

**The Nassau County School District
2018-2019
BEST AND BRIGHTEST TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION**
For the \$800 or \$1,200 Scholarship

The State of Florida is offering a scholarship program for all classroom teachers who were evaluated pursuant to F.S. 1012.34 in 2017-2018 under the umbrella of Florida's Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program. Florida Statute 1012.34 addresses Florida's Instructional Evaluation System. This new scholarship program is outlined in F.S. 1012.731.

This scholarship program is only available to **classroom teachers¹**, who taught in a Florida Public School System or Charter School in the 2017-2018 school year, and who were evaluated in the 2017-2018 school year, pursuant to F.S. 1012.34. A classroom teacher is not eligible for this scholarship if:

- The Classroom Teacher taught in a private school setting in 2017-2018; or
- The Classroom Teacher taught outside of Florida in 2017-2018; or
- The Classroom Teacher did not teach in 2017-2018; or
- The Classroom Teacher was not evaluated in the State of Florida in 2017-2018, pursuant to F.S. 1012.34.

The difference between this scholarship and the \$6,000 Florida Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program is that you **do not** need to have a qualifying score on the SAT or ACT examinations. Eligibility is merely based upon your evaluation score for 2017-2018 and whether or not you taught in a Florida public school setting during 2017-2018, thus having an evaluation score of Effective or Highly Effective, pursuant to F.S. 1012.34.

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CLASSROOM TEACHERS WHO WERE EMPLOYED IN THE NASSAU COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR, DO NOT NEED TO SUBMIT ANYTHING TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY. YOUR EVALUATION RESULTS ARE ON FILE, AND YOU WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

\$1,200 Scholarship Classroom Teachers who have a Highly Effective Final Evaluation Rating
\$ 800 Scholarship** Classroom Teachers who have an Effective Final Evaluation Rating

** If the number of eligible Classroom Teachers exceeds the total allocation, the State of Florida will prorate the per-teacher scholarship amount.

In order to qualify for this award, you must submit to the Personnel Department no later than November 1, 2018 at 4:00 pm, the items listed below.

APPLICATION & EVALUATION:

- This completed application must be received in the Personnel Department no later than **November 1, 2018**. Incomplete or late applications cannot be accepted.
- A completed summative evaluation form, **for 2017-2018**, comprised of an instructional practice score and student performance data, indicating an overall "Highly Effective" or "Effective" rating must be received in the Personnel Department no later than **November 1, 2018**. Kindly staple the evaluation to this page.
- Teachers who were employed in the district in 2017-2018, do not need to submit anything, as we have your evaluation on file.

**I CERTIFY THAT THIS APPLICATION AND ALL SUPPORTING EVIDENCE ARE TRUE AND CORRECT.
I UNDERSTAND THAT FALSE APPLICATIONS AND/OR FALSE EVIDENCE WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

PRINTED NAME

DATE

SIGNATURE

LOCATION

Please direct any questions to Suzanne J. Davis at 904-491-9874. **A phone call is preferable to an email.**

Respectfully,



1 This opportunity **is only for classroom teachers**. Classroom teachers are defined in FS 1012.01 (2) (a) as follows: "Classroom teachers are staff members assigned the professional activity of instructing students in courses in classroom situations, including basic instruction, exceptional student education, career education, and adult education, ..." *This opportunity is not for guidance counselors, media specialists, social workers, psychologists, or any other instructional personnel that fall outside the scope of the above definition.*

The Nassau County School District
2018-2019
BEST AND BRIGHTEST TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET
For the \$6,000 Scholarship

The Florida Legislature is continuing to offer the Florida Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program in the amount of \$6,000 per eligible teacher.

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In order to qualify for this award, you must submit to the Personnel Department **no later than November 1, 2018 at 4:00 pm**, the items listed below.

APPLICATION:

- A completed application which must be received in the Personnel Department **by 11/1/2018**. Incomplete or late applications cannot be accepted. Please see attached.
- Teachers who were employed in the District in 2017-2018 **and received funding under this program**, during the 2017-2018 school year, **need only submit the application**. All other necessary documentation is already on file.

