



The School District of Osceola County, Florida

Florida Bright Futures Community Service/Paid Work Hours Requirement

Per The State of Florida, eligibility for a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship award requires that students meet minimum grade point averages (GPA), test scores (SAT, ACT or CLT), and complete certain courses. For specific requirements concerning GPA, test scores and courses needed, please see the Florida Bright Futures Website and/or contact your high school counselor. Scholarship eligibility also requires that students complete community service or paid work as approved by the local school district for the Florida Bright Futures program. Students must be a high school student, enrolled in grades 9-12. **(NOTE: Summer before 9th grade is acceptable once the student has been promoted to the 9th grade and IF the Bright Futures Community Service/Paid Work Proposal Form has been approved.)**

***Reporting of paid work hours starts on or after June 27, 2022.**

Deadline:

Students have until the last day of their 12th grade school year to complete the required number of community service and/or paid work hours. (Example: Last day of classes for the 2023-2024 school year is May 29, 2024)

Definitions:

COMMUNITY SERVICE is defined as identifying a social issue in the community. This requires students to look beyond themselves and reach out to an issue faced by our society today (i.e., poverty, abuse, elderly rights, etc.). These hours will meet the requirement for the Bright Futures scholarships.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE is defined as assisting where needed and does not necessarily address a social issue. Although these hours are not recorded on the transcript, students can keep a log of these activities for use when applying for college, job applications, awards and scholarships other than the Bright Futures. A great place to store this information is Xello.

PAID WORK HOURS is defined as a student employed at an agency, business, company or organization where a pay stub is issued for proof of completed employment hours.

How do I know if it is community service?

1. Is this community service court-mandated?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2. Is this an activity that will benefit you financially or materially?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3. Is this an activity within your family?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4. Is this activity a form of religious devotion or an activity that is primarily proselytizing?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5. Is this activity with no responsible leader on site to evaluate and confirm student performance (i.e. fostering an animal in your home)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6. Is this activity a donation (i.e. Locks of Love, giving blood)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. Are you receiving an academic credit for this service work? (excluding credit earned through approved service learning courses)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
8. Will this activity be completed prior to you becoming a high school student or after your high school graduation? (Students are considered high school students the summer prior to his/her 9th grade year.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
9. Is this activity participation on a sports team or a performance of any kind?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

If you answered yes to any of these questions, this activity cannot be approved because it does not fulfill state and district policies for Bright Futures community service.



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Bright Futures Community Service/Paid Work Proposal Form

The form must be completed in its entirety. Students must complete separate forms for each type of community service/paid work. **Students must have this form turned in AND approved by the school counselor BEFORE starting any community service hours.**

Name _____ Student ID _____

High School _____ Graduation Year _____

Students must earn either the required community service, paid work, or a combination of both. Service hours/paid work hours must be completed with an agency, company, organization or business.

Scholarship	Community Service Hours Required	Paid Work Hours OR Combination of Paid Work/ Community Service Hours
Florida Academic Scholarship (FAS)	100	100
Florida Medallion Scholarship (FMS)	75	100
Gold Seal Vocational (GSV)	30	100
Gold Seal CAPE (GSC)	30	100

I will be completing (check one): Community Service Hours _____ Paid Work Hours (Attach pay stubs) _____

<p>The social issue I will address for Community Services is (please check one):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Animal Welfare <input type="checkbox"/> Childhood Obesity/Promoting Healthy Lifestyle</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence <input type="checkbox"/> Literacy/Education <input type="checkbox"/> Protection/Safety</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Elder Care <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Protection/Recycling</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising/Community Engagement <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Human Rights <input type="checkbox"/> Mental & Physical Challenges/Disabilities</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring <input type="checkbox"/> Poverty/Hunger/Homelessness <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify</p>	<p>If you are doing <u>Paid Work hours</u>, the following must be provided.</p> <p>1. Pay stub</p>
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How will you address the social issue selected above?

Name of Agency/Business: _____

Name of Contact at Agency/Business: _____

Phone Number of Agency/Business: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Please Note: This is NOT the application for the Bright Futures scholarships. Students must complete the initial student Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) during their last year of high school. To find out how to qualify for a Bright Futures scholarship, go to <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/>

Office Use Only – to be completed by SDOC staff

Is this proposal approved? _____ Yes _____ No

Signature: _____ Date: _____

