

# **FINANCIAL AID 101**

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# Types of Financial Aid

- There are two types of financial aid: *gift* aid and *self-help* aid
- *Gift* aid includes grants and scholarships – gifts of money to pay for college that don't have to be repaid
- *Self-help* aid includes employment and student loans that you will need to repay
- Financial Aid is based on demonstrated need and is designed to help students who cannot afford the cost of attending college
- Scholarships based on merit should be seen as a reward for grades, special talents, creativity, leadership, or other criteria used to select recipients



# Where can I find Information about financial aid?

## o District Financial Aid Website-

o [www.pcsb.org](http://www.pcsb.org) (Under Departments go to Financial Aid)

o Monthly Opportunities

o Bright Futures information

o Pinellas Education Foundation

o Financial Aid Seminars

o Financial Aid Acronyms

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## NEWSROOM

Information is powerful when shared



Dunedin High student saves man's life using CPR skills he learned in

Click Here to visit the PCS Newsroom website.

Governor's Wellness Challenge promotes fitness and healthy lifestyles

MARCH 8, 2015

Nominations sought for P.E. teacher excellence award

All entries must be received by March 15, 2015



Read Across America Day celebrated in several ways at Frontier Elementary



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## Welcome to Pinellas County Schools

We are located on Florida's west coast along the Gulf of Mexico and are a part of the Tampa Bay area. Our award-winning district is the seventh-largest in the state and the 24th-largest in the nation. We are the largest employer in Pinellas County with 17,000 staff who serve more than 104,000 pre-K through 12th-grade students.

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### LATEST NEWS

School Board appoints Dr. Grego as Superintendent

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**Financial Aid & Scholarships**

Monthly Opportunities -Updated 8/30/2013!  
Listing of current scholarships that are available.

Information Regarding Bright Futures  
General information regarding the Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

- Florida Bright Futures -Link to the website.
- Community Service Information for Bright Futures -Information regarding the community service component and requirements for Pinellas County students.
- Bright Futures and Financial Aid Seminar Powerpoint

State of Florida Grant and Scholarship Programs  
Listing of the State of Florida Grant and Scholarship Programs including Bright Futures.

- Link to Florida Student Financial Aid Application

Pinellas Education Foundation Scholarship Information

**Guidance**

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**SCHOLARSHIP MATRIX**  
Fall 2013

NAME	AMOUNT	GRADE	REQUIREMENTS	DEADLINE
Abbot And Fenger Business Consultants	\$1000	11-12	To apply for this scholarship you will need to write an essay on the topic below. The essay should be between 500 and 1000 words. Your submissions must be sent by email at: <a href="mailto:scholarships@sabbottandfenger.com">scholarships@sabbottandfenger.com</a> Every generation faces new challenges and new problems. What do you think is the biggest difference between your generation and older generations? How do you think these differences will affect the future of our country and/or your career choice? <a href="http://www.abbotandfenger.com/scholarships.htm">www.abbotandfenger.com/scholarships.htm</a>	6/14/14
American Fire Sprinklers Association Scholarship	\$2,000	12	Open to high school seniors who are U.S. citizens or legal residents. Must enroll in semester beginning no later than fall 2014. Read "The Sprinkler Essay," complete registration page and take ten-question multiple-choice test. For further eligibility requirements visit <a href="http://www.aftscholarship.org">www.aftscholarship.org</a>	4/2/2014
AnimationCareerReview.com Aspiring Animation Professional Scholarship	\$1,000	Seniors	Invited to students interested in pursuing an animation career path at an accredited postsecondary school or college. Application and eligibility requirements can be found at following website: <a href="http://www.animationcareerreview.com/animationcareerreview.com/aspiring-animation-professional-scholarship-program">http://www.animationcareerreview.com/animationcareerreview.com/aspiring-animation-professional-scholarship-program</a>	6/1/14
Art Institute	Varies		Scholarship competitions Art Model Design, Fashion and Best Teen Chef and Culinary Competition. Check website for more information. <a href="http://www.artinstitute.com/2013/">http://www.artinstitute.com/2013/</a>	Varies
"Aspiring Fashion Professional" Scholarship <b>NEW</b>	\$1,000		Awarded to students that are interested in pursuing a fashion degree at an accredited postsecondary school or college. Visit website at <a href="http://www.fashion-school.org">http://www.fashion-school.org</a> to find eligibility requirements	6/1/14
"Aspiring Pharmacy Technician" Scholarship Program <b>NEW</b>	\$1,000	Seniors	Awarded to students that are interested in pursuing a pharmacy career path at an accredited postsecondary school or college. Visit website at <a href="http://www.pharmacycareerreview.com/">http://www.pharmacycareerreview.com/</a> to find eligibility information and application info.	6/1/14
2014 Barnes Scholarships sponsored by Tampa Bay Times Fund, Inc. <b>NEW</b>	Up to \$15,000 per year for 4 years	Seniors	High school seniors who are strong academically, who have overcome significant obstacles in life, and who want to attend their "dream school" out of state. To apply students should go to: <a href="http://www.tampabay.com/scholarships">www.tampabay.com/scholarships</a>	Oct 15 at 11:59pm
Big Sun Athletics Scholarship	\$500	12	The successful applicant will be a high school senior or be attending a post secondary institute and currently involved in some sport at the institution or in the community. Please visit <a href="http://www.bigsunathletics.com">http://www.bigsunathletics.com</a> to learn how to apply.	6/20/14

