

2021-2022 FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

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WHERE TO FIND FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES

District Financial Aid Website

- www.pcsb.org/financialaid
 - Scholarship Opportunities
 - Bright Futures information
 - Pinellas Education Foundation
 - FAFSA
 - Scholarship Search Engines



NAVIANCE

- New college & career resource in Pinellas County
- Students log on via Clever
- Scholarship list is available there as well as other scholarships
 - Students can track what scholarships they've applied for in the program.

PINELLAS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

- www.pinellaseducation.org
- Traditional High School Senior Scholarships
 - More than 100 different college scholarships to more than 250 high school seniors throughout Pinellas County
 - Scholarship criteria varies from music & drama to science & math and even sports
 - Online application that includes a required essay
 - Available in the Fall and due in January of each year
 - Check website for additional scholarships such as Take Stock in Children & Walker's Rising Stars

COLLEGE BOARD OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

- Open to ALL students, regardless of GPA, test scores & family income
- Simplifies the college planning process
- Rewarded for taking action/steps that will help you plan & prepare for college
- No application or essay
- The first scholarship opens in December of the junior year

opportunity.collegeboard.org/



WHERE TO FIND SCHOLARSHIPS

Colleges/Universities- most common type

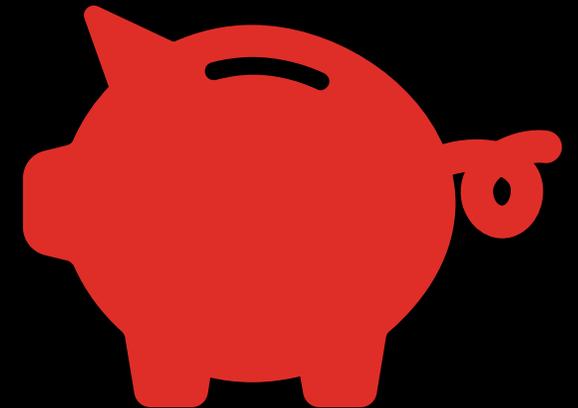
- Check their websites to find out details of how/when to apply

Scholarship search engines (FASTWEB, Raise Me) can assist with this process

- Links on the PCS Financial Aid page
- Enter information about yourself to get matched to scholarships.

FLORIDA STATE SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

- 13 scholarships & grants are available
- <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/>
- Select State Grants, Scholarships & Applications to view:
 - Fact Sheets for each grant & scholarship
 - Latest legislative information
 - Bright Futures Student Handbook
 - Florida Financial Aid Application



FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES PROGRAM

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

- **FLORIDA FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION OPENS ON OCT. 1st**

- GO TO:

<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/>
and select State Grants, Scholarships & Applications



GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BRIGHT FUTURES

- Be a Florida resident and a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen, as determined by the student's postsecondary institution.
- Complete the FFAA no later than August 31 after high school graduation.
- Earn a standard Florida high school diploma, or its equivalent
- Not have been found guilty of, or pled nolo contendere to, a felony charge
- Be accepted by, and enroll in a degree or certificate program at, an eligible Florida public or independent postsecondary institution.
- Be enrolled for at least six non-remedial semester credit hours (or the equivalent in quarter or clock hours) per term.
- If not funded in the academic year immediately following high school graduation, apply within five years of high school graduation to have your award reinstated.

FLORIDA ACADEMIC AND MEDALLION SCHOLARSHIPS INITIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS



Complete the required high school coursework;



Achieve the required minimum high school grade point average (GPA);



Achieve the required minimum score on either the ACT[®] or SAT[®] college entrance exam; and



Complete the required number of service hours.

FLORIDA ACADEMIC AND MEDALLION SCHOLARSHIPS COURSEWORK

Complete the required high school coursework:

16 High School Course Credits

- 4- English
- 4- Mathematics (*at or above the Algebra I level*)
- 3- Natural Sciences
- 3- Social Science
- 2- World Language

Required coursework aligns with the State University System admissions requirements

FLORIDA ACADEMIC AND MEDALLION SCHOLARSHIPS GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Achieve the required minimum high school grade point average (GPA).

- High School Weighted GPA
 - 3.50- FAS
 - 3.00- FMS

Unrounded weighted GPA in the 16 college-prep courses

AP, Pre-IB, IB, Honors, Pre-AICE, AICE and academic Dual Enrollment are weighted .25 per semester

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**COLLEGE
ENTRANCE
EXAMS**

College Entrance Exams

- FAS
2021-22 Graduates:
29 ACT or 1330 SAT

2022-23 Graduates:
29 ACT or 1330 SAT
- FMS
2021-22 Graduates:
25 ACT or 1210 SAT

2022-23 Graduates:
25 ACT or 1210 SAT

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- The ACT® composite score is the average across the four subject area sections : English, Math, Reading and Science.
- The SAT® combined score is the sum Reading (Critical Reading or Evidence-Based Reading and Writing) and Math
- The ACT®/SAT® exams may be taken an unlimited number of times through June 30 of the student's graduation year (or through January 31 for mid-year graduates).
- Students will be evaluated based on official test scores from the FDOE repository.

