

## Graduation Requirements:

If registered through the county - there are no requirements for graduation. YOU decide when your child has completed their home education program. If college-bound, look at "typical" requirements for entrance to a university.

If enrolled in a private/"umbrella" school - comply with school's graduation requirements, making sure that these also correspond with Bright Futures Scholarship rules.

\*See attached FL Graduation Requirements.

Bright Futures Scholarship requirements for home education program students:

<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/homepac.htm>

\*See attached

Bright Futures Scholarship requirements for private or public school students:

<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/fasrequire.htm>

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What is a credit? 150 - 180 hours, course completion

Dual Enrollment

Edison - sophomore, junior and senior year

[www.edison.edu](http://www.edison.edu)

College Entrance Exams

PSAT/SAT

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

ACT

[www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

CLEP

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

[www.clepprep.tripod.com](http://www.clepprep.tripod.com)

Book: College Without Compromise

Scores valid for 20 years!

Transcripts:

Samples online:

<http://www.oklahomahomeschool.com/trans1.html>

[www.donnayoung.org](http://www.donnayoung.org) click on "Homeschool Planner"

Graduation Requirements for the 24 Credit/ 4 year Standard Diploma Program  
A minimum of 24 credits are required in the following areas (F.S. 1003.43):

#### Courses 24 Credit Program (4 year)

##### English

4 credits with concentration in composition and literature.

##### Mathematics

3 Credits: One of these credits must be Algebra I, a series of courses equivalent to Algebra I, or a higher level mathematics course.

##### Science

3 Credits: 2 credits must be earned in courses with laboratory components.

##### Social Studies

1 Credit in American History

and

1 Credit in World History

and

1/2 Credit in American Government

and

1/2 Credit in Economics, including a comparative study of the history, doctrines, and objectives of all major economic systems.

##### Physical Education

1/2 Credit (physical education course) and 1/2 Credit (personal fitness)

##### Practical Arts/Performing Fine Arts

1 credit in practical arts career education

or 1 credit in performing fine arts

or 1/2 credit each in practical arts career education and 1/2 credit in performing fine arts.

##### Life Management

1/2 credit including consumer education, positive emotional development, marriage and relationship skill-based education, nutrition, prevention of human immunodeficiency virus infection and acquired immune deficiency syndrome and other sexually transmissible diseases, benefits of sexual abstinence and consequences of teenage pregnancy, information and instruction on breast cancer detection and breast self-examination, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, drug education, the hazards of smoking, and parenting skills.

##### Electives:

8-1/2 credits

Bright Futures Scholarship requirements for private or public school students:

<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/fasrequire.htm>

Florida Academic Scholars Award:

Public Institution - An award equal to 100% of tuition and allowable fees\* plus the specified amount\*\* established by the Florida Legislature in the General Appropriations Act provided for college-related expenses (excluding summer term) prorated by term and hours.

3.5 weighted GPA using the credits listed below, combined with the test scores and community service hours listed below.

Florida Medallion Scholar: 75% of tuition (100% at some community colleges)

A 3.0 weighted GPA in the above courses and a

Required Credits for both Awards:

See the Comprehensive Course Table to identify courses that count toward each award level.

Courses must include 15 credits of college preparatory academic courses.

- \* 4 English (3 with substantial writing)
- \* 3 Mathematics (Algebra I and above)
- \* 3 Natural Science (2 with substantial lab)
- \* 3 Social Science
- \* 2 Foreign Language (in the same language)

15 Credits

May use up to three additional credits from courses in the academic areas listed above as well as AP, IB, or AICE fine arts courses to raise the GPA.

Community Service 75 hours, as approved by the district or private school (FAS only)

Test Scores for Florida Academic Scholars Award:

- \* Best composite score of 1270 SAT I/SAT Reasoning Test (based on the combined Critical Reading and Math sections only) or 28 ACT (excluding the writing section)
- \* The new written subtests for both the SAT and ACT will not be used in the composite
- \* SAT Subject Tests exams are not used for Bright Futures eligibility
- \* ACT scores are rounded up for scores with .5 and higher; SAT scores do not require rounding
- \* Subsections of the SAT or ACT from different test dates may be used to meet the test criteria
- \* For spring eligibility evaluations, test dates through January 31 will be admissible
- \* For summer eligibility evaluations, test dates through June 30 will be admissible

Test Scores for Florida Medallion Scholars Award:

minimum score of 970 on the SAT or 20 on the ACT

Home Education Applicants  
Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

Required Documentation

\* Initial Student Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA). Submit a completed FFAA online at [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org) during the student's last year in a home education curriculum (after December 1st of the last year and prior to graduation) or call toll-free at 1-888-827-2004 to request a hardcopy application form. The application gives the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) permission to evaluate the student's high school transcript(s) for eligibility for a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship.

\* SAT or ACT. Test scores of tests taken through the end of June of the student's last year in a home education curriculum will be admissible for a Bright Futures evaluation. Submit scores to FDOE in one of the following ways (preferably the first):

- o Request the test scores be sent to one of Florida's 11 state universities when the student registers for the SAT or ACT. These scores will be sent to the FDOE repository.
- o Include the official copy (no photocopies) of the test scores in the original sealed envelope with this documentation.

NOTE: When applying as a home-educated student, the test score requirement for each scholarship is as follows:

Florida Academic Scholars award - 1270 SAT (excluding the writing section) or 28 ACT (excluding the writing section)

Florida Medallion Scholars award -

- o Have a best combined score of 1070 SAT (excluding the writing section) or 23 ACT (excluding the writing section)

Or

- o Have a best combined score of 970 SAT (excluding the writing section) or 20 ACT (excluding the writing section) with a weighted 3.0 GPA in the above 15 required credits (documented through Florida public, FDOE-registered private, FLVS or Florida dual enrollment transcripts)

\* District confirmation of registration of a home-educated student for 11th and 12th grades. In order to be eligible as a home education student, a student must provide verification of 11th and 12th grade county registration. However, if the student has the minimum transcript information from a Florida public and/or FDOE-registered private school, and test scores, he/she may be able to apply as a Florida GED Diploma recipient. (Visit <http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/ssfad/bf/gedpac.htm> to view the requirements for a GED applicant.)

\* Documentation of 75 community service hours, if applicable. To qualify for the Florida Academic Scholars award, a student must complete 75 hours of community service during high school, by high school graduation. The agencies where the community service hours were earned must provide documentation on agency letterhead.