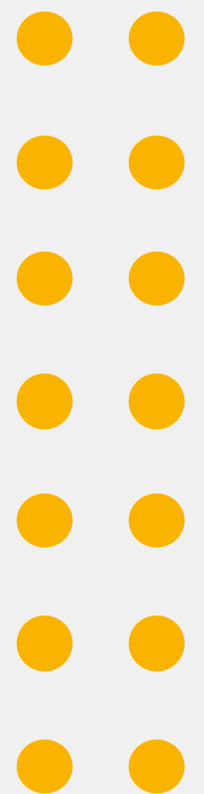


NHS College and Career

Planning Info Session

PRESENTED BY :
SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

THANK YOU FOR COMING



Nease HS Counseling Department

Mary Alfano (last names **A-El**)

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XELLO-A comprehensive college and career planning platform

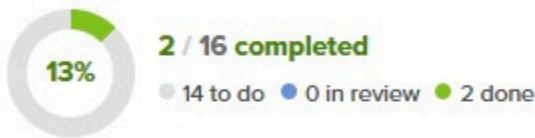
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their CLEVER account

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Hey Erich!

To-do list ⓘ



- Complete the Matchmaker quiz ▾
- Add 1 life experience ▾
- Add 1 education experience ▾
- Build your resume ▾
- Set your after high school goal ▾

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Showcase your skills, creativity, and learning with portfolios.

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September 2025

NEASE Counseling Dept.

Freshmen Class News

Allen D. Nease High School -2029



Important TESTING this year-SIGN UP NOW!!

- If you want to take the PSAT this year, you must sign up on the NEASE website (under testing) using SCHOOLPAY by September 14th. The test will be given on Wednesday, October 22nd.
- NOTE-9th graders must be enrolled in Geometry or Algebra 2 in order to be eligible to take the PSAT this year.

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FRESHMAN YEAR CHECKLIST

Freshman year in high school is a year of exploration. It is a year filled with excitement and new experiences. Take these steps to ensure you are giving yourself the best possible chances of success in the IB Program and beyond:

- Log in to your XELLO account. This system will be used to organize your pathway to graduation and help with college and career planning. You can find XELLO by logging into your CLEVER school account.
- In your **XELLO** account, on your home page, click on and complete the MATCHMAKER module and PERSONALITY STYLE. Learn about yourself!
- In your **XELLO** account, under **ABOUT ME**, click on and complete the LEARNING STYLE quiz. See how you learn best and put it to practice in your classes.
- Get involved! Colleges want to see that you have been involved in at least 3 different sports, clubs, or activities. Begin to work on your volunteer hours. We recommend that you complete at least 25 hours by the end of grade 9. Complete the needed Bright Futures paperwork for each volunteer experience and hand in to



Life after high school is coming.
ARE YOU READY FOR THE NEXT
STEPS?? PREPARE NOW!

So you want to go to College?? PLAN NOW!!

Almost all colleges and universities want students to have at least 2-3 years of the SAME Foreign language. Many now require three years.

Push yourself in your Pre-IB and AP classes to do your very best this year. Every point counts so take pride in your performance on all tasks. Every 9th grader reading this is now #1 in their graduating class. It is up to YOU to keep that spot. GPA and rank are based on only your **final** grades earned in all classes.

September 2025

Nease Counseling Dept.

Grade 10 Class News

Allen D. Nease High School -2028



Important TESTING this year:

- The PSAT test will be given on Wednesday October 22rd here at NEASE during the school day. Review the prep materials online and on KHAN Academy. All sophomores take the PSAT for FREE!

