

Career and Technical Education Scholarships

HORTIO ALGER SCHOLARSHIP

As one of the nation's largest need-based college scholarship programs in the country, the Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs specifically assist high school students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their young lives. While many programs are directed primarily to recognizing academic achievement or leadership potential, the Horatio Alger Association seeks students who have exhibited determination, integrity, and perseverance in overcoming adversity, as well as have critical financial need.

The Career & Technical Scholarship Program is funded through the Horatio Alger Endowment Fund and the generosity of Association Chairman Emeritus and Endowment Fund President Walter Scott, Jr. Scholarships are awarded to students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their lives who wish to pursue a career or technical education at an accredited non-profit post-secondary institution in the United States.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Have completed high school (or earned a high school equivalency credential)
- Will be enrolled in eligible program in Fall 2017
- Exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a career or technical program (up to 2 years) at an accredited non-profit post-secondary institution in the United States
- Demonstrated critical financial need (must be eligible to receive the Federal Pell grant as determined by completion of the FAFSA)
- Demonstrated perseverance in overcoming adversity
- Be under the age of 30
- Be a United States citizen

Funds may be used for tuition, fees, books and supplies. All scholarship funds are paid directly to the institution on behalf of the recipient.

The scholarship program is open until August 31st. For more information please visit <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/about-our-scholarship-programs/technical/>.

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Application Process

Students must **APPLY** for the scholarship by submitting the *Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)* no later than August 31 after high school graduation. If a student does not apply for the scholarship by the deadline, a student **cannot** receive the scholarship! All eligibility requirements must be met by high school graduation, but scores of ACT®/SAT®/P.E.R.T. tests taken through June 30 are accepted for evaluation purposes.

Go to <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/home/uamain.htm> and click on Student Application (for new applicants).

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STATE SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT PROGRAMS

The Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA), administers a variety of state-funded grants and scholarships to assist Florida residents with the cost of their postsecondary education. Below is a list of grant and scholarship programs administered by OSFA. Students **must** submit a completed Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) to OSFA for programs denoted by an asterisk (*).

- [Access to Better Learning and Education \(ABLE\) Grant](#)
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After submitting the FFAA, the student is responsible for tracking application and award status online and keeping the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) informed of any demographic or institutional changes. The Bright Futures Scholarship will renew automatically each year (up to the scholarship limit) if the student maintains the required GPA and earns the required credit hours.

General Requirements

Be a Florida resident and a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen, as determined by the student's postsecondary institution.

- Complete the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) no later than August 31 after high school graduation.
- Earn a standard Florida high school diploma or its equivalent from a Florida public high school or a registered Florida Department of Education (FDOE) private high school; or complete a home education program.
- Not have been found guilty of, or pled nolo contendere to, a felony charge, unless the student has been granted clemency by the Governor and Cabinet sitting as the Executive Office of Clemency.
- Be accepted by and enroll in a degree or certificate program at an eligible Florida public or independent postsecondary institution.
- Be enrolled for at least 6 non-remedial semester credit hours (or the equivalent in quarter or clock hours) per term.
- If not funded in the academic year immediately following high school graduation, apply within two years of high school graduation to have your award reinstated.

GOLD SEAL VOCATIONAL SCHOLARS (GSV)

The Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV) may be funded if enrolled in a career education or certificate program. Florida high school students who wish to qualify for the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV) award must meet the following initial eligibility requirements:

- Achieve the required weighted minimum 3.0 GPA in the non-elective high school courses;
- Take at least 3 full credits in a single Career and Technical Education program;
- Achieve the required minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA in the career education courses;
- Achieve the required minimum score on the ACT®, SAT®, or Florida Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (P.E.R.T.) exams (see table below); and
- Complete 30 service hours. (**See service hours' explanation below)

College Entrance Exams

Exam types cannot be combined; a student must qualify based on each sub-test score for a single exam type. Sub-test scores from different test dates may be used to meet the test requirement. Scores taken through June 30 of the student's senior year (for a regular graduate, or January 31 for a mid-year graduate) will be accepted for Bright Futures evaluation. There is no limit to the number of times a student may retake the test prior to June 30 of the student's graduation year.

Request test scores be sent to one of Florida's 12 state universities, Florida state colleges (public community colleges), or public high schools when the student registers for the ACT®/SAT® so that test scores will be sent to the FDOE repository. (see chart below)

Exam Type	Sub-test	Required Score
ACT®	Reading	19
	English	17
	Mathematics	19
SAT® (Prior to March 1, 2016)	Critical Reading	440
	Mathematics	440
SAT® (March 1, 2016 and thereafter)	Reading Test	24
	Writing and Language Test	25
	Math Test	24
P.E.R.T. (Only applies to the GSV Scholarship)	Reading	106
	Writing	103
	Mathematics	114

Required test scores follow those established by [State Board Rule 6A-10.0315](#).

GOLD SEAL CAPE SCHOLARS (GSC)

The Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars award (GSC) may be funded if enrolled in a career education or certificate program. Upon completion of an associate in science degree program that articulates to a bachelor of science degree, a GSC Scholar may also receive an award for a maximum of 60 credit hours toward a bachelor of science degree program. Upon completion of an associate in applied science program, a GSC Scholar may also receive an award for a maximum of 60 credit hours toward a bachelor of applied science degree program.

Florida high school students who wish to qualify for the Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars award must meet the following initial eligibility requirements:

- Earn a minimum of 5 postsecondary credit hours through CAPE industry certifications which articulate for college credit; and
- Complete 30 service hours. (**See service hours' explanation below)

Service Hours **

Students must complete service hours during high school and by high school graduation. Service hours may include, but are not limited to, a business or governmental internship, work for a nonprofit community service organization, or activities on behalf of a candidate for public office. Except for credit earned through service-learning courses, the student may not receive remuneration or academic credit for the service work performed. The hours must be documented in writing, and signed by the student, the student's parent or guardian, and a representative of the organization.

Each district school board and the administrators of a nonpublic school must establish approved activities **and** the process for documentation of service hours. The student must identify a social or civic issue or professional area, develop a plan for personal involvement in addressing the issue or learning about the area, and through papers or other presentations, evaluate and reflect upon the experience.