

How to Complete the FFAA



The Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) is required for Florida Bright Futures Scholarships as well as four other state programs.

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BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1st OF YOUR SENIOR YEAR (OR FINAL YEAR IN HS IF GRADUATING EARLY):

- Go to www.floridastudentfinancialaids.org website.
- Click on the Create a Student Account link under first-time applicants.

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PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING:

- Be sure that you do not have POP UP blockers "on."
- Questions/fields marked with an asterisk (*) require a response.

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SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:

- This is not required but does help to match you with your record. If you are unsure of your number, do not guess.
- If you don't list your SSN, you will be assigned a psuedo number. Write Pseudo # _____

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NAME:

- This should be your name as it appears in Focus.
- Do not use nicknames.

DATE OF BIRTH:

- Be sure to put the year you were born, not current year!

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GRADUATION DATE:

- Class of 2025 graduation date is 5/29/2025
- If you are graduating mid-year AND starting college in the spring of 2025, list your last day of school as your grad date.
 - If you aren't starting school in the spring, put 5/29/2025.

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CELL PHONE NUMBER:

- If you include, you can opt in to receive text alerts from OSFA.

SUBMIT PROFILE:

- After you submit your Profile, a screen will appear with your User ID & 'temporary' password. It will redirect you to the FFAA in 10 seconds so you will want to take a picture or write down your ID and password before that occurs.
 - You will also get an email with your ID and temporary password as well as a link to the application.

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FLORIDA FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION:

- Click on the Florida Financial Aid Application link or you will be redirected if you stay on the page.
- You will see your demographic information that you completed on your profile.

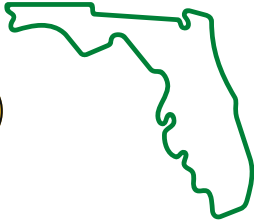
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REVIEW DEMOGRAPHICS:

- Please review and make corrections.
- You cannot make a correction if you put the wrong social security number. If this occurs, you will need to call OSFA (1-888-827-2004) and they will direct you how to upload your SS card to them so they can make the correction.

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OTHER INFORMATION:

- You will answer questions about your residency status, citizenship status, and if you have been found guilty of a felony.
- These questions help to determine if you are eligible for Bright Futures.

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OTHER STATE PROGRAMS:

- You will be asked four additional questions to determine if you are potentially eligible for four other state programs.
 - José Martí, Florida Farmworker, Randolph Bracy Ocoee, & Rosewood Family Scholarships
- If you answer yes to any of the questions, you will have additional questions to determine eligibility.

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ACADEMIC BACKGROUND:

- You will answer questions about your high school enrollment and postsecondary plans.
- If you change what college you will be attending, you need to log back on and update under the demographic screen.

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SUBMIT/ACKNOWLEDGE:

- Hit the submit button only once and then WAIT until you are brought to a "Saved Results" page.
- This page is your receipt of application, and you should print/save a screen shot/take a picture.
- Check for your confirmation email.

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FINAL REMINDERS:

- USER ID: _____ PASSWORD: _____
- Bright Futures will post your eligibility to your online account (in March for Early Eval and in July for Final Eval) so be sure to save this information and check back.
- This is not the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FFAA does not require financial information.
- The deadline to complete the FFAA is April 1, 2025 for José Martí, Florida Farmworker, Randolph Bracy Ocoee, & Rosewood Family Scholarships.
- The deadline to complete the FFAA is August 31, 2025 for Florida Bright Futures Scholarship. (The deadline is December 31, 2024 for mid-year graduates seeking spring funding.)