

Bright Futures Eligibility and Award information by High School Graduation Year

The chart below provides eligibility, renewal, and funding information for students by their high school graduation year. Locate your high school graduation year in the far left column to determine the requirements and conditions that apply to your Bright Futures award.

(The Florida Legislature reviews the program each year and is authorized to change eligibility and funding requirements for future years.)

Bright Futures Eligibility and Award information by High School Graduation Year¹	Required SAT/ACT Score to Earn FAS Award	Required SAT/ACT Score to Earn FMS Award²	Initial Eligibility Year (1st academic year after high school graduation)	Number of FAS/FMS Hours of Funding Available	Number of GSV Hours of Funding Available	Number of Years of Funding Available⁴	Restoration Opportunity	FAS/FMS Graduate Study Funding Availability⁶
2011-2012	1270 SAT/ 28 ACT	980 SAT/ 21 ACT ²	2012-13	100% of program of study up to 120 credit hours ³	100% of program of study up to 90 credit hours	Up to 5 years from high school graduations	For insufficient GPA in 1 st year of funding only	Yes, if first baccalaureate degree earned in 2010-11 academic year or after
2012-2013	1280 SAT/ 28 ACT	1020 SAT/ 22 ACT ²	2013-14	100% of program of study up to 120 credit hours ³	100% of program of study up to 90 credit hours	Up to 5 years from high school graduations	For insufficient GPA in 1 st year of funding only	Yes, if first baccalaureate degree earned in 2010-11 academic year or after
2013-2014	1290 SAT/ 29 ACT	1170 SAT/ 26 ACT ²	2014-15	100% of program of study up to 120 credit hours ³	100% of program of study up to 90 credit hours	Up to 5 years from high school graduations	For insufficient GPA in 1 st year of funding only	Yes, if first baccalaureate degree earned in 2010-11 academic year or after

¹High school graduation year = the academic year in which the student graduated from high school. For example, a student who graduated from high school between September 1, 2011 and August 31, 2012 graduated in the 2011-2012 academic year.

²Home educated students, who are unable to document a college-preparatory curriculum and wish to earn an FMS award, must earn a 1070 SAT or 23 ACT. Home educated students unable to document a college-preparatory curriculum graduating in 2013-14 must earn a 1220 SAT or 27 ACT.

³Extended hours of funding are available to FAS and FMS recipients in a single program of study requiring more than 120 hours to complete.

⁴Student must receive initial funding within 3 years of high school graduation.

⁵Students unable to complete their program after 5 academic years may be granted a 1-year extension to the renewal timeframe due to a verifiable illness or other documented emergency.

⁶FAS and FMS recipients who receive a baccalaureate degree in the 2010-11 academic year or after in 7 semesters or fewer (or the equivalent in hours) may receive funding for 1 semester of graduate study, not to exceed 15 semester hours, paid at the undergraduate rate.