

MONEY FOR COLLEGE

Florida Scholarships & Grants

Florida Department of Education
Office of Student Financial Assistance



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The Florida Department of Education (FDOE), Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA), offers a variety of student financial aid. Applying is easy!

Apply

Seniors submit a Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) beginning October 1 of senior year of high school or no later than August 31.

- Go to www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org,
- Select **Create a Student Account** to complete your profile, then
- Proceed with the completion of your FFAA.

After You Apply

- Check your personal email box for the application acknowledgement (within 24 hours of submission). Thereafter, all communications will be posted and viewable on your Financial Aid Recipient History (FARH) screen. Instructions and the User ID and Password for access will be in the acknowledgement. Correspondence may be viewed on the FARH under SECTION VII: Correspondence History.
- Keep your information, including email address changes, up-to-date on the FARH. We cannot notify you of scholarship or grant updates if we cannot contact you!
- View your FARH regularly and be sure to update your institution for award funding.

User ID & Password

- KNOW IT!
- USE IT!
- BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR STATE FINANCIAL AID

Additional Financial Aid Sources of Information

State:

- State Scholarship and Grant Programs:
www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org

Federal:

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid: www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Federal Student Aid Information Center: 800-433-3243
- U.S. Department of Education Portal for Student Aid:
www.studentaid.ed.gov

Pay attention to individual program application and certification deadlines. If you have questions about scholarships and grant programs, call OSFA Customer Service at 888-827-2004.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

Florida's largest merit-based scholarship which is based on high school academic achievement. Students must:

- Submit a completed, error-free, Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) after October 1 and no later than August 31.
- Meet academic criteria, GPA, minimum ACT®, or SAT® or PERT test scores and complete minimum service hours.
- Mid-Year graduates who wish spring term funding must complete the FFAA by December 31 of their senior year of high school.

Benacquisto Scholarship Program

Merit-based scholarship for high school graduates who:

- Achieved the National Merit® Scholar designation.
- Enroll full-time (a minimum of 12 credits hours per term or quarter equivalency) in a baccalaureate degree program at an eligible Florida postsecondary institution.
- Enroll in the fall academic term following high school graduation.

Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans

Provides scholarship assistance for dependent children and spouses of Florida veterans who:

- Died as a result of service-connected injuries, diseases, or disabilities sustained while on active duty, or
- Have been verified by the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs as having service-connected 100% total and permanent disabilities, or
- Have been classified as a prisoner of war or missing in action by the Armed Forces of the United States or as a civilian personnel captured while serving with the consent and authorization of the United States Government during wartime service.
- Complete an error-free Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) and provide supporting documentation by the April 1 deadline.

The Florida Department of Veterans Affairs will certify a veteran's eligibility.

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José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant Fund

Provides scholarship assistance to Hispanic-American students who meet scholastic requirements and demonstrate financial need. Students must:

- Complete an error-free Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA).
- Complete an error-free Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in time to be processed by the U.S. Department of Education by the May 15 deadline.

Rosewood Family Scholarship Fund

Provides scholarship assistance to descendants of Rosewood families affected by the incidents of January 1923 to attend full-time at eligible public Florida postsecondary institutions.

- Complete an error-free Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) and provide supporting documentation by the April 1 deadline.
- Complete an error-free Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in time to be processed by the U.S. Department of Education by the May 15 deadline.

Randolph Bracy Ocoee Scholarship Program

Provides scholarship assistance to descendants of victims of the Ocoee Election Day Riots of November 1920, or current African-American residents of Ocoee, Florida to attend full-time at eligible public Florida postsecondary institutions.

- Complete an error-free Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) and provide supporting documentation by the April 1 deadline.
- Complete an error-free Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in time to be processed by the U.S. Department of Education by the May 15 deadline.

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Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship Program

Provides farmworkers or a child of a farmworker (as defined in section 420.503, Florida Statutes) an award to cover 100 percent of tuition and specified fees at a Florida public postsecondary institution. Students must:

- Submit the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA).
- Complete an error-free Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Earn a minimum weighted cumulative GPA of 3.5 for all high school courses toward a diploma.
- Complete a minimum of 30 service hours.
- Achieved a 90 percent attendance rate and not have had any disciplinary action brought against him or her, as documented on the student's high school transcript.

Mary Mcleod Bethune Scholarship Program

Provides scholarship assistance to undergraduate students who:

- Meet academic requirements.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Attend Bethune-Cookman University, Edward Waters College, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, or Florida Memorial University.
- Students must check with the postsecondary institution for participation and application deadline information.

Minority Teacher Education Scholarship Program/ Florida Fund for Minority Teachers

Provides scholarship funding for African-American, Hispanic-American, Asian-American and Native-American students who indicate the potential to become good teachers. Students must:

- Meet U.S. citizenship and Florida residency requirements.
- Have not exceeded 18 hours of upper division educational courses.
- Have a minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Be admitted into a teacher education program at any of the program's participating postsecondary institutions.
- Apply via the Florida Fund for Minority Teachers website at www.ffmt.org.

GRANT PROGRAMS

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Florida Student Assistance Grant Program

Florida's largest need-based grant program that provides assistance to degree-seeking, resident, undergraduate students who:

- Demonstrate financial need.
- Are enrolled in eligible public or private postsecondary institutions.
- Complete an error-free Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the deadline specified by the participating postsecondary institutions (www.fafsa.ed.gov).
- Students must check with the postsecondary institution they plan to attend for participation and application deadline information.

