Bright Futures Scholarship Instructions 2014-15

Medallion scholarships will pay $63 per credit hour at Northwest Florida State College for a 2-year degree (AA or AS degree); Medallion scholarships for a certificate program pay $48 per credit hour.

Academic scholarships tentatively pay $63 per credit hour for any associate degree or certificate.

Gold Seal scholarships pay $48 per credit hour (AS degrees); Gold Seal scholarships pay $39 per credit hour for certificates.

Gold Seal 2012 (and later) High School Graduates – Student receives no coverage for AA or Bachelor degrees.

Bachelor degree-seeking students will be covered at

- Academic level = $71/hour
- Medallion level = $53/hour
- Gold Seal level = $53/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, click on State Grants, Scholarships, & Applications
   - On the blue bar, click Applications and Updates
   - Click Get My User ID and PIN and return to this page to login
   - Be certain Northwest Florida State College is set for the Post Secondary Institution (PSI)
   - 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 2014) 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 and click on RaiderNet on the upper right side of the page
   - Login with your Student ID number and PIN. For help with your PIN, click this link that says Select this link to reset your password
   - 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 $250 per term. After you register, the Financial Aid office has to run a program to re-calculate your scholarship amount based on the rate listed above. This process runs once each weekday the college is open during registration.
   - Example for most students: $63 per credit hour x 12 credits = $756
3) If amounts are missing in RaiderNet for fall and spring terms, check the following:
   - Are your admissions complete? Check Registration – Registration information on RaiderNet. (admissions [or re-admissions] and residency forms turned in, official transcripts received from high school and all colleges, online orientation complete, pursing a degree or certificate program)
   - Are you a first-time student at NWFSC? If so, please contact Kristen Last by email lastk@nwfsc.edu with your Student ID # so that she may enter your initial award

Students who WITHDRAW from or Audit any classes will have to repay the rate listed above 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 Financial, Payment, then Credit Card or another form of payment that you wish to use.

* No prep or audit classes are covered.

* The 3rd time you attempt a class, it costs the out-of-state amount.
   (the in-state portion is covered, 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.

* You are expected to finish all the credits you attempt and keep a 2.75 or higher cumulative GPA by the end of the spring term to meet the renewal criteria (there are exceptions to the credit hour rule if you take more than 12 credit hours).

*You are expected to check the Bright Futures website from step 1 frequently to check for any communications from the Office of Student Financial Aid.

*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.

* Have questions? Contact Kristen Last at lastk@nwfsc.edu or 850-729-4971.