of state-funded grants and scholarships to assist Florida residents with the cost of their postsecondary education. Below is a list of grant and scholarship programs administered by OSFA. Students **must** submit a completed Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) to OSFA for programs denoted by an asterisk (*).

- Access to Better Learning and Education (ABLE) Grant**
- Bright Futures Scholarship***
- First Generation Matching Grant**
- Benacquisto Scholarship Program** *(formerly Florida Incentive Scholarship Program)*
[Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#)
- Florida Fund for Minority Teachers**
- Florida Resident Access Grant (FRAG)**
- Florida Student Assistance Grant (FSAG)**
[Florida Public Postsecondary Career Education Student Assistance Grant](#)
- Florida Work Experience Program**
- José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant***
- Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship**
- Rosewood Family Scholarship***
- Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans***
[Award Amounts](#)

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[Brochure: Money for College](#)

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Publications

- OSFA/State Programs Annual Calendar
- Postsecondary Institution Resources
- State Programs Policy Manual
- Memorandum Directives and Training
- Memorandum Directives and Training Archives

<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/home/PostSecondaryInstitutions.asp>



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