



Felix Varela Senior High School

All seniors should complete the Florida Financial Aid Application after October 1st. This application includes Bright Futures and other state scholarships and grants. Application is available at www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org.

You must submit a completed application during your last year in high school (after October 1st and prior to graduation). You must apply during your last year in high school, before graduation, or you will forfeit all future eligibility for a Bright Futures Scholarship. To apply online, select "State Grants, Scholarships & Applications" and click on First-Time Applicants."

Award Amounts:

Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) will receive an award to cover 100% of tuition and applicable fees. Students attending a public institution will have tuition and applicable fees covered. FAS students can receive an award during the summer sessions to cover tuition and applicable fees.

Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) will receive an award to cover 75% of tuition and applicable fees. Students attending a public institution will have tuition and applicable fees covered. FMS students can receive an award during the summer sessions to cover tuition and applicable fees.

The applicable fees for both FAS and FMS recipients include the activity and service fee, health fee, athletic fee, financial aid fee, capital improvement fee, campus access/transportation fee, technology fee and tuition differential fee.

- The required community service hours to be completed for the following awards are:
 - FAS – Volunteer - 100 hours Paid Work – 100 hours
 - FMS – Volunteer - 75 hours Paid Work – 100 hours
- The Florida Department of Education is required to approve home education community service hours for Bright Futures initial eligibility.
- **Test Score Requirements for Florida Academic Scholars and Florida Medallion Scholars**

High School Graduation Year	SAT*	ACT**	CLT	Volunteer Service Only	Paid Work Hour Only	Combination of Volunteer/Paid Hours
Florida Academic Scholars						
2025-26 GPA: 3.5 Weighted	1330	29	95	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours
Florida Medallion Scholars						
2025-26 GPA: 3.0 Weighted	1190	24	82	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours

* SAT based on Critical Reading and Math sections only.

** ACT based on English, Reading, Math, and Science sections only.

Refer to the Bright Futures Handbook for complete Bright Futures eligibility criteria at <http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/bf/bfmain.htm>

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