The Bright Futures Scholarship Program has been primarily funded by the Florida Lottery since the creation of the program by the Florida Legislature in 1997. More than 800,000 students have received $5 billion in support for college and technical/vocational school. While all Florida students can earn Bright Futures scholarships, the Florida Lottery recognizes that many – particularly students of low socio-economic backgrounds and aspiring first-generation college students -- need support to meet the criteria and prepare for post-secondary success.

Knowing that college readiness and access programs are prominent focus areas for many local education foundations (LEFs), the Florida Lottery partnered with the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations (CFEF) to manage a process to support local these local initiatives.

• The Florida Lottery is funding one *Lighting the Way* college access initiative in each of Florida Lottery’s nine districts at $5,000 each. The CFEF invited interested LEFs to apply and managed a competitive review process to choose one eligible project per lottery district.

• Projects may take place during school or after school anytime through May 15, 2020.

• Primary student participants are 9th to rising 12th graders of low socio-economic background.

• Budget may include test-prep courses, testing fees, workshops, college-readiness software, FAFSA completion efforts, college application fees and program supplies.

**Congratulations to these nine 2019-20 Lighting the Way to a Bright Future grant recipients!**

✓ Broward Education Foundation  
✓ Hamilton County Public Schools Foundation  
✓ Public Education Foundation of Marion County  
✓ Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation  
✓ Education Foundation of Palm Beach County  
✓ Polk Education Foundation  
✓ Education Foundation of Sarasota County  
✓ Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools  
✓ Investing in Kids (St. Johns County)