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Florida Scholarships & Grants

Florida Department of Education
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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.

- http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/home/uamain.htm, **Application and Updates, Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) (for new applicants)**

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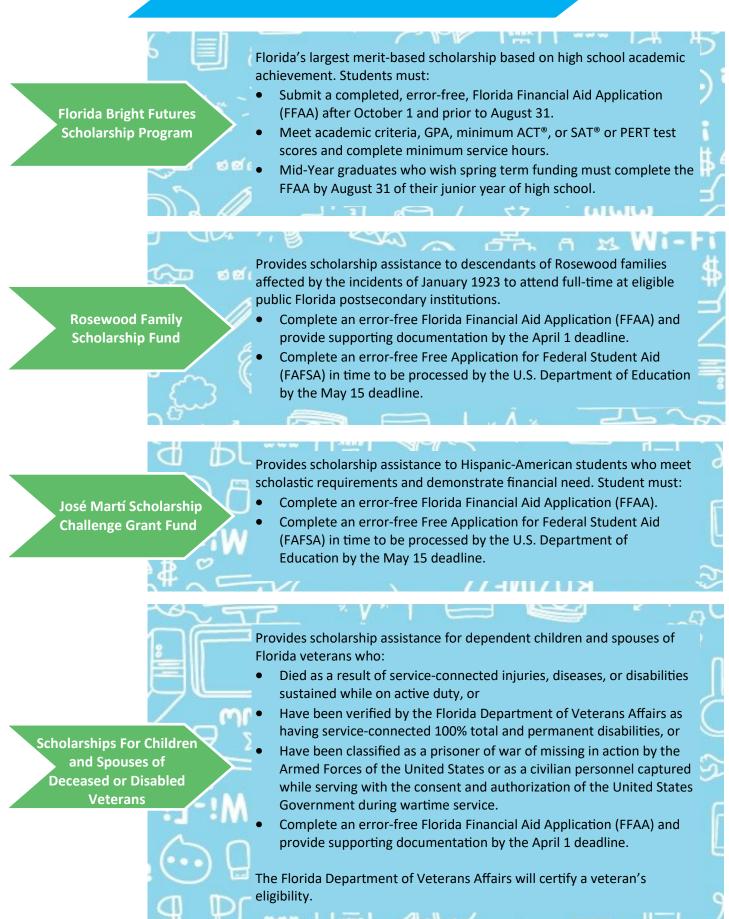
Federal:
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid: www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Federal Student Aid Information Center: 800-433-3243
- U.S. Department of Education Portal for Student Aid: www.studentaid.ed.gov

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.
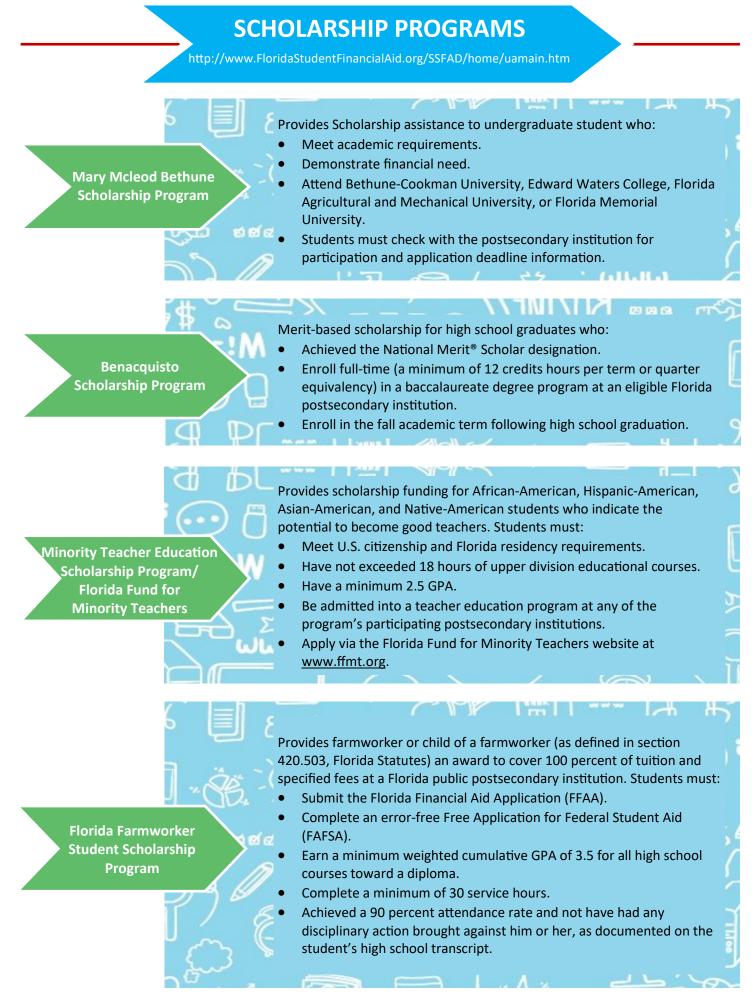
Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

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

- Submit a completed, error-free, Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) after October 1 and prior to 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 August 31 of their junior year of high school.

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.

José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant Fund

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

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 of 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.

Mary Mcleod Bethune Scholarship Program

Provides Scholarship assistance to undergraduate student 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.

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.

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.

Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship Program

Provides farmworker or 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.

GRANT PROGRAMS

Florida Student Assistance Grant Program

Florida's largest need-based grant program 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 institution.

Access To Better Learning And Education Grant Program

Provides tuition assistance to full-time Florida undergraduate students enrolled in degree programs at eligible 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. 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).
- 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.

For detailed state scholarship and grant program information, visit **www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/home/uamain.htm.**

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

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