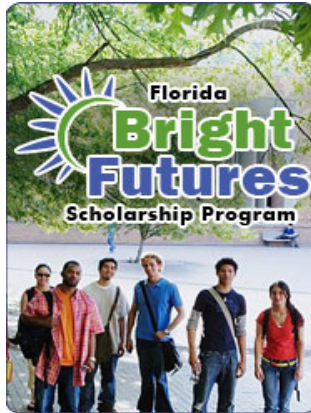


IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING

It has been brought to our attention that students are attempting to register for Florida Bright Futures as underclassmen. Please note that you run the risk of not being eligible for the scholarship if you apply before December 1st of your 12th Grade year.



How and When Does a Student Apply?

Students must apply during their last year in high school or forfeit all future eligibility for a Bright Futures Scholarship.

- A student who receives a Bright Futures award and attends an out-of-state postsecondary institution and then returns to Florida to complete his/her education within three years may apply for reinstatement of the original award.
- An initially eligible student who enlists in the United States Armed Forces immediately after high school graduation will begin the three-year eligibility period for his/her initial award upon the date of separation from active duty.
- In order to receive funding for a Florida Bright Futures award, a student must be a Florida resident and a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen. The postsecondary institution the student attends is responsible for making residency and citizenship determinations.

To Be Considered for a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship a Student Must:

1. Apply for a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship by completing the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)* during his/her last year in high school. A student may apply online at www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org beginning December 1st of his/her last year in high school. This application gives the Department of Education (DOE) permission to evaluate his/her high school transcripts for eligibility for a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship.
2. Earn a Florida standard high school diploma or [its equivalent](#). **
3. Not have been found guilty of, or plead nolo contendere to, a felony charge.
4. Meet [Academic Requirements](#) for the award.

Call toll-free at 1-888-827-2004 with questions.

** Note: For other diploma options established by legislative sessions, visit www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/bf/acadrequire.htm