

**6A-20.028 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.**

(1) through (2) No change.

(3) Initial eligibility requirements.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) A home-educated student applying for a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program Academic Scholars award under Section 1009.53(2) ~~1009.534~~, F.S., must complete volunteer service hours or paid work hours that meet the following requirements during high school and by high school graduation:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Volunteer service hours and paid work hours are separate paths to satisfy the hours requirement; however, they may ~~cannot~~ be combined to achieve a minimum of one hundred (100) total hours ~~satisfy the hours required.~~

(e) through (f) No change.

(g) Initial Academic Criteria:

1. For the purposes of student eligibility, in accordance with Sections 1009.534(1)(a) and 1009.535(1)(a), F.S., coursework must include a minimum of four (4) credits in English, four (4) credits in mathematics, three (3) credits in science, three (3) credits in social science, and completion of the foreign language component of the scholar designation pursuant to Section 1003.4285, F.S.

a. through c. No change.

d. A student must earn at least the minimum standardized Evidence-Based ~~based~~ Reading and Writing and Math scores on the SAT combined composite, excluding the Essay section, ~~or~~ the minimum standardized scores on the ACT, or the minimum standardized scores on the Classic Learning Test (CLT) either administered by January 31 for the seventh semester evaluation or by August 31 ~~June 30~~ for the eighth semester evaluation of the student's last year in high school, as identified for each award level specified in Section 1009.531(6), F.S. ACT scores are rounded up for scores with .5 and higher; SAT and CLT scores do not require rounding. Sections of the SAT, ~~or~~ ACT, or CLT from different test dates may be used to meet the test criteria, but test types cannot be mixed. Scores from CLT test dates prior to July 1, 2023, may not be used.

I. To be eligible for the Florida Academic Scholars award, a student must achieve the required examination score at the 89th SAT User percentile, ~~or~~ the concordant ACT score, or the concordant CLT score.

II. To be eligible for the Florida Medallion Scholars award, a student must achieve the required examination

score at the 75th SAT User percentile, ~~or~~ the concordant ACT score, or the concordant CLT score.

III. through IV. No change.

2. No change.

(h) No change.

(4) Academic Top Scholars awards.

(a) No change.

(b) To be designated an Academic Top Scholar, a student must have:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Been the highest-ranked Florida Academic Scholars award recipient in the Florida school district where the student last attended and graduated from high school. For this determination, Florida Academic Scholars award recipients will be ranked by the FDOE on the basis of the product of their Florida Bright Futures cumulative GPA, calculated on the minimum college preparatory academic courses as listed in subparagraph (3)(g)1. of this rule and their best combined SAT, ~~or~~ composite ACT, or combined CLT test score as reported for their Florida Academic Scholars eligibility.

(c) In the event of a tie, the FDOE shall apply the following criteria in the following order to students who are tied in the same school district, until the tie is broken:

1. The product of each student's weighted Bright Futures GPA and best combined SAT, ~~or~~ equivalent ACT score, or equivalent CLT score at a single administration of the test.

2. The product of each student's weighted Bright Futures GPA and best combined SAT, ~~or~~ equivalent ACT score, or equivalent CLT score at the earliest single administration of the test.

3. through 4. No change.

(5) through (7) No change.

(8) Institutional responsibilities.

(a) through (d) No change.

(e) Florida eligible non-public secondary schools must, in order to annually maintain eligibility to participate in the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program:

1. No change.

2. Submit scholarship required courses, volunteer service hours or paid work hours, and other eligibility criteria

data as requested for all students in ninth through twelfth grades to the FDOE, via the Online Transcript Entry and Evaluation System (<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org> ~~<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsgk.org>~~).

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