			Scholarships, requirements and applications is available at <a href="http://www.scholarshipopportunities.org/scholarships.aspx">http://www.scholarshipopportunities.org/scholarships.aspx</a>	Early Start Award 12/15/13
FFA/Future Farmers of America			<a href="http://www.ffa.org/index.cfm?method=public.scholarships">www.ffa.org/index.cfm?method=public.scholarships</a>	
Florida P.E.O. Scholarship - For Women Only	Awards are usually \$1,500-\$2,000		Applicant must be a woman and a resident of the State of Florida. Must meet requirements of scholarship, character, personality and purpose. Heavily weighted upon financial need. An essay on ultimate educational and career goals and an interview are required. For further information, requirements and application materials contact Gail Van Zanten at 727-656-3260 or <a href="mailto:Gail@pso.com">Gail@pso.com</a>	1/26/14
Global Link Equipment Scholarship	\$500		Student must be currently attending or planning to attend a post-secondary institution in Canada or the US in Sept. of 2013 or 2014. Submit a short story. Detailed instructions can be found on application page. Have a GPA of 2.5 or greater. For further information and application visit <a href="http://www.scholarshipopportunities.com/scholarship_global_link_equip.html">www.scholarshipopportunities.com/scholarship_global_link_equip.html</a>	10/25/13
Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College Florida Atlantic University	\$1000		Architecture, Communication, Education, Film, History, International Relations, Journalism, Liberal Arts, Polish Studies and Public Relations. Applicant must be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student who is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident (preferably of Polish heritage). <a href="http://www.hlc.org/scholarships/detail.cfm?id=15559">http://www.hlc.org/scholarships/detail.cfm?id=15559</a>	June 6
NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award	12		A select group of next year's students will receive scholarships that include full tuition, room and board for up to four years. In addition, they have new scholarships in humanities and social sciences. For further information visit <a href="http://www.honorscollege.edu">www.honorscollege.edu</a>	Between Oct. 1 and Dec. 10, 2013
Pinellas Education Foundation Traditional High School Senior Scholarships	Varies	12	Are you a young entrepreneur? Outstanding high school seniors who operate their own small business are eligible to receive a 2014 NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award. For information and to apply online visit <a href="http://www.NFIB.com/TEA">www.NFIB.com/TEA</a>	11/13/14 at 5PM
Ronald McDonald House U.S. Scholarships	Senior		Over 100 college scholarships offered through one application. A listing of scholarships and others is available on the website. Some scholarships are one-time awards and others are renewable. Apply online at the following website: <a href="http://www.pinellaseducation.org/students/traditional-high-school-senior-scholarships">http://www.pinellaseducation.org/students/traditional-high-school-senior-scholarships</a>	Start Accepting on Oct. 1, 2013
St. Pete Times Barnes Scholarship	Up to \$15,000 per year	12	RMLHC offers scholarships to students in financial need who have demonstrated academic achievement, leadership and community involvement. For application process and eligibility requirements please visit <a href="http://www.rmlhc.com/undergraduate-scholarships">http://www.rmlhc.com/undergraduate-scholarships</a>	July 1 - Oct. 15
The OPC Foundation	Varies		College bound High School seniors who have overcome significant obstacles in their lives while remaining committed to academic achievement and community service. See website for details. <a href="http://www.opcfoundation.org/opcfoundation/scholarships">http://www.opcfoundation.org/opcfoundation/scholarships</a>	Check Website
Toyota Scholarships	Varies		Online application, essay, two letters of recommendation and a completed FAFSA. Check website eligibility requirements <a href="http://www.scholarshipopportunities.com/scholarships.htm">www.scholarshipopportunities.com/scholarships.htm</a>	Check Website

