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Governor Scott signed a higher-education bill (SB 4) that will **permanently** expand Bright Futures merit-based scholarships for university and state college students.

The bill will cover 100 percent of tuition and fees for some 48,155 students who qualify as Bright Futures “academic scholars” next school year and provide \$300 for the fall and spring

semesters for textbooks. Florida Academic Scholars: 3.5 weighted GPA, a 29 on ACT or 1290 on the SAT, and 100 service hours.

The legislation expands state aid to cover 75 percent of tuition and fees, representing \$159 out of the average \$211 per credit-hour cost, for 46,521 students who qualify as Bright Futures “medallion scholars.” This Medallion Scholarship is currently \$77 per credit hour, it will increase to \$159 per credit hour starting next school year. Florida Medallion Scholars: 3.0 weighted GPA, a 26 on the ACT or 1170 on the SAT, and 75 service hours.



More information to follow and found on the FLDOE Florida Student Scholarship and Grant Programs (Bright Futures) website found at <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/>