OFFICIAL TEST SCORE REPORT:

- An official record of the ACT or SAT score report must be received in the Personnel Department **by 11/1/2018**. Please be advised that a copy of a sticker from your school cum folder is not regarded as an official record.
- The official, original test score document, received from the ACT or the College Board must be submitted as documentation for this financial incentive. **Please do not submit a copy of what you receive from ACT or the College Board. Please submit the original document.**
- Qualified teachers must have achieved a composite score at or above the 80th percentile on either the SAT or ACT based on the National Percentile Ranks in effect when the classroom teacher took the assessment. See the attached ACT Percentile Rank document and the SAT Score Percentile Information document to determine the percentile ranking of your score.
- Teachers who were employed in the District in 2017-2018 **and received funding under this program**, during the 2017-2018 school year, need not submit their official test scores. Those scores have been maintained on file.
- Official ACT score reports can be requested from ACT by calling 319-337-1000.
- Official SAT score reports can be requested from the College Board by calling 866-756-7346.

EVALUATION:

- A completed summative evaluation form, **for 2017-2018**, comprised of an instructional practice score and student performance data, indicating an overall "Highly Effective" rating must be received in the Personnel Department **by 11/1/2018**.
- Teachers who were employed in the district in 2017-2018 need not submit their evaluation as we have it on file.
- Teachers who are new to the district for the 2018-2019 school year, and who worked as a teacher in another Florida district or at a Florida Charter School last year, must submit their completed summative evaluation for 2017-2018, indicating a "Highly Effective" rating. A summative evaluation is comprised of the instructional practice score and student performance data.
- First year teachers, new to the profession, who have not been evaluated, need only submit the application and ACT or SAT score report to be considered for this financial incentive.
- Experienced teachers, newly hired in 2018-2019, who were not employed in another Florida School District in 2017-2018, need only submit the application and ACT or SAT score report to be considered for this financial incentive.

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Respectfully,



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Please refer to the Best and Brightest Scholarship Program Information Sheet found on the Personnel Department's web page regarding the process involved in applying for this financial incentive.

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It is your responsibility to provide an official record of your SAT or ACT scores. A copy of the sticker from your school cum folder is not regarded as an official record. If you were awarded funding through the Best and Brightest Scholarship Program as a Nassau County School District Teacher in the 2017-2018 school year, your ACT and/or SAT scores are already on file and do not need to be submitted again.

Name: _____

Location: _____

What was your Title in 2017-18? _____
(e.g. Mathematics Teacher, First Grade Teacher, Guidance Counselor, Media Specialist, etc.)

What is your Title in 2018-19? _____

This opportunity **is only for current 2018-2019 classroom teachers or for a school district employee who is no longer a classroom teacher, if the employee was a classroom teacher in the prior school year, was rated highly effective, and met the requirements of F.S. 1012.731 as a classroom teacher.** Classroom teachers are defined in FS 1012.01 (2) (a) as follows: "Classroom teachers are staff members assigned the professional activity of instructing students in courses in classroom situations, including basic instruction, exceptional student education, career education, and adult education, ..." **This opportunity is not for guidance counselors, media specialists, social workers, psychologists, or any other instructional personnel that fall outside the scope of the above definition, unless they met the requirement as a classroom teacher in the prior school year and was rated as highly effective.**

Please complete:

Evidence of my ACT Score is attached. My score is : _____ Percentile Rank: _____

Evidence of my SAT Score is attached. My score is : _____ Percentile Rank: _____

Evidence of my Highly Effective Evaluation for 2017-2018 is attached. **This does not apply to teachers who were employed in the Nassau County School District in 2017-2018; or are first year teachers newly hired in 2018-2019; or are experienced, newly hired teachers in 2018-2019 and were not employed in another Florida School District in 2017-2018.**

I CERTIFY THAT THIS APPLICATION AND ALL SUPPORTING EVIDENCE ARE TRUE AND CORRECT. I UNDERSTAND THAT FALSE APPLICATIONS AND/OR FALSE EVIDENCE WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

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ACT Score: _____ SAT Score: _____ 2017-18 Evaluation: _____

Percentile: _____ Percentile: _____

Eligible: _____

Approval: _____ Date: _____

ACT Percentile Rank

In light of the recent Florida legislation related to Florida teacher scores on The ACT, in order to determine whether a Florida teacher scored “at or above the 80th percentile on The ACT based upon the percentile ranks in effect when the teacher took the assessment”, please refer to the following summary.

