

Bright Futures Scholarship Application Instructions

- The FFAA (Florida Financial Aid Application) opened today, December 1, 2005, for on-line registration for students graduating in 2006. This is the application for the Bright Futures Scholarship and other state programs.
- Students must complete the FFAA in order for Duval County to release their transcript to Bright Futures for evaluation.
- **We recommend that all seniors complete this on-line application by January 9, 2006 to insure that their transcript will be sent to the Department of Education in Tallahassee for the early (7th semester) evaluation. Students eligible at the early evaluation will receive an award letter in late spring.**
- For the seventh semester early evaluation, the following will be used:
 1. **final grades earned from grade 9 through the first semester of grade 12 in core academic courses (English, math, science, social studies and foreign language),**
 2. **Alg 1 or Geometry, and foreign language taken in grade 8**
 3. **test scores through December 2005**
 4. **Community service hours submitted by January 9, 2006**
- All seniors who have completed the FFAA will automatically be reevaluated following graduation to determine if they are now eligible for the Bright Futures Scholarship or the higher award level as a result of final senior grades, additional test scores, and submission of community service hours. Test scores from the June SAT and ACT will be considered.
- The final deadline for submitting the FFAA and community service hours is officially the date of graduation; however, we recommend completing both of these by April 1. This is so that any corrections or problems in student applications or service hours may be taken care of prior to graduation and the final evaluation for Bright Futures to insure disbursement of Bright Futures funds for the fall semester.
- Remember, there is no community service required for the Medallion Award (75% of tuition and fees). **75-hours of community service are only required for the Academic Scholars Award (100% of tuition and fees plus \$600 for books).**
- Do not confuse the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) with the FFAA (Florida Financial Aid Application). The FAFSA is not required for the Bright Futures Scholarship. However, the FAFSA is required for all other financial aid programs.

To complete the FFAA go to www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org

- click on APPLY HERE (initial student application)
- click on State Grants, Scholarships & Applications
- read important information, and then
- proceed to application

Consider the following hints and guidelines before beginning the application

1. It is recommended that you use Internet Explorer, there are problems with other browsers such as Foxfire and Road Runner.
2. Be sure all demographic information is correct and matches what is on your transcript regarding: name, dob, gender, race, and especially the social security number.
3. If you enter an email address on the application that is where your PIN number will be sent, be sure to watch for it and make a copy for your "important papers" file.
4. Review these specific questions:
 - Question 14 – last four digits of zip code is not required
 - Question 22 – high school graduation date **05/22/2006**
 - Question 23 – in fall of 2006, I will be classified as Freshman (First Time in College) even if you took dual enrollment
 - Question 24 - institution you are planning to attend--1st choice school as of today; can change later
 - Question 25 – leave as is
 - Question 26 - that is the GPA on your last report card
 - Question 27 - you can estimate your GPA on the application, but you must enter at least a 2.75 to be evaluated
 - Question 28 – leave blank
 - Question 30 – the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship will be the top student in the class based on cumulative unweighted GPA and highest ACT score or SAT converted to ACT equivalent (i.e. 1500 to 1540 SAT equals a 34 ACT). The GPA is multiplied by the ACT or ACT equivalent and the maximum would be 144.
 - Questions 34 and 36 – answer yes; you don't commit to anything but information
 - Question 37 – Read carefully; for 99% of you, the answer should be NO!
5. Click on Submit and Print my application—do not click more than once; you will get an error message. Be patient and wait for saved results. Keep a copy of the application for your files.



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SECTION

The Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance, requires that you provide accurate contact information you supply in this portion of the application.

We will contact you using the information you supply. Please provide accurate information.

Be sure to enter the correct # or your application will not be matched with your transcript

1. *Social Security Number

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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)

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3. *First Name

4. MI

5. *Last Name

6. *Race/Ethnicity (Check all that apply)
- American Indian/Alaskan Native Hispanic
- Asian/Pacific Islander Multi-racial
- Black Other
- White

7. *Gender Female Male

8. Home Phone Number -- Alternat Number -- Cell Number --

9. *Mailing Address (alpha-numeric only; no commas or hyphens) 10. Apartment Number

11. *City 12. *State

13. *County 14. *Zip Code + 4 -

The last four digits are optional.

15. *Email Address or I do not have or choose to disclose an email.

*Verify Email Address

OSFA will send official communications via email. Be sure your email address is correct.

