

TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

Federal and State Grants

LSSC participates in several grant programs.

- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants
- First Generation Matching Grant
- Florida Student Assistance Grant
- Open Door Grant

For detailed information on the grants listed above, visit the LSSC Financial Aid webpage (<https://www.lssc.edu/dept/financial-aid/overview/>).

Scholarships

State of Florida Scholarships

LSSC administers various scholarships funded by the State of Florida. Students should contact their high school guidance counselors for more information and specific guidelines or visit the Florida Student Scholarship & Grant Programs website (<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHome/SAPHome?url=home>). LSSC administers the following:

- Florida Bright Futures Scholarships for:
 - Academic
 - Medallion
 - Vocational Gold Seal
 - Gold Seal CAPE Scholarship
- José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant Fund
- Scholarship for Children of Deceased or Disabled Veterans
- Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship
- Rosewood Family Scholarship
- Florida Work Experience Program
- Open Door Grant
- Randolph Bracy Ocoee Scholarship

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship

Students who graduate from a Florida high school must apply and qualify for a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship in their last year in high school before graduation. Students must visit the Florida Student Scholarship & Grant Program website (<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHome/SAPHome?url=home>) to indicate the school they plan to attend. This ensures that the school receives the student's information electronically.

Students must be enrolled in a degree-seeking program, and official high school and prior college transcripts must be received before Bright Futures awards can be disbursed to their accounts.

Students must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours for Bright Futures to pay the appropriate portion of tuition and fees. Bright Futures does not pay for developmental coursework. Award amounts are subject to change each year. For detailed information on award amounts, please visit the Florida Student Scholarship & Grant Programs website (<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHome/SAPHome?url=home>).

Repayment of Bright Futures Funds

Students will be required to repay the cost of any course dropped or withdrawn. Exceptions can be recommended by the Financial Aid Office for verifiable illness or an emergency beyond the student's control.

Repayment for the cost of dropped or withdrawn courses is required to renew a Bright Futures award for the subsequent academic year.

Reinstatement/Restoration Requirements

For details on reinstatement/restoration eligibility requirements, visit the Florida Student Scholarship & Grant Programs (<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHome/SAPHome?url=home>) website.

LSSC Bright Futures Appeal Policy

Students may file a Bright Futures appeal when they do not meet renewal requirements due to a verifiable illness or emergency beyond a student's control, or to include other courses not already included in the GPA. Completed appeals, including all supporting documentation, must be submitted by August 30 of the year following the denial notification from the State of Florida Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA).

For illness or emergency, students must:

1. Submit a Bright Futures Appeal Form available in the student's myLSSC Financial Aid account.
2. Provide a statement of the circumstances of the illness or emergency and its impact on the student's performance.
3. Provide documentation of the circumstances, such as a physician's statement, accident report, or other pertinent reports. A parent(s)' written statement, without further documentation, is not sufficient documentation.

Note: The illness or other emergency must be beyond the applicant's control.

For GPA calculation, students must submit:

1. Bright Futures Appeal Form available in the student's myLSSC Financial Aid account.
2. An official transcript(s) from the previously attended post-secondary institution(s), if applicable.

Students will be notified of the decision in their Lakehawk email after a complete appeal is received. All appeal decisions made by the Financial Aid Office are final.

Florida Department of Education Contact:

- State Grants/Scholarships/Loans/Bright Futures: 1-888-827-2004 or www.FloridastudentFinancialAid.org (<http://www.floridaprepaidcollege.com/>)
- Florida Prepaid: 1-800-552-4723 or www.floridaprepaidcollege.com (<http://www.floridaprepaidcollege.com/>)

Institutional Scholarships

General eligibility criteria for most institutional scholarships (<https://www.lssc.edu/dept/foundation/scholarships/>) include a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0, enrollment in at least 6 hours, degree-seeking status, and financial need, unless otherwise noted. These scholarships have limited funding; therefore, not every student who meets the general eligibility criteria will receive one. Note: Dual Enrollment students are not eligible for institutional scholarships.

Financial Need Scholarships

Lake-Sumter State College is committed to providing access to a college education. As part of this commitment, LSSC offers eligible students a Financial Need Scholarship. All admitted applicants who complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be considered for the LSSC Financial Need Scholarship. This scholarship has limited funding; therefore, not every student who meets the general eligibility criteria may receive a scholarship.

Talent Scholarships

Athletics - These scholarships are awarded based on athletic talent. These students participate in an LSSC sports program. The Athletics Department determines eligibility, and award amounts vary.

Academic Scholarships

Lake-Sumter State College is committed to recognizing and supporting student academic achievement. As part of this commitment, an Academic Scholarship of \$500 per semester is awarded to students who earn the President's List distinction during the fall semester (Minimum 3.8 GPA). This scholarship has limited funding; therefore, not every student who meets the general eligibility criteria may receive a scholarship.

Service Scholarships

Service Scholarships are a great way to get involved at LSSC, gain experience, and earn a scholarship. To be considered for Service Scholarships, students must contact the program advisor at the beginning of the semester. Only one scholarship will be awarded per student. The amount of each scholarship and the additional criteria are listed below. All service scholarships are dependent on funding, and availability may vary from semester to semester. Unless otherwise indicated, a minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for the initial awarding and renewal of the scholarship. Dual-enrolled students are not eligible for this scholarship.

The Angler-Designated Angler student roles may receive a scholarship as determined by the program advisor.

Odyssey - Designated Odyssey Magazine student roles may receive a scholarship, per semester, as determined by the program advisor.

Student Government Association - The SGA Officer receives a scholarship based on service to the association.

Theater Department - Designated students may receive a scholarship, per semester, and as determined by the program advisor, for service within the Theater Department.

LakeWorks Scholarships - Provided to select students who have completed a program at Lake Technical College and plan to pursue their education at Lake-Sumter State College.

Lake and Sumter High School Senior Scholarships

Scholarships are available for students graduating from a Lake or Sumter County high school. Applications for this scholarship are available in the spring term before graduation. Selected candidates are informed by May of each year. Recipients are selected based on GPA, essay, and community service. Scholarships will be awarded for a student's first year of enrollment. Scholarships are awarded based on full-time enrollment (12 credits) and will be prorated if enrolled less than full-time. Recipients must be enrolled in at least 6 credits per semester. Students are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>).

Opportunity Scholarship - \$600 scholarship per semester for one year.

President's Scholarship - \$600 scholarship per semester for one year.

Principal Scholarship - \$1,200 scholarship per semester for one year.

Trustee Scholarship - \$1,200 scholarship per semester for one year.

LSSC Scholarship - \$600 scholarship per semester for one year.

Other Scholarships

A list of available Non-Institutional Scholarship opportunities is available at <https://www.lssc.edu/dept/foundation/scholarships/>.