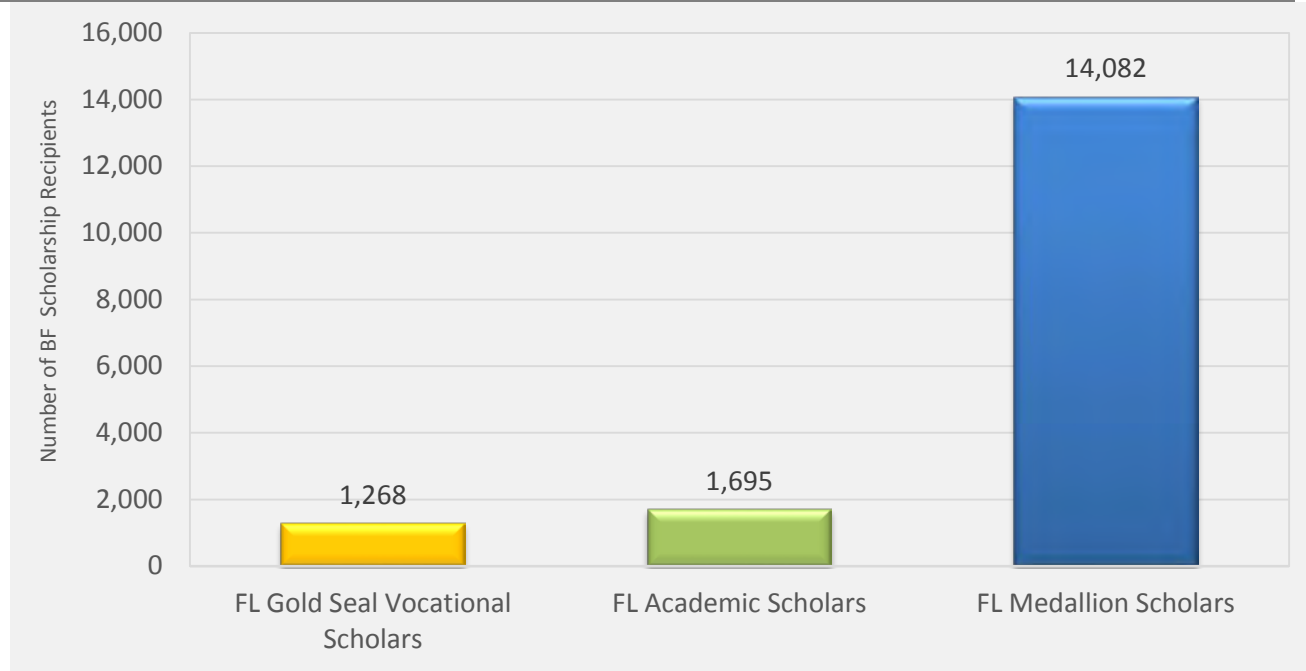


Supporting College Aspirations

State lottery-funded scholarships help FCS students continue to succeed.



Source: Florida Department of Education Office of Student Financial Assistance End of Year Report (2014-15).
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In 2014-15, the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program funded by the Florida Lottery provided nearly \$20 million dollars in scholarships to Florida College System (FCS) students. Over 17,000 students were awarded scholarship funds furnished by one of three Bright Futures merit-based scholarships: Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars, Florida Academic Scholars, and Florida Medallion Scholars. The average award amount for FCS students was \$1,168—helping students enroll in the necessary courses required to complete their degree or certificate programs.

Since 2001-02, over 417,000 FCS students' educational goals have been supported by the Bright Futures Scholarships. For all three scholarships, the Legislature sets a per credit hour award amount in the General Appropriations Act each year. Additionally, affordable tuition rates at FCS institutions help students maximize the value from their Bright Futures awards. The FCS remains dedicated to making college more affordable for all students in Florida.

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