

# Bright Futures Scholarship Instructions 2016-17

**Medallion scholarships will pay \$63 per credit hour at Northwest Florida State College for a 2 year degree (AA or AS degree or certificate); Medallion scholarships for a vocational program) pay \$39 per credit hour**

**Academic scholarships pay \$63 per credit hour for any associate degree or certificate**

**Gold Seal scholarships pay \$48 per credit hour (AS degrees or certificate); Gold Seal scholarships pay \$39 per credit hour for vocational classes**

**Gold Seal 2012 (and later) High School Graduates ~ Student receives NO coverage for AA or Bachelor degrees**

**Bachelor degree-seeking students will be covered at**

**Academic level = \$71/hour**

**Medallion level = \$53/hour**

**Gold Seal level = \$53/hour**

You are responsible for ensuring your schedule has a \$0 balance each semester to avoid having your classes dropped for non-payment.

Instructions for using Bright Futures at NWF State College:

- 1) Check if you are awarded Bright Futures by the Florida State Department of Education
  - Go to [www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org), click on State Grants, Scholarships, & Applications
  - On the blue bar, click Applications and Updates
  - Click [Get My User ID and PIN](#) and return to this page to login
  - Be certain Northwest Florida State College is set for the Post Secondary Institution (PSI)
  - Check Term 1 and Term 2 boxes if you plan to attend NWFSC for fall (1) and spring (2) terms
  - If you are not yet awarded Bright Futures, contact your high school guidance counselor (if you graduated in 2016) or call the Florida State Department of Education at 1-888-827-2004
  
- 2) Check if your Financial Aid award is in RaiderNet 2.0
  - Go to [www.nwfsc.edu](http://www.nwfsc.edu) and click on RaiderNet on the upper right side of the page
  - Login with your email address (the part before the @ sign) and email/D2L password. For help with your password, click the link that says [Select this link to reset your password](#)
  - Go to Financial Aid then click Awards, click the drop down box to Select Aid Year = 2016-2017 to see that you have amounts for fall and spring terms
  - Your initial award that opens the scholarship is set to \$300 or \$250 per term. After you register, the Financial Aid office has to manually re-calculate your scholarship amount based on the rate listed above.
  - Example for most students: \$63 per credit hour x 12 credits = \$756

- 3) If amounts are missing in RaiderNet for fall and spring terms, check the following:
- Are your admissions complete? Check Student – Student Records – View Holds. Are your admissions [or re-admissions] and residency forms turned in, official transcripts received from high school and all colleges, and you’re pursuing a degree or certificate program? (go to Student – Registration – Registration Status)
  - Contact Admissions at 850-729-4901 for assistance with these items
- 4) Pay for the remaining balance of your tuition
- To avoid a convenience fee, pay by cash/check at any campus or center’s cashier window. To pay by credit/debit card, go back to the red screen that says Northwest Florida State College and click on Pay Fees. Then you can choose the NelNet payment plan option (this has a fee to use) or CashNet option. Be sure to check the CashNet option to see that you have a zero balance.

**Students who WITHDRAW from or Audit any classes will have to repay the rate listed above times the number of credits for withdrawn/audit classes to Northwest Florida State College. Until the amount is repaid, students will not be able to register for future classes. Repayments must be made within 30 days after the semester ends or students risk losing their scholarship.**

- \* No prep or audit classes are covered.
- \* The 3<sup>rd</sup> time you attempt a class, it costs the out-of-state amount.  
(the in-state portion is covered, so the student is responsible for paying the remainder)
- \* Be certain your classes are paid in full by the payment due date on your schedule or as posted on RaiderNet.
- \* You must enroll in 6 or more credit hours for fall and spring terms to receive Bright Futures scholarship funds.
- \* You are expected to finish all the credits you attempt and keep a 2.75 or higher cumulative GPA by the end of the spring term to meet the renewal criteria (there are exceptions to the credit hour completion rule if you take more than 12 credit hours).
- \* You are expected to check the Bright Futures website from step 1 frequently to check for any communications from the Office of Student Financial Aid.
- \* No summer classes are covered by Bright Futures.
- \* If you add classes to your schedule AFTER the Add/Drop period, you’ll need to contact Christa Henderson, so she may increase your award, at [hendersonc@nwfsc.edu](mailto:hendersonc@nwfsc.edu).
- \* Have questions? Contact Financial Aid at [hendersc@nwfsc.edu](mailto:hendersc@nwfsc.edu) or 850-729-5356.