

2021-2022 Florida Lottery Lighting the Way to a Bright Future Project Summaries

County	FOUNDATION	PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT SUMMARY
Alachua	The Education Foundation of Alachua County	Bright Futures for Alachua: College bound and Career Ready	Collaborating with Eastside High School and the Professional Academies Magnet at Loften High School who, combined, have an average 60% FAFSA completion rate, we will work with over 200 students offering SAT/ACT Prep, FAFSA completion assistance, college readiness workshops and educating eligible students regarding the Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship program.
Bay	Bay Education Foundation	Light Year	Project Light Year is a laser-focused attempt to engage low-income students and their guardians in preparing for transition from high school to post-secondary education. Our goal is to increase FAFSA completion numbers by almost ten percent over 2020-21 through a series of workshops and one-on-one contacts. Light Year will focus on transition activities for low-income students at all seven high schools in Bay District with a special emphasis on Bay High School and Rutherford High school where FAFSA completions have declined substantially. We believe that "if you market it, they will come" and plan a series of outreach activities followed by in-person workshops for students and their guardians for FAFSA completion and information about the college/technical school application process.
Broward	Broward Education Foundation	2Bright + 2Be = 4Gotten x 2 - Broward's Illumination to Bright Futures	This project will identify interested degree and certificate bound students of low socio-economic backgrounds that have test scores slightly below the eligibility to receive Bright Future funding or have not tested at all. The project will provide BRACE Cadet and BRACE Advisor supported training and application events both virtual or onsite (as appropriate) to assist 12th grade students in tutoring, test prep, and application assistance as well as recognition of successful completion. Special attention and resources will be provided to Vocational/Technical bound students to illuminate their path to a Brighter Future. Students, who have not already taken the appropriate pre-tests or actuals, will be guided to take baseline pre-tests to establish each student's needs to meet the goals of receiving Bright Futures funding following graduation. Students who pre-test within Bright Future's eligibility, but not qualified for 100%, will be targeted for improvement of test scores to maximize benefits. Students that do not qualify will be reviewed for Gold Seal interest and eligibility and provided the assistance and tools to obtain funding not previously qualified to receive. Our goal is to help 1,000 students receive help with FAFSA, training, test-preparation and celebration of achievements.
Clay	Clay County Education Foundation	Future Ready Clay	In a collaborative effort between the Clay County School District, the Clay Education Foundation, and LOCAL business partners, the "Future Ready Clay" initiative offers students and families across Clay County vital information regarding college and career planning, including financial literacy. With the goal of preparing all Clay County students for a successful life after high school, this initiative will expand the current and convenient web-based resource already available for free to all Clay County students, families, and faculty, with information regarding Florida Bright Futures, FAFSA completion, scholarships, virtual college tours, and career pathways information. This will include financial literacy nights for more than 2,000 students in grades 8th-12th at all seven county high schools through a convenient web-based format. Workshops will be recorded and available to those unable to attend in person as well.
Collier	Champions for Learning	Lighting the Way to FAFSA & College Access	In Collier County less than 50% of graduating seniors completed the FAFSA in 2021 and 2020 leaving a total of more than \$8 million dollars in Pell grants on the table. Champions For Learning has developed a plan to ensure conditions are in place for the class of 2022 to complete college access benchmarks ahead of graduation. One strategy of this plan is mobilizing student ambassadors to build awareness on topics such as FAFSA and Bright Futures. We will lead multiple in-person FAFSA completion events across the county, in collaboration with partner organizations--local technical and state colleges and state university-- during October to give students the opportunity to complete their FAFSA, to complete admissions applications and potentially receive onsite acceptances.

Hernando	Hernando County Education Foundation	College & Career: Scholarship Workshop Initiative	The race to take standardized tests, apply to college, and complete paperwork is ON as soon as the student begins high school. There is information everywhere, however, what is useful and what is not? The Hernando County Education Foundation is currently planning a series of scholarship workshops for students to attend in-person or virtually. These workshops will present information to students and families concisely and in a manner that is easy to understand. This valuable information will consist of FAFSA information, tips for applying to college, scholarship resources and opportunities, and the chance to receive a mini scholarship (up to \$50.00) to use towards the SAT/ACT/PERT, CTE Certification, or college application fees.
Holmes	Holmes County School District	Their Future, Our Mission in Holmes County	With this project the Holmes County School District would like to provide students with opportunities to brighten their future by offering an ACT Prep Boot Camp, ACT Scholarships and FASFA Workshops at every High School in the county. During the ACT Boot Camp students will be given test prep material and test taking strategies that will promote successful outcomes for students on the ACT. Students completing the Boot Camp will be awarded a scholarship to cover ACT test fees. Each High School in the district will also host FASFA Workshops that will include: Direct Advising, financial guidance, resume building, Identifying Bright Futures eligibility and requirements, and also share eligibility requirements for the Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship Program. Being from a rural area, many of Holmes County's student are from a low socio-economic background and do not have the resources or know how to take steps towards lining themself up for success, whether it be in college or a career after high school. Through these opportunities we can open doors for students, because its their future and our mission in Holmes County.
Okeechobee	Okeechobee Educational Foundation, Inc.	Lighting the Way to a Bright Future Project	Okeechobee County is a rural community with a poverty rate of 18.4% with all schools in the district receiving Title 1 funding therefore, the majority of students come from low socio-economic backgrounds. Of the 1,638 high school students, 814 are participants in the school's CTE programs. Through this project these students will be exposed to additional presentations that focus on connecting students to Gold Seal Vocational Scholarships. The foundation will collaborate with the local secondary and post-secondary programs to develop and execute a SAT/ACT Boot Camp that educates and prepares students for these exams. The Foundation will collaborate with the district to promote, advertise and enhance the established FAFSA workshops, eligible to all students, promoting family involvement and guidance during the FAFSA application. By incentivizing attendance and completion of FAFSA applications, we anticipate an increase in participation. These initiatives will encourage students to overcome barriers in earning Bright Futures scholarships and encourage post-secondary education. The program's intended outcomes consist of increasing the completion of FAFSA applications and equipping students with SAT/ACT testing capabilities that will result in an increase in economic and social mobility rates.
Seminole	Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools	Young Men of Excellence-Test Prep for College Readiness	This project will provide structured ACT/SAT test prep to students participating in Young Men of Excellence, a district program that focuses on providing predominately low-income students with access to mentoring, character development, and leadership opportunities. Growth mindset strategies and test taking strategies are integrated into the project by the instructors to support students with addressing self-doubt, goal-setting, and obtaining mastery of academic concepts. This project will also connect students in Young Men of Excellence and their families with the resources needed to fill out their FAFSA's and register for testing utilized in the college admissions process.