FLORIDA ACADEMIC AND MEDALLION SCHOLARSHIPS **COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS**

Must meet the following criteria to be eligible for these awards:

Community Service Hours

- **100 hours-** FAS
- **75 hours-** FMS

You can find out the process at www.pcsb.org/financialaid and clicking on the Bright Futures Community Service for Pinellas County link





FLORIDA GOLD SEAL VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP (GSV) INITIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Achieve the required weighted 3.0 GPA in the non-elective high school courses,
2. Take at least 3 full credits in a single Career and Technical Education program,
3. Achieve the required minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA in the career education courses,
4. Complete 30 service hours, and
5. Achieve the required minimum scores on one of the college entrance exams outlined on next slide

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GOLD SEAL
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ACT:

- Reading- 19
- English- 17
- Math- 19
- OR

SAT:

- Reading test-24
- Writing & Language test- 25
- Math test- 24
- OR

PERT:

- Reading- 106
- Writing- 103
- Math- 114



FLORIDA GOLD SEAL VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Restrictions:

GSV may only be used at postsecondary institutions that offer an applied technology diploma, technical degree education program (associate in applied science or associate in science), or a career certificate program.



FLORIDA GOLD SEAL CAPE SCHOLARSHIP (GSC) INITIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Earn a minimum of 5 postsecondary credit hours through CAPE industry certifications that articulate for college credit, and
2. Complete at least 30 service hours

FLORIDA GOLD SEAL CAPE SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Restrictions:

- Until a student has earned an eligible associate degree, Gold Seal CAPE (GSC) scholarships may only be used at postsecondary institutions that offer an applied technology diploma, technical degree education program (associate in applied science or associate in science), or a career certificate program.
- Upon completion of an eligible associate degree program, a GSC Scholar may also receive an award for a maximum of 60 credit hours toward an eligible baccalaureate degree.

AWARD AMOUNTS FOR 2020- 2021

FAS- 100% tuition & fees*

FMS- 75% of tuition & fees at a public institution*

GSV & GCS receive a fixed cost per credit hour based on award level, institution type & credit type

- \$39-\$48 per semester credit hour range
- **Non-public institution will receive a comparable amount*

NEW FOR FALL OF 2021

Beginning fall 2021, Florida Medallion Scholarship students enrolled in an associate degree program at a Florida College System institution will receive 100 percent of tuition and specific fees.

Upon associate degree completion, a student may use award to pursue a baccalaureate degree and receive 75 percent of tuition and specific fees.

HOW TO
FIND OUT
HOW YOU
ARE DOING
TOWARDS
BRIGHT
FUTURES

High school
counselors will
provide 11th
and 12th
graders with a
printed copy of
their evaluation
during the fall

WHAT IS THE FAFSA?

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Must complete it annually beginning senior year to receive
 - Grants (Federal & some State)
 - Student Loans
 - Work Study
 - Some college-base grants and scholarships
- That FAFSA is free!
- Opens October 1st
- When you are ready, go to www.studentaid.gov to get started

WHO SHOULD COMPLETE THE FAFSA?



- Anyone planning on attending
 - Community College
 - Technical Education Programs
 - Trade School
 - State College
 - University

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Demonstrate a need for financial aid

