

**Bright Futures Grant
2017 Graduates
Information**

Program Description	The Bright Futures Grant (BRG) is a <i>tuition & mandatory fees assistance</i> program for Weld County residents who graduate from high school.
Grant Assistance Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The award/amount will be determined annually by the Weld County Commissioners. - For 2017-2018 the award/amount is \$3000 divided by the number of semesters attended.
Tuition Award/Amount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Award/amount offered will be divided by the number of semesters attended per year. - It will cover a maximum of 130 credits to be completed within 10 years. - Funding can be used for college or trade school tuition at any Title IV accredited public or private Institution – in-state or out-of-state
Requirements	<p><u>Residency:</u> Must have been a Weld County Resident for two of the past four years, with one of those years being student's senior year.</p> <p><u>Academic:</u> None required by BFG</p> <p><u>Financial:</u> None required by the BFG</p> <p><u>Enrollment & Grant Continuation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student must be enrolled in an approved Title IV institution, approved by BFG - To continue the grant, students must provide documentation that demonstrates regular progress toward a degree or certification with a GPA of 2.0 or higher
Application & Timelines	<p><u>When to apply</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students will only need to apply once. - Apply prior to the semester you intend to begin – meet deadlines - no grace period <p style="text-align: center;">Fall Semester 2017 - June 30 Spring Semester 2018 - October 31 Summer Semester 2018 – April 30</p>
Distribution	All funds will be paid directly to the educational institution. Payments will be paid after the drop/add period of each semester as defined by each educational institution.
Applicant Responsibilities	<p>The applicant is responsible to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meet deadlines. There will be no grace period. 2. Assure all documents are complete - only complete applications will be processed. 3. Provide requested BFG document/s. 4. Update information in a timely manner, it is a requirement to continue the grant.
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Checklists**

	Steps	√	Process
Application & Enrollment Process	Step 1		Log into www.weldcountybrightfutures – click on Bright Futures Log-in
	Step 2		In eScholarship complete 'I'm a New Student' – Create User ID & Password
	Step 3		Complete 'Create Your Weld County Bright Futures Student Account'
	Step 4		Complete Application – review uploaded information – complete all fields – sign
	Step 5		Enrollment - select 'My College' complete 'School Interest' - college/institution information
	Step 6		Check status of Application
	Step 7		Receive Award

Process to Continue to receive Bright Futures Grant after 1st semester/term

	Steps	√	Process
Continue Grant Process	Step 8		Stay enrolled at a Title IV accredited higher education institution or certified training program
	Step 9		Maintain a 2.0 GPA at a post-secondary institution in coursework toward a certificate or degree - if GPA drops below 2.0, they are not eligible until they meet the 2.0 GPA
	Step 10		Provide information updates: (update at - https://weldcountybrightfutures.escholarshipsolutions.com/) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School transfers - Proof of 2.0 or higher GPA - Copy of transcript to prove enrollment - Itemized tuition, & - Credit hours for next term/semester