

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are a form of student aid that's considered a gift that a student does not have to repay. They're often based on scholastic achievement or special talent and some scholarships consider a student's financial need. Remember that any outside aid, including scholarships, is considered in your aid package and must be reported to the Financial Aid Office.

Institutional Scholarships

EFSC offers a variety of scholarships based on academic merit, athletic or artistic talent, and leadership skills. See the [EFSC website](#) for additional information.

Outside Scholarships

Many clubs, organizations, and businesses outside of EFSC offer scholarships to college students. Students can obtain information about these awards from high school guidance offices, libraries, or from the Internet. EFSC posts information about select local scholarships [online](#). Students are strongly encouraged to pursue outside scholarship opportunities. All scholarships should be reported to the Financial Aid Office.

Bright Futures

Bright Futures is a state scholarship awarded to Florida high school graduates who demonstrate high academic achievement. Eligibility is determined by the Florida Department of Education Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA). Applications and eligibility criteria are available from the student's high school guidance office or from the Florida Department of Education [Office of Student Financial Assistance](#) (OSFA). EFSC receives an electronic roster of eligible EFSC scholarship recipients from OSFA.

Students must designate EFSC as the school they plan to attend and must enroll for at least six credits of college-level course work each term. Students must be classified as Florida residents for tuition purposes and be degree-seeking students. Initial award amounts are estimated based on 15 credit hours.

Actual payment will be based on the student's actual tuition charges. Bright Futures awards do not cover the required access fee or lab fees (subject to change by the Florida Legislature) and summer eligibility is limited. If a student withdraws from any course(s) that were paid for by a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship, the student is responsible for repaying the cost of tuition and fees for those course(s). If the withdrawal was due to illness or emergency beyond the student's control, the student may appeal to the Financial Aid Office by June 10, 2022.

For full details about the Bright Futures program and program regulations, review the Bright Futures Student Handbook available at Florida Department of Education [Office of Student Financial Assistance](#) (OSFA).

EFSC Foundation Scholarships

All students are encouraged to apply for scholarships via Titan Scholarships, EFSC's online scholarship application system, to be considered for scholarships funded by generous donations to the EFSC Foundation. Current and admitted students can log in to **myEFSC** and click on the Scholarships icon. There are two different kinds of "opportunities" in Titan Scholarships — scholarships to which students

will "auto match" if they meet the qualifications and scholarships students "apply to" because they require additional information. While submission of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is not required, [submitting a FAFSA](#) will increase the likelihood of "auto matching" with opportunities if students' FAFSA results indicate they have financial need.

The scholarship deadline for 2020-21 applications is May 10, 2021. Additional application cycles may be opened at the discretion of the EFSC Foundation and the Financial Aid Office if remaining funds are available.