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Good News for Medallion Level Scholars Tallahassee Community College prepares for the new legislative change

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Tallahassee, Fla. - New legislation, recently signed by Governor Jeb Bush, will expand opportunities for Florida's Bright Futures Scholarship program and could impact enrollment numbers at Tallahassee Community College. The legislation, approved during the recent 2006 Florida Legislative session, enables Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) – eligible high school graduates with a 3.0 grade point average – to receive free tuition if they attend a Florida community college and enroll in an Associate of Arts (AA) degree program.

"Tallahassee Community College welcomes the 2006 Medallion level scholars by offering TCC's Medallion Days of Summer," said TCC President Bill Law. TCC is setting aside four days – still to be determined - this summer for priority registration and tours for these students.

Under previous legislation, Bright Futures scholarships paid full tuition to high school graduates with a 3.5 GPA or higher and 75-percent of tuition for medallion students. Medallion students now have a greater incentive to enroll at one of Florida's 28 community colleges. (For requirements, see Bright Future's website: www.firn.edu/doe/brfutures)

The new legislation will remove all financial barriers for medallion scholarship students to go to Tallahassee Community College or any community college in the state; thus allowing the first two years of their post secondary education to be fully underwritten. These students could then transfer to a state university and finish their final two years with the 75-percent scholarship with Bright Futures.

The change in legislation is effective fall 2006.



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