

The Florida Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program

The Florida Legislature recognizes that research has correlated a teacher's own academic achievement to his or her ability to prepare students for high levels of academic performance. The Legislature designates teachers who have achieved high academic standards as Florida's best and brightest as described in section 1012.731, Florida Statutes (F.S.) titled *The Florida Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program*.

Three scholarships are available under this section for the 2017-2018 school year in the amounts of \$6,000, \$1,200, and \$800.

Each district school board must determine the eligibility of a classroom teacher based on the teacher's final evaluation and his or her SAT or ACT score. An eligible teacher must have an SAT or ACT score at or above the 80th percentile based on the percentile ranks in effect when the teacher took the assessment.

The Florida Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program awards will be distributed by April 1, 2018.

The current section 1012.731, F.S. is available at

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?mode=View%20Statutes&SubMenu=1&App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=1012.731&URL=1000-1099/1012/Sections/1012.731.html.