

NAVIGATING YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE



October 2018



Scholarships

Governor Rick Scott and First Lady Ann Scott have invited all Florida students to participate in the annual Hispanic Heritage Month Essay and Art contests, which will be centered around the theme, “A Celebration of Innovative Hispanic-American Leaders.” Students in grades K-3 have a chance to win a cash prize by submitting artwork, and students in grades 4-12 can earn a **4-YEAR FLORIDA PREPAID SCHOLARSHIP** through the essay contest.

All entries must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday, October 15, 2018.**

To learn more about Florida’s Hispanic Heritage Month celebration and contests, visit www.FloridaHispanicHeritage.com.

Many Scholarship committees are looking for students who have the ability to communicate effectively in writing. Essays are an excellent way for scholarship judges to choose the most qualified candidates.

Tips for writing the essay include:

- Giving yourself time— it takes time to construct a quality essay
- Following directions— word count and font size may be eligibility requirements
- Focusing on the topic— answer the question that is being asked
- Proofreading and editing your work— be clear/concise and correct any errors
- Getting feedback— ask family members or others to read your essay and provide feedback



2018-19 Graduating Seniors Need to Know

View information about the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program at the following link, <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPBFMAIN/SAPBFMAIN>.

The Bright Futures Student Handbook is divided into short chapters to explain information about Bright Futures.

Chapter 1: Initial Eligibility Requirements, includes:

- Requirements for Scholarship Types (FAS, FMS, GSC, and GSV); and
- Non-Traditional Students (Home-Educated, GED, Out-of-State, and Mid-Year).

Chapter 2: Scholarship Information, includes:

- Length of the Scholarship Award;
- Award Amounts; and
- Transferring the Scholarship between Institutions.

Chapter 3: Renewal Eligibility, includes:

- Renewal Requirements; and
- Reinstatement/Restoration Requirements.

Important Dates

Applications open October 1, 2018:

- **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** Begin now by creating your FSA ID and Password at the following link, <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>.
- **Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)** Meet with your high school counselor to discuss your progress towards meeting Bright Futures initial eligibility requirements. Read the fact sheets (found at the following link, <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPBFMAIN/SAPBFMAIN>) for program deadlines.
- **Private Scholarships** Apply, apply, apply!

National College Fairs:

- October 7, 2018 South Florida National College Fair
- October 13, 2018 Jacksonville National College Fair
- October 14, 2018 Orlando National College Fair



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