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Best and Brightest Update

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2018-2019 Best and Brightest Scholarship Allocations (F.S. 1012.731)

The Florida legislature has funded **The Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program** for the 2018-2019 school year. There are two parts of the B&B Scholarship.

1. The Program includes an award for Florida classroom teachers who have been evaluated as **highly effective** and who **have earned college entrance exam scores that indicate they were exceptionally well prepared for college level coursework (as per state requirement)**. That scholarship is for **\$6,000**.
2. The Program also provides a monetary award for teachers who were rated as Highly Effective (**\$1200**) or Effective (**up to \$800**) on their 2017-2018 overall final evaluation. There is no application process for this award.

The Best and Brightest Scholarship will be paid out on March 29, 2019 to all eligible teachers.

The eligible teachers who completed an application and provided a qualifying college entrance exam and were evaluated as Highly Effective will receive the \$6,000 scholarship as a one-time bonus payment taxed at a flat rate of 22% per IRS requirements.

The eligible teachers who have an overall Highly Effective evaluation score will receive \$1,200 (No application required). The payment will be a one-time bonus payment and it will be taxed at a flat rate of 22% per IRS requirements.

The eligible teachers who received an overall Effective evaluation score will receive \$709.41 (No application required). The payment will be a one-time bonus payment and it will be taxed at a flat rate of 22% per IRS requirements.