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# Where can I find Information about financial aid?

o Pinellas Education Foundation  
Website

[www.pinellaseducation.org](http://www.pinellaseducation.org)

- o PEF Online Scholarship Catalog  
(application opened from August 15<sup>th</sup>  
2013 through January 13<sup>th</sup> 2014 at  
5pm for current seniors)
- o Take Stock In Children Scholarship  
(formerly Doorways)



# **Where can I find Information about financial aid?**

- o Postsecondary financial aid  
advisor/Postsecondary Websites

- o Internet

Brokescholar.com

FASTWEB.com

mycollegedollars.com

Free-4u.com

Scholarships.com

Scholarshipexperts.com



# **Programs that Students Apply for through the Initial Student Florida Aid Application**

- o Florida Bright Futures- By high school graduation date
- o Jose' Marti' Scholarship Challenge Grant Fund- April 1
- o Rosewood Family Scholarship Program- April 1
- o Scholarships for Children & Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans- April 1



# Other State Grants & Scholarships

- o Your institution will determine your eligibility for other state grants and scholarships administered by the state of Florida
  - o Florida Student Assistance Grant
  - o Florida Resident Access Grant
  - o Access to Better Learning and Education Grant
  - o Florida Work Experience Program
  - o Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship

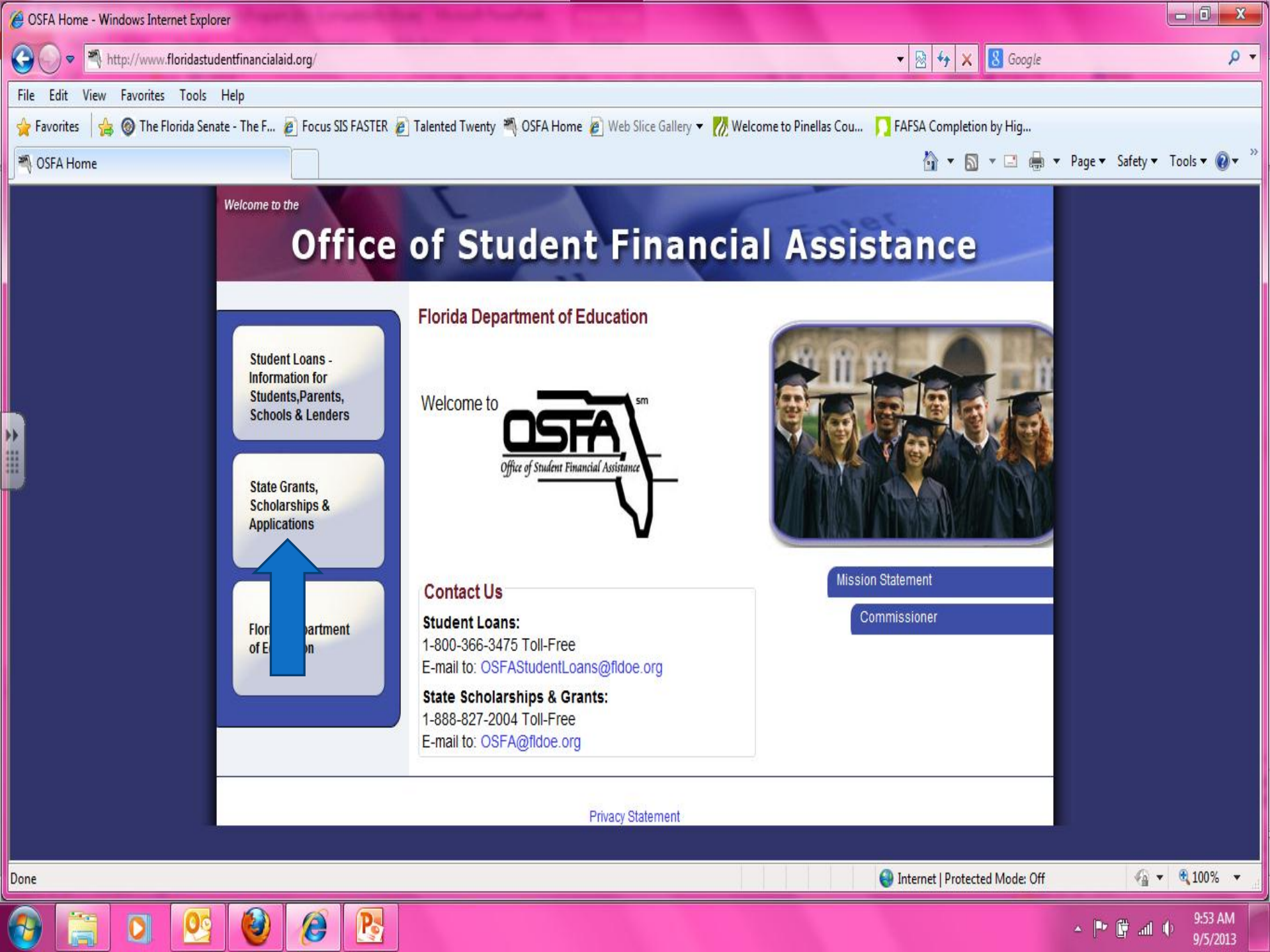
*For more details about these state programs,  
please visit:*