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/practice>



SOPHOMORE YEAR CHECKLIST

Sophomore year in high school is a year of exploration and planning. Take these steps to ensure you are giving yourself the best possible chances of success in the IB Program and beyond:

- **Log in to your XELLO account.** This system will be used to organize your pathway to graduation. See your Counselor if you are unable to log in asap. You log in via your CLEVER school account. Look for the XELLO logo.
- In your **XELLO** account, on the home page, click on Build your resume under your **TO-DO list**. Here you will input experiences, honors, etc and begin to compile data each year that will be used to produce a polished resume for jobs, colleges and scholarships.
- In your **XELLO** account, under **ABOUT ME**, click on and complete the **MATCHMAKER** module. See what careers and majors may best suit what you like and dislike at this stage of high school. Continue to learn about yourself!
- **Get involved!** Colleges want to see that you have been involved in at least 3 different sports, clubs, or activities. Begin to work on your volunteer hours. We recommend that you complete at least 50 hours by the end of grade 10. Complete the needed Reflection Form and verification letter for each volunteer experience and turn in to your Counselor in C Pod so that it can be entered into the Bright Futures system.



So you want to go to College?? PLAN NOW!!

Almost all colleges and universities want students to have at least 2-3 years of the SAME Foreign language. Many now require three years.

When you get your PSAT scores back around January, link your PSAT account/ score report with KHAN Academy using your ACCESS CODE on your score report to receive a free, personalized online SAT prep course.

See your Counselor with any questions. We are here to help!

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Nease Counseling Department

Junior Class News

Allen D. Nease High School-Class of 2027

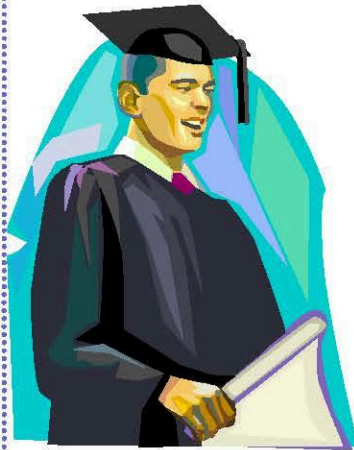
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JUNIOR YEAR CHECKLIST

Junior year in high school is arguably your most important. It is a year filled with excitement and preparation. Take these steps to ensure you are giving yourself the best possible chances of success at getting in to the school or program of your dreams:

- Create and maintain a **student resume** using **RESUME BUILDER** in your XELLO account (log in via CLEVER). This is a MUST if you do not have a resume already. This can be found in your ABOUT ME page. (<https://help.xello.world/en-us/Content/Knowledge-Base/Xello-6-12/Resume-Builder/Students-Resume-Builder.htm>)
- Take an **interest inventory** to see what career/field you might best excel based on your skills and interests. These are available in your XELLO account in your ABOUT ME page under **MATCHMAKER**
- **Review your schedule/transcript** to ensure that you are taking all the necessary courses needed for admission to colleges on your wish list. Check their admissions page for a list of requirements.
- **Get involved!** Schools want to see that you have been involved in at least 3 different sports, clubs, or activities. Add them to your student resume in XELLO. Keep adding volunteer hours whenever possible. You need at least 100 hours for Bright Futures.
- **Prepare for the college aptitude tests.** I recommend you take the SAT and/or ACT in the spring of your junior year (see left) if you have not already earned a score that you like.



Life after high school is coming.
ARE YOU READY FOR THE NEXT STEP?? PREPARE NOW!

Important **TESTING** this year-**SIGN UP NOW!!**

- **PSAT** will be given on Wednesday, Oct 22. Sign up asap. Junior year PSAT qualifies you for National Merit Scholarship consideration
\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
- Go to **www.collegeboard.org** and register to take the SAT Reasoning test. We recommend all Juniors take it in both May and June of this year.
- **www.actstudent.org**. Sign up to take the ACT test. We recommend Spring for this testing option, as well.



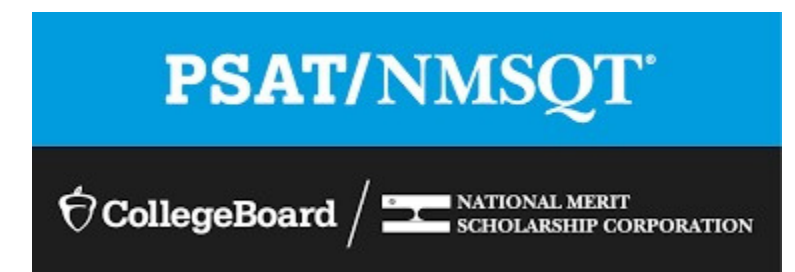
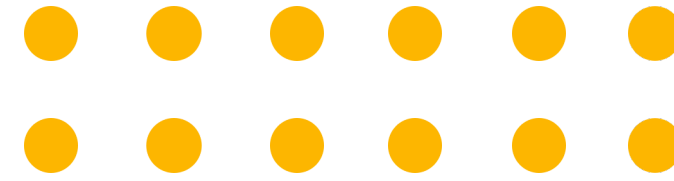
See your Counselor with any questions

