

# Bright Futures Scholarship

## \*\*\* NEW THIS YEAR ~ Starting Fall 2010 \*\*\*

Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) . You must have the form sent to NWFSC by using the school code of 001510. Until you complete a FAFSA and receive a valid EFC (expected family contribution) you will not receive a Bright Futures award for the 2011-2012 year.

**Medallion scholarships pay \$62 per credit hour at Northwest Florida State College for a 2 year degree (AA, AS, or AAS degree)**

**Academic scholarships pay \$62 per credit hour for any associate degree or certificate  
Gold Seal scholarships (and Medallion scholarships for a certificate program) pay \$47 per credit hour**

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

**Academic level = \$70/hour**

**Medallion or Gold Seal level = \$52/hour**

You are responsible for ensuring your schedule is paid in full each semester.

Instructions for using Bright Futures at NWFSC:

- 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 Application Status & Award History
  - Click [Get My User ID](#) and return to this page to login
  - Be certain Northwest Florida State College is set for the Post Secondary Institution (PSI)
  - To change the PSI go to [www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org) Click on State Grants, Scholarships, & Applications
  - On the blue bar, click Application Status & Award History
  - Click on Initial Student Update then Name, Address, and Institution.
  - 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 2011) or call the Florida State Department of Education at 1-888-827-2004
- 2) Check if your Financial Aid award is in RaiderNet
  - Go to [www.nwfsc.edu/](http://www.nwfsc.edu/) and click on RaiderNet on the right side of the page
  - Login with either your Student ID number or SSN and PIN. For help with your PIN, click this link that says **Forget your PIN?**
  - Go to Financial Aid then click Awards to see that you have amounts for fall and spring terms in the awarded columns
  - Your initial award that opens the scholarship is set to \$300 per term. After you register, the Financial Aid office has to run a program re-calculate your scholarship amount based on the rate listed above. This process runs twice each weekday the college is open during registration.
  - Example for most students: \$62 x 12 credits = \$744

- 3) If amounts are missing in RaiderNet for fall or spring terms, check the following:
- Are your admissions complete? (admissions [or re-admissions] and residency forms turned in, official transcripts received from high school and all colleges, online orientation complete, pursuing a degree or certificate program)
  - Are you a first-time student at NWFSC? If so, please contact Kristen Last by email [lastk@nwfsc.edu](mailto:lastk@nwfsc.edu) with your Student ID # so that she may enter your initial award

**Students who WITHDRAW from or Audit one or more classes will have to repay the rate listed below 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.**

\* Note that the front page of RaiderNet either shows a zero balance or your total tuition and fees for the term. To check the correct amount due, go to RaiderNet, click on My Financials, Payment, then Credit Card or another form of payment that you wish to use.

\* No prep or audit classes are covered

\* Only the in-state amount of a 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt class is covered by Bright Futures (out-of-state fees are charged, 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 Future scholarship funds

\*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 Kristen Last, so she may increase your award, at [lastk@nwfsc.edu](mailto:lastk@nwfsc.edu) or 850-678-5111 x6670.

\* Have questions? Contact Kristen Last at [lastk@nwfsc.edu](mailto:lastk@nwfsc.edu) or 850-678-5111 x6670.