

# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Jeanine Blomberg  
Commissioner of Education



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## Class of 2007 Top 20% Commissioner's Letter

**Summary:** The Class of 2007 Talented 20 senior letters from Commissioner Jeanine Blomberg will be mailed on April 2, 2007, notifying students of their potential eligibility for the Talented 20 program.

We appreciate the assistance provided by your school district staff and counselors in identifying the class of 2007 students who ranked in the top 20% of their class for the Talented 20 program.

High school counselors play a vital role in helping to ensure that students who potentially qualify for the Talented 20 program in the spring of 2007 (1) receive a transcript review to verify courses in progress to meet the eighteen core course requirements for state university admission, (2) apply to several state universities that best meet their academic profile indicating that they are potentially eligible for the Talented 20 program, and (3) complete financial aid and scholarship applications.

Below is a copy of the Talented 20 senior letter to be mailed.

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April 2, 2007

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.

To qualify for the Talented 20 program, you must:

- ❖ be enrolled in a Florida public high school and graduate with a standard diploma in 2007
- ❖ be ranked in the top 20% of your class after the posting of seventh semester grades
- ❖ take the ACT or SAT prior to completing the first semester in college (no minimum score is required)
- ❖ complete all eighteen core course requirements for state university admission

As a Talented 20 eligible student, you would be guaranteed admission to one of the eleven state universities and given priority for the awarding of funds from the Florida Student Assistance Grant (FSAG), a needs-based grant. Talented 20 students must meet FSAG eligibility requirements in order to be eligible for priority funding.

High school counselors are prepared to assist students with the application process for state university admissions. Please note that while eligible students are guaranteed admission at one of the state universities, they may not necessarily be admitted to the campus of 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/).

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,

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2 de abril de 2007

Estimado estudiante:

Me siento muy complacida en informarle que usted puede ser elegible para ser admitido(a) a una universidad estatal de la Florida, basándose solamente en su rendimiento académico en la escuela secundaria. Usted ha sido identificado(a) entre el 20 por ciento de alumnos con las mejores calificaciones de su clase y podría calificar para el programa de "Talented 20".

Para calificar para el programa "Talented 20", usted deberá:

- ❖ estar matriculado(a) en una escuela pública de educación secundaria del estado de la Florida y graduarse con un diploma regular en el año 2007
- ❖ estar dentro del rango 20 por ciento de los mejores estudiantes de su clase tras la publicación de las calificaciones obtenidas en el séptimo semestre
- ❖ haber tomado las pruebas ACT o SAT antes de completar el primer semestre en la universidad (no se requiere una puntuación mínima)
- ❖ haber completado todos los dieciocho (18) créditos requeridos para admisión a una universidad estatal

Como un estudiante elegible del programa "Talented 20" usted tendrá garantizado admisión en una de las once universidades de la Florida y tendrá prioridad cuando se repartan los fondos estatales asignados para el programa de *Florida Student Assistant Grant (FSAG)*, una beca basada en necesidad financiera.

Los consejeros de las escuelas secundarias están disponibles para asistir a los estudiantes con el proceso de registro para admisión a universidades estatales. Tenga siempre presente que aún siendo estudiante elegible para ser admitido no siempre podrá ser a la universidad que usted desee asistir. Le recomendamos que revise en la Internet, la siguiente dirección: [www.FACTS.org](http://www.FACTS.org) para información sobre cada universidad. También puede encontrar información sobre el programa "Talented 20" en el Internet visitando la siguiente dirección: [www.fldoe.org/Talented 20/](http://www.fldoe.org/Talented20/).

Para obtener información sobre la ayuda financiera estatal y las oportunidades de becas, incluyendo el *FSAG* y el programa de becas de *Bright Future Scholarship Program*, visite la siguiente dirección: [www.FloridaStudentFinanciaAid.org](http://www.FloridaStudentFinanciaAid.org). Nuevamente, reciba mis felicitaciones sobre su rendimiento académico y mis mejores deseos de éxito en su futuro.

Sinceramente,

Jeannine Blomberg  
Comisionada