1. The best evidence is the original student score report received by the teacher
2. If a teacher needs a replacement score report,
 - a. Those can be ordered either by contacting ACT Student Services at 319.337.1270 or by using the 2014-2015 ACT Additional Score Report (ASR) Request Form at <http://www.actstudent.org/pdf/asrform.pdf> . Reports for testing that occurred prior to September 2012 have a fee of \$34.00 for normal processing and can be requested back to 1966.
 - b. The percentile ranks provided on ASRs reflect current year norms, not the norms in effect at the time of testing.
 - c. The following are the minimum composite scores that were “at or above the 80th percentile” at the time of testing based upon the best available historical norm information from ACT, Inc.’s archives. For the following test date ranges:
 - September, 2011 through August, 2015 : 26
 - September, 1993 through August, 2011 : 25
 - September, 1991 through August, 1993 : 24
 - September, 1990 through August, 1991 : 25
 - September, 1989 through August, 1990 : 24
 - September, 1985 through August, 1989 : 25
 - September, 1976 through August, 1985 : 24
 - September, 1973 through August, 1976 : 25
 - September, 1971 through August, 1973 : 24
 - September, 1970 through August, 1971 : 25
 - September, 1969 through August, 1970 : 24
 - September, 1968 through August, 1969 : *
 - September, 1966 through August, 1968 : 25

*ACT, Inc. cannot verify the Composite score which corresponds to the 80th percentile for this period from archival materials. If a three-year norm were used for 1968-69 an ACT Composite score of 24 could be applied.

For Score Report Requests: Go to www.actstudent.org/pdf/asrform.pdf or call (319) 337-1270

SAT Score Percentile Information for Florida's Best and Brightest Scholarship

As requested by the State of Florida, the following information can be used to determine the SAT scores that were at or above the 80th percentile based on the rank in effect when the assessment was taken.¹

- Teachers can order archived score reports by calling (866) 756-7346 or by filling out and mailing the form found at <https://sat.collegeboard.org/scores/send-old-sat-scores>. Archived score reports cost \$31.
- Teachers can send a copy of the score report directly to their district for an additional \$12 by providing the district's name and mailing address when ordering.
- Teachers who took the SAT more than once will receive all of the available score reports as part of their order.
- Archived score report requests take up to 5 weeks to process. Rush orders may be placed for additional fees.
- Teachers who tested prior to October 1973 should review FL DOE guidelines.
- Questions? Please call (866) 756-7346 Monday through Friday from 8am to 9pm EST, or visit <https://sat.collegeboard.org/contact> to send an email.

Administration Dates	Verbal/Critical Reading	Math
October 1973 - June 1975	550	590
October 1975 - June 1976	540	590
October 1976 - June 1978	540	580
October 1978 - June 1979	530	590
October 1979 - June 1981	530	580
October 1981 - June 1982	520	580
October 1982 - June 1984	530	580
October 1984 - June 1985	520	580
October 1985 - June 1986	530	580
October 1986 - June 1991	530	590
October 1991 - June 1993	520	590
October 1993 - June 1994	530	600
October 1994 - March 1995	520	610
April 1995 - June 1995	600	610
October 1995 - June 1997	610	610
October 1997 - June 2003	610	620
October 2003 - June 2007	610	630
October 2007 - June 2009	610	620
October 2009 - June 2010	610	630
October 2010 - June 2013	600	620
October 2013 - June 2015	600	630
October 2015 – January 2016	600	620

New SAT	
Administration Dates	Total (Composite) Score
March 2016 – October 2016	1190 - Nationally Representative Sample

¹ This information is based on available SAT archives