Florida Public Postsecondary Career Education Student Assistance Grant Program

Provides assistance to eligible Florida residents who demonstrate financial need and enroll in certificate programs of 450 or more clock hours or 15 semester hours at participating Florida Colleges (public community colleges) or career centers operated by district school boards. Student must:

- Complete an error-free Free Application for Federal student Aid (FAFSA) by the deadline specified by the participating postsecondary institutions (www.fafsa.ed.gov).
- Students must meet the application procedures established by the participating institution.

William L. Boyd, IV Effective Access to Student Education Grant Program

Provides tuition assistance to full-time Florida undergraduate students who attend eligible private, non-profit Florida colleges or universities.

- Students must meet the application procedures established by the participating institution.

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Florida Work Experience Program

Provides eligible Florida resident, undergraduate students the opportunity to secure work experiences that complement and reinforce their educational programs and career goals. Students must:

- Complete an error-free Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the deadline specified by the participating postsecondary institutions (www.fafsa.ed.gov).
- Check with the postsecondary institutions for information on participating employers and institutional application deadline.

First Generation Matching Grant Program

Provides grant funding to Florida resident, undergraduate students enrolled at state universities or Florida Colleges (public community colleges), who demonstrate financial need, and whose parents have not earned baccalaureate degrees. Students must:

- Complete an error-free Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the deadline specified by the participating postsecondary institutions (www.fafsa.ed.gov).
- Check with the postsecondary institution for participation and application deadline information.

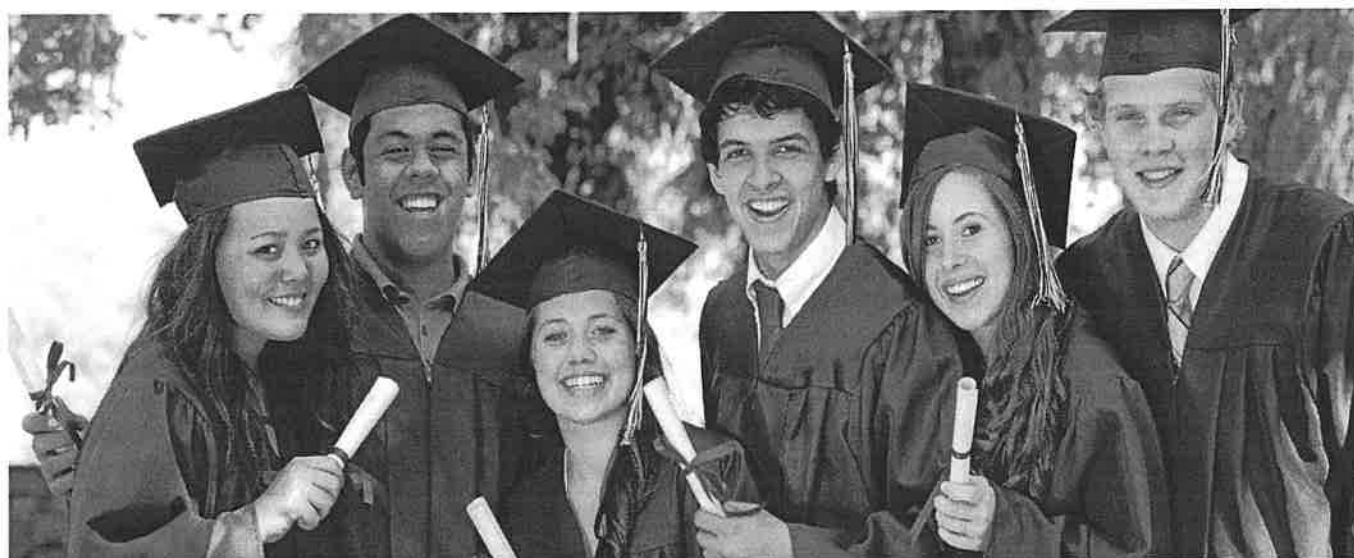
ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

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Honorably Discharged Graduate Assistance Program

Provides a need-based veteran educational benefit for to assist in the payment of living expenses during holiday and semester breaks for active duty and honorably discharged members of the Armed Forces who served on or after September 11, 2001. Students must:

- Complete an error-free Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the deadline specified by the participating postsecondary institutions (www.fafsa.ed.gov).
- Be a Florida resident enrolled in a program of study and have sufficient unmet need.



For detailed state scholarship and grant program information, visit
www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org.

Availability of these programs is subject to annual review, evaluation and legislative funding.

For questions or assistance, call OSFA Customer Service at 888-827-2004.

St. Johns County Student Community Service Plan

All non-optional lines on this form must be completed before the service plan is submitted for hours.

Student Name: _____ Student Number: _____

Date(s) of Service Activity/Work: _____

Social/Civic Issue/Professional Area Addressing with Service Activity (Optional):

Service Organization/Business: _____

Description of Volunteer/Paid Work Activity:

Reflection on Service Activity/Work

Attach the organization's letter on letterhead to this page for volunteer hours or a copy of your pay stub for work hours. Complete the reflection below and submit to your school counselor/designee by your graduation date. *Note: Ideally, students submit hours at least after each year in high school rather than saving them all until the end of high school.*

What impact did your service have on the social/civic issue/professional area that you identified (Optional)?

Identify one way the service activity/paid work could have been improved.

What was your favorite part of volunteering/working?

Would you recommend this activity/job to other students? Circle One: Yes No

I affirm that I have performed the service activity/job, meeting all requirements outlined in St. Johns County Community Service Guidelines. I understand that if I am found to have given false testimony about these hours that the hours will be revoked and endanger my eligibility for the Bright Futures Scholarship.

Student Signature: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____