

BRIGHT FUTURES 2011-2012

Summary of Changes

- NEW :** The *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* IS NOW an annual requirement for Bright Futures eligibility. The FAFSA does not have to indicate financial need; however, must be completed and processed *error free* prior to a student's first disbursement of the 2011-12 academic year. (The Florida State Programs May 15 deadline does not apply to Bright Futures.) You are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Submission of the FAFSA may help you find other available financial aid as well. Visit the website at www.fafsa.ed.gov for online processing.

The Florida Legislature is authorized to change eligibility and funding requirements.	Florida Academic Scholars Award (FAS)	Florida Medallion Scholars Award (FMS)	Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award (GSV)
Community Service	100 hours , as approved by the district or private school	75 hours , as approved by the district or private school	30 hours , as approved by the district or private school
Test Scores Sections of the SAT, ACT, or CPT from different test dates may be used to meet the test criteria. For spring eligibility evaluations, test dates through the end of January will be admissible.	(no change from last year) Best combined score of 1270 SAT Reasoning Test (based on the combined Critical Reading and Math sections only) Or Best composite score of 28 ACT (excluding the writing section). NOTE: The writing sections for both the SAT and ACT will not be used in the composite.	(New this year) Best combined score of 980 SAT Reasoning Test (based on the combined Critical Reading and Math sections only) Or Best composite score of 21 ACT (excluding the writing section). NOTE: The writing sections for both the SAT and ACT will not be used in the composite.	(no change from last year) Sections of different test types may not be combined. SAT Reasoning Test: Critical Reading 440 Math 440 Or ACT: English 17 Reading 18 Math 19 Or CPT: Reading 83 Sentence Skills 83 Algebra 72

