

2012-2013
Career and Technical Education
Gold Seal

FLORIDA GOLD SEAL VOCATIONAL SCHOLARS AWARD

The **Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award** is one of three Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program awards. The Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award recognizes high achieving high school graduates and provides expanded opportunities for Florida's top career and technical students to acquire a postsecondary education.

A Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar is eligible for an award equal to the amount required to pay 75 percent of tuition and fees, if the student is enrolled in a public postsecondary education institution. A student who is enrolled in a nonpublic postsecondary education institution is eligible for an award equal to the amount that would be required to pay 75 percent of the tuition and mandatory fees of a public postsecondary education institution at the comparable level.

To be eligible for a renewal award as a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar, a student must maintain the equivalent of a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale

An award may be made to a student who:

- Completes a minimum of three (3) Career and Technical Education Job-Preparatory or Technology Education credits in one career and technical education program.

- Earns the minimum CPT, SAT or ACT test scores:

SAT: 440 Verbal and Math

ACT: English 17, Reading 18, Math 19

CPT: Reading 83, Sentence Skills 83, Algebra 72

- Earns a cumulative *weighted* grade point average of at least 3.0 using the 16 core credits required for a standard high school diploma 2012 and future graduates must earn four (4) credits of mathematics and no life management skills for a total of 16 credits.
- Earns an *unweighted* grade point average of at least 3.5/4.0 in a minimum of three (3) career and technical education credits in one career and technical education program.

Contact your guidance counselor, BRACE advisor, or Career and Technical Education (CTE) teacher for more information.

Initial Eligibility Requirements to Receive Funding

The student will:

- Be a Florida resident and a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen. A student's residency and citizenship status are determined by the postsecondary institution. Questions regarding such status should be directed to the financial aid office or admissions office of the institution the student plans to attend.
- Not owe a repayment or be in default under any state or federal grant, loan, or scholarship program unless satisfactory arrangements to repay have been made.
- Meet specific coursework and minimum grade point average (GPA) and test score requirements which are outlined on the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) website
www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/bf/acadrequire.htm.

Scholarship Length Terms of Eligibility (2010-11 high school graduates and thereafter)

A Bright Futures Gold Seal Vocational Recipient:

- May receive up to 100% of the number of credit hours required to complete up to a maximum of 90 semester hours (or the equivalent in quarter or clock hours) toward completion of a career certificate (or first baccalaureate degree) or up to five years from high school graduation (if the student was initially funded within three years after high school graduation), **whichever comes first**.
- If a course of study is not completed after five academic years, an exception of one year to the renewal timeframe may be granted due to a verifiable illness or other documented emergency.