Here are some things that you should be thinking about now if you want to give yourself the best shot at getting into a college, university or program of your choice. **BE PREPARED...**

You will need at least 2 letters of recommendation for your college applications. Begin to think about which teachers you will ask. **KNOW YOUR AUDIENCE** (example: If you want to get into Engineering/STEM programs, you should be asking your Math and Science teachers for a letter. If you want to get into Journalism programs, you should be asking your English teachers). Target your activities and recommendations to best support your application for admission to that type of program. Plan with purpose.

The **PSAT**Test will be given
here at Nease HS on
Wednesday, October 22nd
during the school day.

Sign up Now on **SCHOOLPAY**



SAT vs ACT

As of March 2024 the SAT is digital

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Which test is better?

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How do I sign up?

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Where do I find my scores?

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How many times should I take the test?

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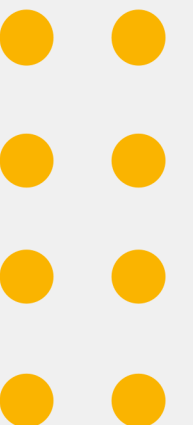
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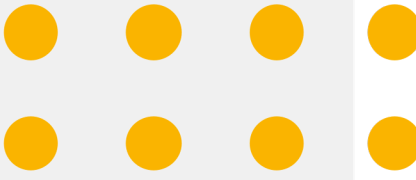
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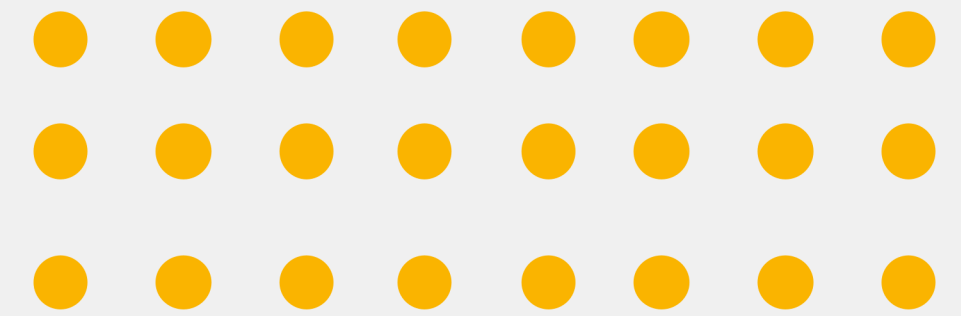
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- Gap Year












Resources for Vocational, Technical, & Trade Schools



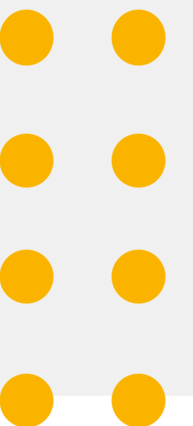
Resources for Exploring Colleges



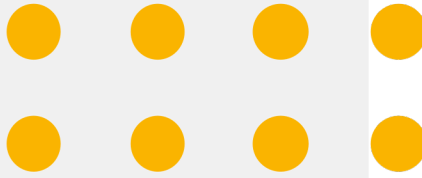
		
		
		

Finding Fit

- Location
- Distance from Home
- Type of College
- Size
- Student Body Demographics
- Housing Options
- Majors/Programs
- Support Services
- Activities/Athletics/other involvement
- Academic fit
- Social fit
- Financial fit



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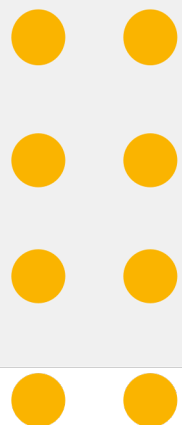