[www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/home/ProgramsOffered.htm](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/home/ProgramsOffered.htm)

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State Grants,  
Scholarships &  
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## Contact Us

**Student Loans:**  
1-800-366-3475 Toll-Free  
E-mail to: [OSFAStudentLoans@fldoe.org](mailto:OSFAStudentLoans@fldoe.org)

**State Scholarships & Grants:**  
1-888-827-2004 Toll-Free  
E-mail to: [OSFA@fldoe.org](mailto:OSFA@fldoe.org)



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## WHAT'S NEW?

- Florida Legislative Session History
- Chart of Eligibility and Award Criteria

## ADMINISTRATOR QUICK LINKS

- High School Guidance Counselors
- Comprehensive Course Table
  - Course Code Directory Descriptions
  - Vocational Course Descriptions
- Bright Futures Reports

### REMEMBER!

You **MUST** apply for Bright Futures before your High School graduation date.  
**NO application = NO award, EVER!**

**Florida  
Department  
of Education**



## FIRST-TIME APPLICANTS

- Florida Financial Aid Application [APPLY HERE](#)
- Levels of Bright Futures Awards
  - Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)
    - Academic Top Scholars (ATS)
  - Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)
  - Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV)
- If You Are
  - Home-Educated
  - GED
  - International Baccalaureate (IB)
  - Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE)
  - Out-of-State (Florida Resident Graduating from a High School Outside Florida)
- Frequently-Asked Questions
- Printable Brochures

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- How and When to Apply
- General Requirements for Awards
- Academic Requirements for Initial Eligibility
  - Weighting for Bright Futures High School GPA



## CONGRATULATIONS! You've earned a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship! Now What?

- Initially-Awarded Students
  - Notification of Eligibility
  - Information Page
- Award Amounts (2012-13)
- Receiving Scholarship Funding
  - Enrollment Requirements
- Scholarship Length
- Summer Funding
- Transfer of Award Between Schools
- [Login for Student Records & Information](#)
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## INITIAL STUDENT FLORIDA FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION 2007-08 AWARDS

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Read important information you need to know before you apply!

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# Florida Bright Futures Program

Awarded to every student  
in the state of Florida who  
meets the eligibility  
requirements



# General Requirements

1. Be a Florida resident and a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen, as determined by the student's postsecondary institution.
2. Complete the community service requirement.
3. Earn a standard Florida high school diploma or its equivalent.
4. Be accepted by and enroll in an eligible Florida public or independent postsecondary education institution
5. Not have been found guilty of a felony charge.
6. Be enrolled for at least 6 semester credit hours (or the equivalent in quarter or clock hours).
7. Student initiates authorization process after December 1st of the senior year at [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org)



# Florida Academic Scholars Award

## o GPA

- o 3.5 weighted GPA in required college preparatory credits (not rounded)

## o Test Scores- (Class of 2014) writing score not included

- o SAT(Reasoning Test) -1290
- o ACT- 29
- o \*Scores must be achieved by June 30<sup>th</sup> of graduating year

## o Required Credits

- o 4 English (3 with substantial writing)
- o 4 Math (Algebra I and/or above)
- o 3 Natural Science (2 with substantial lab)
- o 3 Social Sciences
- o 2 Foreign Language (Sequential in the same language)

## Community Service requirement

100 hours

# Florida Medallion Scholars Award

## o GPA

- o 3.0 weighted GPA in required college preparatory credits (not rounded)

## o Test Scores- (Class of 2014) writing score not included

- o SAT (Reasoning Test) - 1170
- o ACT- 26
- o \*Scores must be achieved by June 30<sup>th</sup> of graduating year

## o Required Credits

- o 4 English (3 with substantial writing)
- o 4 Math (Algebra I and/or above)
- o 3 Natural Science (2 with substantial lab)
- o 3 Social Sciences
- o 2 Foreign Language (Sequential in the same language)

