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Dear Student:

I am pleased to inform you that you may be eligible for admission to a state university in Florida based solely on your academic performance in high school. You have been identified as ranking in the top 20% of your graduating class and may qualify for the Talented 20 program, as well as the Bright Futures Scholarship program and other scholarship opportunities.

To qualify for the Talented 20 program, you must:

- ❖ be enrolled in a Florida public high school and graduate with a standard diploma in 2006,
- ❖ be ranked in the top 20% of your class after the posting of seventh semester grades (with validation of eighth semester ranking),
- ❖ take the ACT or SAT prior to completing the first semester in college (no minimum score is required), and
- ❖ complete all eighteen college preparatory credits as specified in State Board of Education Rules.

If you qualify as a Talented 20 eligible student, you are guaranteed admission at one of the eleven state universities and are given priority for the awarding of funds from the Florida Student Assistance Grant (FSAG). Please note that while eligible students are guaranteed admission at one of the state universities, they may not necessarily be admitted to the school of their choice. You may wish to search [www.FACTS.org](http://www.FACTS.org) for information concerning individual universities. You may also find additional information about the Talented 20 program online at [www.fldoe.org/Talented20/](http://www.fldoe.org/Talented20/).

I also encourage you to review your transcript with your high school counselor to ensure that you have taken or are registered for the courses necessary to meet the 18 college preparatory credits for state university system admission and to register for the ACT or SAT. To obtain information on state financial aid and scholarship opportunities, including the FSAG and the Bright Futures Scholarship program, visit [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org). Again, congratulations on your current academic performance and best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

John L. Winn  
Commissioner