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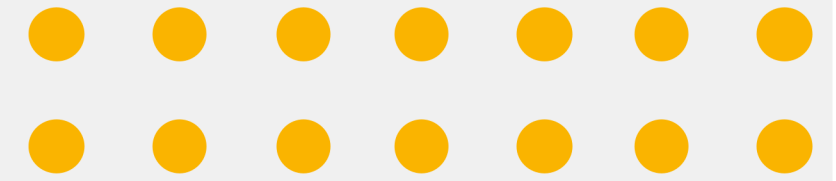
- SelfDiscovery Assessments and Modules
 - About Me: MATCHMAKER/SKILLS LAB
 - APPRENTICESHIPS (Trades)
 - EXPLORE CAREERS
- Florida Life Simulator
- Explore Military Branches
- Resume

College:

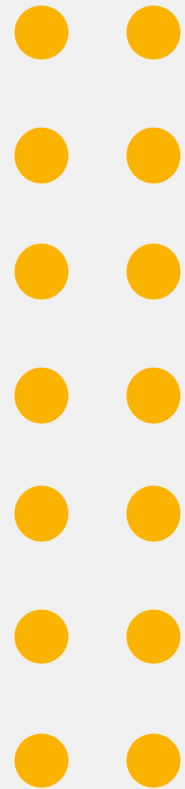
- EXPLORE: College Search
 - Click MORE FILTERS and choose options
 - Saveschoolsinyourfilteredlistby clicking on HEART icon to create a list of potentials
 - Click on the school name in your saved list to see full breakdown of school data, cost, location, contacts
- From PLANS>COLLEGE PLANNING you can create an application from your saved list



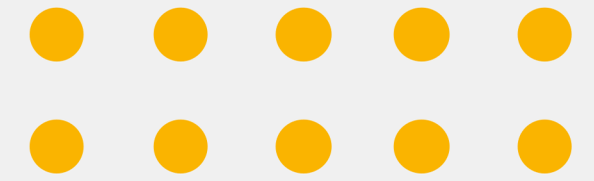
Junior/Senior Year



- Going on Visits-both college and technical/trade schools
- Doing research (XELLO, Niche, Big Future, etc)
- Build a RESUME via XELLO (or on your own)
- Taking the SAT, ACT, PERT or CLT (check with target schools to see what they require)
- Using XELLO to create a list of potential schools you are considering applying to
- By early fall of senior year, have a list of probable colleges you're going to apply to
- Request letters of recommendation from teachers. Start to request letters of recommendation after Aug 1 of your senior year (see instructions for XELLO/Common Application which are posted in Schoology)
- Assign your Counselor and match your Common Application account with XELLO



Types of Application



Deadlines

Early Action



Early Action

- Click on the "Google Slides" button below this presentation preview.
- Click on "Make a copy."
- Start editing your presentation.
- You need to sign in to your Google account.



Early Decision



Regular Decision

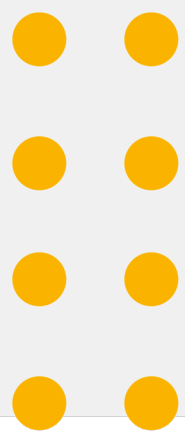


Rolling Admission



SOME EXTRA TIPS...

- Who are your target schools' assigned admission counselors for our geographical area? **FIND OUT.**
- Create a thorough resume. Outside interests, talents, etc may be the difference.
- Begin working on your essays as early as Junior year.
Common Application usually releases the following year essay prompts in the spring before. Have your English teacher, etc work with you to develop a great essay!



***CLASS OF 2026* SENIOR CHECKLIST – SCHEDULE**

Please follow this schedule to give yourself the BEST possible chance at getting into the college/school/job of your choice after High School.