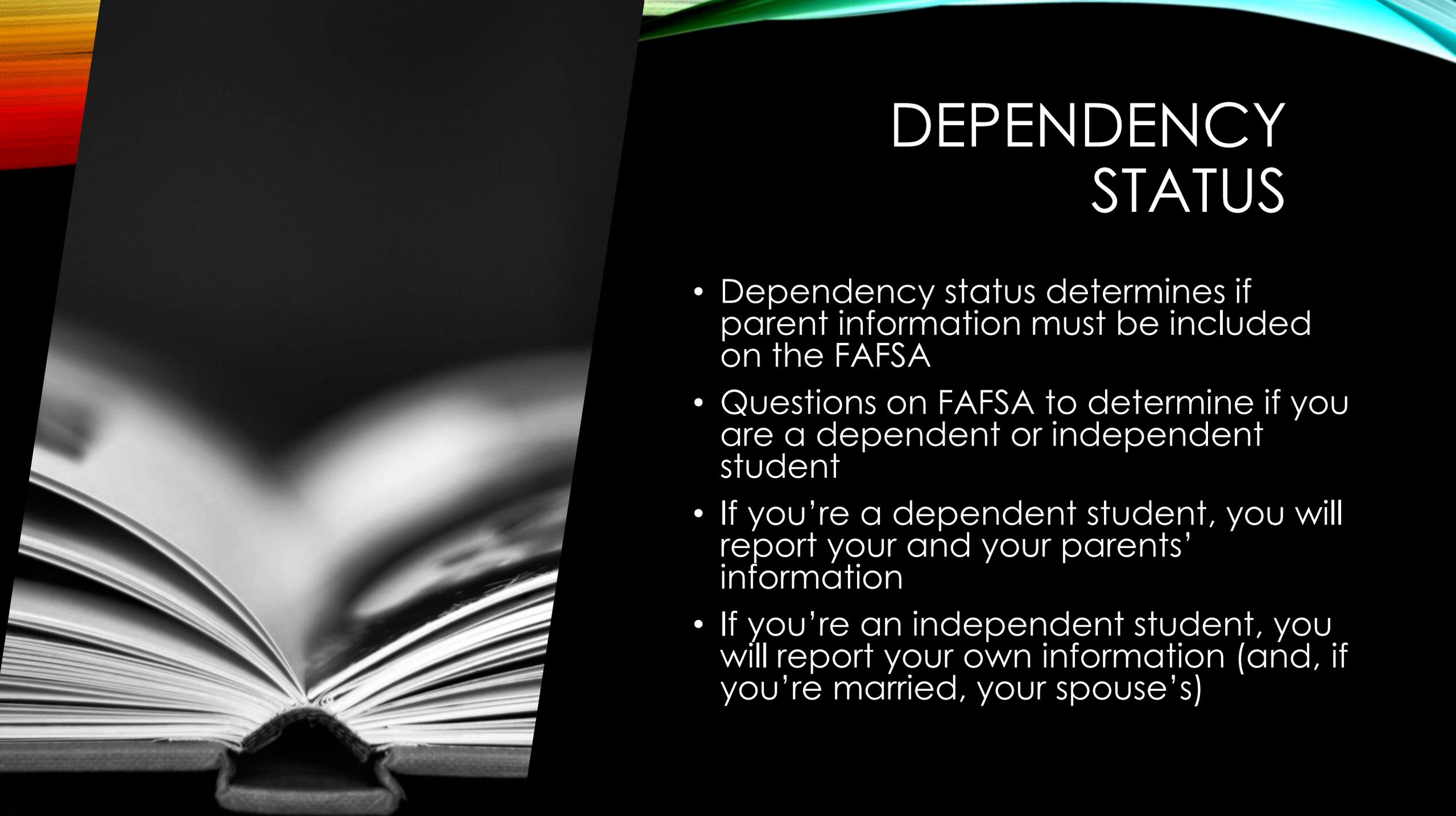
Student must be a US Citizen or an eligible noncitizen

Student must have a valid Social Security number

Must have a high school diploma or GED

~~Register for Selective Service, if you are male and between the ages of 18 and 26~~

Enroll in an eligible program seeking a degree or certificate



DEPENDENCY STATUS

- Dependency status determines if parent information must be included on the FAFSA
- Questions on FAFSA to determine if you are a dependent or independent student
- If you're a dependent student, you will report your and your parents' information
- If you're an independent student, you will report your own information (and, if you're married, your spouse's)

- Social Security number or Alien Registration number for student
- SSN for Parents
 - Non-citizens should list all zeros
- Federal income tax return, W-2s, and other records of money earned
- Bank statements and investment records (if applicable)
- Records of untaxed income (if applicable)
- FSA (Federal Student Aid) ID for student and 1 parent (if dependent)

WHAT INFORMATION DO I NEED TO COMPLETE THE FAFSA

FSA ID

- The FSA ID is the username and password used to log into FAFSA
- Your FSA ID will be used for:
 - Electronically signing your FAFSA and applying for federal loans
 - Managing loans after you receive your degree or certificate



WHO IS MY PARENT ON THE FAFSA?

- List the information for the legal parent(s)
you live with
 - Both legal (biological/adopted) parents if married
 - Legal (biological/adopted) parents even if not married but living together
- If your parents are divorced:
 - List the parent that you've lived with the most this last year (and their spouse if remarried)
 - If time is spent evenly, the parent who has provided the most financial support to you over the last 12 months
- NEVER list parent or income information for guardians, grandparents or any other individual.

FINAL THOUGHTS...

- The FAFSA is the most important financial aid document that students should complete
- Even if you don't think you'll be eligible, you should complete
 - Some schools will not award scholarships without one on file
- You should complete each year (beginning senior year of high school)
- If you need assistance, ask your school counselor or look for completion events in the school district
- Please check out our FAFSA page at www.pcsb.org/FAFSA for more information

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

- Please feel free to contact your school counselor or myself with questions regarding scholarships and financial aid.
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