

Visit OSFA Website at
www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org



Office of Student Financial Assistance

Florida Department of Education

Mission Statement / Commissioner

Student Loans -
Information for
Students, Parents,
Schools & Lenders

State Grants,
Scholarships &
Applications

Florida Department
of Education



Welcome



Florida Financial Aid Application

One Application for All Programs



Office of Student Financial Assistance

1-888-827-2004

Florida Department of Education

OSFA HOMEPAGE	PROGRAMS OFFERED	APPLY HERE	APPLICATION STATUS & AWARD HISTORY	POST- SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS	HIGH SCHOOLS	OTHER AGENCY CERTIFIERS	STATE PROGRAM LINKS	EDUCATION LINKS	FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
		Research Your Potential Eligibility							
		Initial State Student Application							
		Initial State Teacher Application							
		Renewal Students and Teachers							
		Reinstatement/Restoration Application for Students & Teachers							
		Institution Application							
		FAFSA-Free Application for Federal Student Aid							

Our office provides student financial aid program information. In addition, authorized certifiers can...

New Visitors

- Research Your Potential Eligibility
- Apply online for Initial Student Application
- Print the [Student](#), [Teacher](#) or [Institution](#) application

Returning Applicants & Awardees

- Initial Students - Update [Application](#) or [Name, Address, and Institution](#)
- Initial Teachers - Update [Application](#) or [Name, Address, and Employer](#)

INITIAL STUDENT FLORIDA FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION 2012-13 AWARDS

[HELP](#)

[printing instructions](#)

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Read – Then Apply! Review the links below for important information you need to know before you begin.

[1. APPLICATION ESSENTIALS](#)

[2. PROGRAMS OFFERED](#)

[3. SSN / NAME ACCURACY / PRIVACY](#)

[4. GPA & TEST SCORES](#)

[5. RESIDENCY CRITERIA](#)

[6. ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS](#)

[7. APPLICATION CHECKLIST](#)

[PROCEED TO APPLICATION](#)

The Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) contains pop-up messages to assist you in completing your application. If you currently have a pop-up blocker enabled, you may wish to disable the blocker until the FFAA is completed and successfully submitted.

Please use [Microsoft Internet Explorer](#) browser version 6.3 or higher for best results in interacting with this website.
[Previous Page](#) | [Home](#) | [Site Index](#) | [Printing Instructions](#)

INITIAL STUDENT FLORIDA FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION 2012-13 AWARDS

[HELP](#)
[printing instructions](#)

1. **This application is for State of Florida postsecondary student financial assistance.**
2. **Complete all required information on this application completely and accurately.**
3. **To file the Free Application for Federal Student Financial Aid (FAFSA), [click here](#).**

SECTION A: Demographic Information

The Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) will initially communicate with you using the e-mail contact information you supply in this portion of your application. **It is your responsibility to supply accurate information. It is your responsibility to use your User ID and PIN to update your demographic information and keep informed of your application process.**

Activate your User ID and PIN - Know it, Use it, Be Responsible for your state financial aid!

Questions/Fields marked with an asterisk (*) require a response.

1. *Social Security Number

 - -

SSN Disclaimer: Financial assistance will not be denied for failure to disclose the SSN. However, without an SSN, correct identification of the applicant's record cannot be assured and may result in an error in the award amount or delay in the disbursement of an award.

2. *Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

 / /

3. *First Name

4. MI

5. *Last Name

6. *Are you Hispanic / Latino?

 Yes

 No

*Indicate one or more races below with which you identify:

American Indian or Alaska Native

Florida Financial Aid

- Need to apply online at www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org
- Failure to apply may result in the loss of financial aid consideration as well as Florida Bright Futures
- The Student Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) is for all state-funded student financial aid programs, including the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.
- **It is your responsibility** to provide your correct name, address, and social security number and update information. If you do not have or you do not wish to use your social security number, please leave the "social security number" field blank. The system will generate a Pseudo number for you.
- **It is your responsibility** to retrieve your User ID and PIN number and to update your demographic information and Update your Name, Address and Institution if it changes.
- Failure to keep your contact information up-to-date and monitor your application certifications can result in a delay in the processing of your application or prevent you from receiving a scholarship.
- **All correspondence will be sent via e-mail; no correspondence will be sent harcopy.**

All communication will also be available using your assigned User ID and PIN to login to your [Financial Aid Recipient History](#).

Programs Offered by the State of Florida

Below is a list of State of Florida Grant and Scholarship Programs administered by the Office of Student Financial Assistance.

- Access to Better Learning and Education Grant Program
- Cost of Attendance and Adult Norm-Referenced Disability Testing
- Federal Academic Competitiveness Grant and The National Science & Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant
- First Generation Matching Grant Program
- **Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program**
- Florida Fund for Minority Teachers Program
- Florida Public Postsecondary Career Education Student Assistance Grant Program
- Florida Resident Access Grant Program
- Florida Student Assistance Grant Program
- Florida Work Experience Program
- José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant Fund
- Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship Program
- Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program
- Rosewood Family Scholarship Program
- Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans and Service members

Florida Bright Futures

BF PROGRAM	<u>Award</u> Flat Rate Payout	GPA Requirement	SAT/ACT Requirements	Community Service
FLORIDA ACADEMIC SCHOLARS	\$103 per credit hr. 30 credit payout: \$3,000.00	3.5 weighted BF GPA 16 core academic classes	1290 SAT 29 ACT	100 hours of community service
FLORIDA MEDALLION SCHOLARS	\$77 per credit hr. 30 credit payout: \$2,250.00	3.0 weighted BF GPA 16 core academic classes	1170 SAT or 26 ACT	75 hours of community service
FLORIDA GOLD SEAL VOC. SCHOLARS	\$39 Sem hour \$26 Quarter hour \$1.30 Clock hour	3.0 weighted BF GPA 3.5 weighted GPA in 3 vocational credits SAME program	<u>SAT</u> 880 M 440 / CR 440 <u>ACT</u> E 17 / R 18 M 19 <u>CPT</u> R 83 / S 83 Algebra 72	30 hours of community service

Florida Bright Futures

Application is active after December 1.

If you do not apply, you will not be evaluated.

**In order to be eligible for the 7th semester evaluation
you must apply by the end of the 1st
semester.**

**In order to be eligible by 8th semester evaluation you
must apply before the last day of school.**

**Once you receive the award, it can not be taken
away - even if your grades drop.**

**If awarded and your grades or test scores improve to
the next higher award level, you will be moved up to
the higher award level.**

How and when will I be notified of my eligibility?

- The applicant's award status notification will be posted to the applicant's FFAA account. **PLEASE CHECK STATUS...AND EMAIL...REGULARLY** and make changes as needed.



NEXT.....

The 2nd financial aid application to be filed is the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). This application opens Jan 1st of each year and is located at www.fafsa.ed.gov... NOT www.fafsa.com.

You can begin by requesting your (and your parent/legal guardian's) pin at www.pin.ed.gov. Its fast and easy and will be needed to complete & “sign” your FAFSA when you get in done after Jan 1st.

FAFSA INFO/COMPLETION EVENTS @ RONALD REAGAN DORAL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

- ***Wednesday, Jan 28th @ 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm***

Intro to FAFSA – an overview of the federal financial aid process for parent and students, presentation by an FIU Financial officer.

- ***Wednesday, March 18th @ 6:00 – 8:00 pm***

Intro to FAFSA II – an overview of the federal financial aid process for parent and students who missed the first presentation. This presentation will be by an MDC Financial officer.