FIRST STEPS BELOW:

- **Sign up and take the SAT REASONING TEST or ACT TEST this fall, if needed**
 - Go to www.collegeboard.org or www.actstudent.org and use a credit card to register online. **BE AWARE OF REGISTRATION DEADLINES.** (CLT and PERT are also options for some schools)
- **Email a copy of your resume to your Counselor. Your highlights on your resume will be used in the SCHOOL COUNSELOR REPORT that is sent to all of your colleges that require it as part of your application.**
- **Review your transcript in HAC to be sure that there are no omissions or errors that you see.**
- **Narrow down your college/school/career list. You should have at least one REACH school (your dream-probably a school that would be difficult for you to get in, but you would love to go to!). You should have 3-4 schools that you feel you would meet their criteria for acceptance (i.e. SAT/ACT scores, GPA, and class rank). Finally, have at least one school that you are quite sure you would get into (your SAFETY school). Be sure that you would be happy to go to any of these schools on your list if they are the only one you get in to. Don't apply to a school unless you really would go. This stuff isn't cheap!**
- **Whenever possible, take a trip to these schools on your list and visit! The best way to check out a school is in person. Talk to students there. They will give you the scoop on the place-stuff that is not in the books or school websites. Do some research. If you are planning on going right into the job market, visit a business and talk to people that are doing the job that you want to get into.**
- **Go to the selected schools' websites (Just log-in to your XELLO homepage and go to EXPLORE/COLLEGES. You can then search the school and all of their information will pop up!). Most schools now want you to apply online either through Common Application or directly on their website with their specific application. Look over their application requirements and make a list of things you will need when it comes time to apply when school starts in the Fall.**

Step Into Your Future!

The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program has helped more than 1 million Florida students attend a postsecondary institution. Bright Futures awards include: Florida Academic Scholars award (FAS), Florida Medallion Scholars award (FMS), Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars award (GSC) and the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award (GSV).



Go to www.FloridaStudentFinancialAids.org/SAPBFMAIN/SAPBFMAIN to find out how to qualify for a Bright Futures Scholarship.



Go to www.FloridaStudentFinancialAids.org and submit a completed, error-free Initial Student Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) no later than August 31 after high school graduation. The ACT®/CLT®/SAT® must be taken no later than August 31 of your high school graduation year.



Make the grade, earn the score...and graduate! The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program was created to establish a lottery-funded scholarship program to reward any Florida high school graduate who merits recognition of high academic achievement. The graduate must enroll in a degree program, certificate program or applied technology program at an eligible Florida public or private postsecondary education institution.



Know your responsibilities...apply, meet the requirements before graduation and throughout your college career. (Requirements are subject to change with each Florida Legislative session.)

Office of Student Financial Assistance website: www.FloridaStudentFinancialAids.org

Customer Service: 888-827-2004 Email: OSFA@fldoe.org



Verification of Receipt (This is not the application for the scholarship.)
I verify that I have received this notice and will read the initial eligibility requirements of the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program as a 2025-26 high school graduate seeking funding for the 2026-27 academic year.

NAME (please print) _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____

Please return this verification portion to your high school counselor.



Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) / Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)
2025-26

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

1. Submit the [Florida Financial Aid Application \(FFAA\)](#) no later than August 31 after high school graduation.
2. Graduate from a Florida high school with a standard high school diploma or its equivalent.
3. Complete the 16 college-preparatory courses required for admission to a state university.
4. Achieve the required weighted GPA in the 16 college-preparatory courses per the chart below.
5. Achieve the required composite ACT® score, Overall Score on the Classic Learning Test (CLT®), or combined SAT® score. Tests must be taken no later than August 31 of the student’s graduation year (or through January 31 for mid-year graduates), per the chart below.
6. Complete the required number of volunteer service hours, paid work hours, or 100 total combined hours per the chart below.

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®) ²	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	2025-26 Graduates: 29/95/1330 2026-27 Graduates: 29/95/1330	100 hours	100 hours
FMS	3 - Social Science 2 - World Language (sequential, in same language)	3.00	2025-26 Graduates: 24/82/1190 2026-27 Graduates: 24/82/1190	75 hours	100 hours

¹ 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](#).

² Students must earn the required volunteer service hours, 100 paid work hours, or a combination that totals a minimum of 100 hours.

