

From: Chancellor, Career and Adult Ed.
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 10:45 AM
Subject: Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars Award

Statewide Email to: Career and Technical Education Directors, Technical Center Directors

Dear Colleagues:

I am forwarding the attached memorandum dated October 12, 2016 that details the establishment of the Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars Award which is administered by the FDOE Office of Student Financial Assistance.

Thank you,

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TO: Bright Futures District Contacts

FROM: Brian Underhill, Director
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Please share this important information with the appropriate school personnel.

The 2016 Legislature created a new Bright Futures Scholarship program – Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars award (GSC). Beginning with 2017 seniors, students who earn a minimum of 5 postsecondary credit hours through CAPE industry certifications **that articulate for college credit** and complete 30 volunteer service hours qualify for a Bright Futures GSC award.

Similar to the Gold Seal Vocational (GSV) program, recipients can use the award toward an applied technology diploma, career certificate program or a technical degree program (associate of applied science degree or associate of science degree). Unlike the GSV award, a recipient of a GSC award who completes a technical degree program may also receive additional funding to cover up to 60 credit hours toward an eligible bachelor of science degree or a bachelor of applied science degree program. If you have questions concerning scholarship requirements, please call 888-827-2004 and request to speak with a Bright Futures program specialist.

Bright Futures will evaluate students for the GSC award based on the cumulative industry certification information submitted for students via Florida Automated System for Transferring Educational Records (FASTER). Qualifying CAPE industry certifications are those published on the “Gold Standard Career Pathways” list maintained by the Division of Career and Adult Education (CTE), Florida Department of Education. If you have questions concerning qualifying CAPE industry certifications and/or articulation, you may contact CTE through their website at www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu.

When submitting student transcripts via FASTER, the industry certification information should be submitted on the 05 – Career Ed, ELL, Dropout format. Both the Industry Certification Identifier (10d) and the Industry Certification Outcome (10e) fields need to be provided. If you need FASTER assistance, please email FSTR@fldoe.org.

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