16. *Is Florida your state of legal residence? Yes No
17. *Citizenship Status US Citizen Non-Citizen Eligible Non-Citizen

SECTION B: Academic Background, Grade Point Averages, and Test Scores (To be certified by high school/postsecondary institution)

18. *Will you graduate or have you graduated from a Florida high school? (If you are a Florida Home School or Florida GED student select Yes to this question.) Yes No

19. If yes, identify your school type. Public Private Home School/Other GED

20. Identify the Florida county where you attended high school. **DUVAL**

21. High School Name/Where Home Schooled (Last attended)

22. *High School Graduation Date (MM/DD/YYYY) / / **Enter: 05/22/2006**

23. *In the fall of 2006, I will be classified as: **Freshman (First Time In College)**

24. *Postsecondary location and institution you are planning to attend. In-state school Out-of-state school

If your institution is not listed in question 24, enter the institution's name here.

25. Select the last postsecondary location and institution you attended. In-state school Out-of-state school

If your institution is not listed in question 25, enter the institution's name here.

OSFA requests a "self-reported approximate" grade point average (GPA) to begin your evaluation for State of Florida financial aid programs. Your official GPA will be certified by your high school/postsecondary institution for final eligibility.

26. *Unweighted High School GPA (based on a 4.0 scale) 27. Weighted High School GPA (based on a 4.0 scale)

You should estimate your GPA's. Enter at least a 2.75 in the Unweighted GPA in order to be evaluated.

28. College GPA (if applicable) **Leave blank.**

29. *Some State of Florida financial aid programs require test scores. Report all tests that you **have taken** or **plan to take**. OSFA will verify scores through the appropriate test agency. (check all that apply)

- SAT
- ACT
- CPT
- Do Not Plan to Test

SECTION C: Special Interest Questions

30. The [Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship](#) is awarded to a limited number of outstanding high school graduates who show promise of continued academic achievement. Your high school principal may nominate only **ONE** applicant from your high school who will compete with a pool of regional applicants to be considered for a potential award. Awardees will be chosen by OSFA based on eligibility requirements.

Do you wish to apply for this program? Yes No

31. If you or one of your natural parents are [Hispanic-American](#), or of Spanish culture, with origins in one of the following countries, please select your country from the drop-down box. (The [José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant](#) can only be used at [eligible postsecondary institutions](#).)

NONE

32. Are you a dependent of a [deceased or 100% disabled veteran, Prisoner of War, or Missing in Action](#)? Yes No

a. If the answer is **yes**, you **are required** to answer the following questions by the April 1 program deadline in order to receive an evaluation.

Enter your qualifying parent's name: First Name MI Last Name

b. What is the qualifying parent's status?

c. From the drop-down provided, choose the military conflict that was in progress at the time your qualifying parent was affected.
If you do not know this information, select "[I do not know](#)" from the drop-down.

d. What state was your qualifying parent a resident of when he/she **initially enlisted** in the service?
If you do not know this information, select "[I do not know](#)" from the drop-down.

e. Enter Veteran's Administration Claim Number: or "[I do not know](#)"

33. To the best of your knowledge, was your family affected by the [Rosewood](#) incident in Florida in the 1920's? Yes No

If the answer is **yes**, you **are required** to answer the following questions by the April 1 program deadline in order to receive an evaluation.

Select your ancestor's name from the drop-down. If your ancestor's name does not appear, select **OTHER** from the drop-down and type the name in the field provided.

First Name MI Last Name or "[I do not know](#)"

34. Are you interested in [work-study](#) programs? Yes No

SECTION D: Certifications

The following questions allow for the release of grade point averages, test scores, and transcripts to the Department of Education for the purpose of evaluating your eligibility for State of Florida financial aid programs. This release does not authorize the Department to use applicant-specific data for reporting purposes.

35. *I authorize the release of all the following available information: high school college transcripts/grade point averages; SAT, ACT, or CPT scores to the Florida Department of Education for use in program evaluations.

Yes No

36. *I am interested in receiving low cost education loans and I authorize the Florida Department of Education to send me information.

Yes No

37. *I have been found guilty of, or entered a plea of no contest (nolo contendere) to a [felony charge](#) and not had my civil rights restored by the Florida Governor and Cabinet sitting as the Executive Board of Clemency. (If you do not know the answer to this question, ask your attorney or the county clerk's office of the county where you were charged.)

Yes No

Read carefully and answer correctly.

By submitting this application, I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contained on this application is true, complete, and correct.

SUBMIT (and Print) MY APPLICATION

Click ONLY ONCE. Wait until you see "Saved Results" which means your application has been successfully submitted. Keep a copy for your files.