Requirements to Receive an Award: (As determined by the postsecondary institution)

1. Be evaluated by the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) as meeting initial eligibility requirements.
2. Be a Florida resident and U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen.
3. Enroll as a degree- or certificate-seeking student at a Florida institution in at least 6 non-remedial semester credit hours.

Renewal Requirements: (As determined by grade and hours submitted by the postsecondary institution)

1. Students must earn the number of credit hours based on the student’s enrollment type per term.
2. The renewal cumulative GPA requirements are outlined in the table below.

	Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)	Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)
Minimum Cumulative GPA (unrounded and unweighted)	3.0	2.75

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

Eligibility requirements are subject to change with each legislative session.

Students are responsible for tracking their application and award status online and ensuring that funding for an academic year is accurate by contacting their institution’s financial aid office.

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV)
2025-26

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

1. Submit the [Florida Financial Aid Application \(FFAA\)](#) no later than August 31 after high school graduation.
2. Graduate with a standard Florida high school diploma or its equivalent.
3. Achieve the required weighted 3.0 GPA in the non-elective high school courses.
4. Completes at least three (3) full Career and Technical Education credits
5. Achieve the required minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA in Career and Technical Education credits.
6. Complete at least 30 volunteer service hours, 100 paid work hours, or a combination that equals a minimum of 100 total hours. For students entering grade 9 in the 2024-2025 school year and thereafter, 75 hours of volunteer service must be completed.
7. Achieve the required minimum scores on one of the college entrance exams per the chart below no later than August 31 of the year the student graduates from high school.

Exam Type	Sub-test	Required Score
ACT®	Reading	19
	English	17
	Mathematics	19
SAT® (March 1, 2024, and thereafter)	Critical Reading or Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	490
	Mathematics	480
SAT® (Prior to March 1, 2024)	Reading	24
	Writing and Language	25
	Math Test	24
PERT (Only applies to the GSV Scholarship)	Reading	106
	Writing	103
	Mathematics	114

Required test scores follow those established by Rule [6A-10.0315](#), Florida Administrative Code.

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

1. Be evaluated by the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) as meeting initial eligibility requirements.
2. Be a Florida resident and U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen.
3. Enroll as a degree- or certificate-seeking student at a Florida institution in at least six (6) non-remedial semester credit hours.

Scholarship Restrictions:

The GSV award 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 and not toward the completion of an associate in arts or a baccalaureate degree.

Renewal Requirements: (As determined by grade and hours submitted by your postsecondary institution.)

1. Students must earn the number of credit hours based on the student’s enrollment type per term.
2. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative 2.75 GPA (unrounded and unweighted).

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

Eligibility requirements are subject to change with each legislative session.


Students are responsible for tracking their application and award status online and ensuring that funding for an academic year is accurate by contacting their institution’s financial aid office.

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St. augustine, FL

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Add FAFSA and state aid application details

Add the status of your applications, or confirm that you're done.

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• Common App

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ACT/SAT

• FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

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College Planning

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Sort by

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Bright Futures Scholarship Programs

The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program establishes lottery-funded scholarships to reward Florida high school graduates for high academic achievement. Each Bright Futures program has a different set of requirement...

Aug 31, 2025

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Open Door Grant Program

The Open Door Grant Program (ODGP) is a financial aid program for students enrolled at a school district postsecondary technical career center, a Florida College System institution, or a charter technical career center....

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The Coolidge Foundation 2025 ECONOMIC Essay Contest (\$10,000)

The Coolidge Foundation is offering \$10,000, \$5,000 and \$1,000 scholarships for ECONOMIC essay winners.

Sep 10, 2025

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Florida Student Scholarship & Grant Programs

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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.

Eligible Institutions

High Schools:

Verify if your high school is a participating Florida public or private high school.

Postsecondary Institutions:

Verify if the postsecondary institution you are planning to attend is eligible to disburse state aid.

NOTE: We recommend downloading the newest version of your preferred browser for the best experience. (Chrome, Firefox, Microsoft Edge, Safari)

State Scholarship and Grant Programs

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

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Form

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Need the 2024–25 FAFSA® Form?

Note: The deadline to start a new FAFSA form for the 2024–25 award year has passed.

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