## Community Service requirement

75 hours



# Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award

## o GPA

- o 3.0 weighted GPA in the core credits required for graduation (not rounded)
- o 3.5 un-weighted GPA in 3 vocational credits in one vocational program (not rounded)

## o Test Scores-writing\_score for SAT or ACT not included for FBF test requirement

- o PERT -104 Reading, 99 Writing, 113 Math
  - o SAT (Reasoning Test)-440 Critical Reading, 440 Math
  - o ACT-17 English, 18 Reading, 19 Math-
- \*Scores must be achieved by June 30<sup>th</sup> of graduating year

## o Required Credits

- o 4 English (3 with substantial writing)
- o 4 Math (including Algebra I)
- o 3 Natural Science (2 with substantial lab)
- o 3 Social Sciences (US. Government, World History, US History and Economics)
- o 1 Fine or identified Practical Art OR .5 credit of each
- o HOPE (combination of PE and Health)

## Community Service requirement

30 hours



# How To Find Out Your Award Level Status

- o High school guidance counselors have evaluations for all twelfth grade public school students to give to students to review
- o All students can check their evaluation on Florida Virtual Campus ([www.flvc.org](http://www.flvc.org))



## Welcome to Florida's Online

Florida's colleges and universities offer hundreds of online courses to meet your needs. Looking for a course to round out your schedule or starting your full-time or part-time college career? Want to get your transcripts? Find it all right here!


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## Bright Futures Scholarship Eligibility Evaluation

The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program establishes three lottery-funded scholarships for Florida high school graduates who demonstrate high academic achievement and enroll in eligible Florida public or private postsecondary institutions. There are three award levels for which high school seniors may qualify: Florida Academic Scholar (FAS), Florida Medallion Scholar (FMS), and Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar (GSV).

The Bright Futures Scholarship Eligibility Evaluation shows currently enrolled public high school students the requirements for each award and their individual progress towards meeting those requirements.

You must [log in with a Login ID](#) to use this feature.

### Additional Resources

[Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program](#)

# What is the FAFSA?

- o FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID
- o Largest source of student aid; distributed and processed by the U.S. Department of Education
- o Must be completed annually for federal student aid
- o Available electronically or in paper format
- o Available on or after January 1st of each year
- o First step in the financial aid process





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## Get help paying for college

Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

New to the FAFSA?

Start A New FAFSA

Returning User?

- Make a correction
- Add a school
- View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more...

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# Before Beginning the FAFSA

- o Check ALL application deadlines
  - o School and state deadlines\* may differ from federal guidelines
- o Confirm your dependency status\*
- o Search for school codes\*
- o Determine how you will submit the FAFSA
  - o Electronically (up to 14 days FASTER!)
    - o Electronic signature and submission requires a PIN. Establish a PIN before at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) or during the application process
  - o Manually
    - o Sign and mail the application to the address provided

\*Can be done online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)

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# Gather important info:

- o Social Security Number
- o Driver's License Number (if any)
- o 2013 W-2 Forms and other records of money earned
- o Student: 2013 Federal Income Tax Return
- o Parent: 2013 Federal Income Tax Return (if you are a dependent student)
- o 2013 untaxed income records
- o Current bank statements
- o Your current business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, stock, bond and other investment records
- o Alien registration or permanent resident card (if you are not a U.S. citizen)



# Complete the FAFSA - Electronically

- o Go to [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) and click on “Start A New FAFSA”
- o IRS Data Retrieval Tool is available
  - o US Department of Education HIGHLY recommends using this tool
- o Sign and submit the electronic FAFSA with your PIN





# Your Student Aid Report (SAR)

- Received via E-mail three to five days after your FAFSA has been processed, if you provided an E-mail address when you applied
- Received by mail seven to ten days after your FAFSA has been processed, if you did not provide an E-mail address when you applied



# Your Student Aid Report (SAR)



- Contains your official Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
- The U.S. Department of Education calculates your EFC, and sends it to the postsecondary institutions listed on your FAFSA
- The postsecondary institution will determine how much financial aid you are eligible to receive from the following formula:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Cost of Attendance (COA)} \\ &\text{- Expected Family Contribution (EFC)} \\ &= \text{Financial Need} \end{aligned}$$



# **SPC FAFSA NIGHTS**

- o Free help with completing the FAFSA
- o 6:30-8:30pm
- o 2014 Dates and Locations
  - o February 11- Dunedin High School
  - o February 18- Northeast High School
  - o February 24- St. Pete Collegiate High School
- o Additional information and flyers for these events will be forthcoming