# Bartram Trail High School Seniors

# *Class of 2024*

# Financial Aid & Scholarships

Presented by your school counselors

Instructions for seniors in the Financial Aid Workshop

# Do you know your social security number?

**If YES –** Excellent, you will need it during this period.

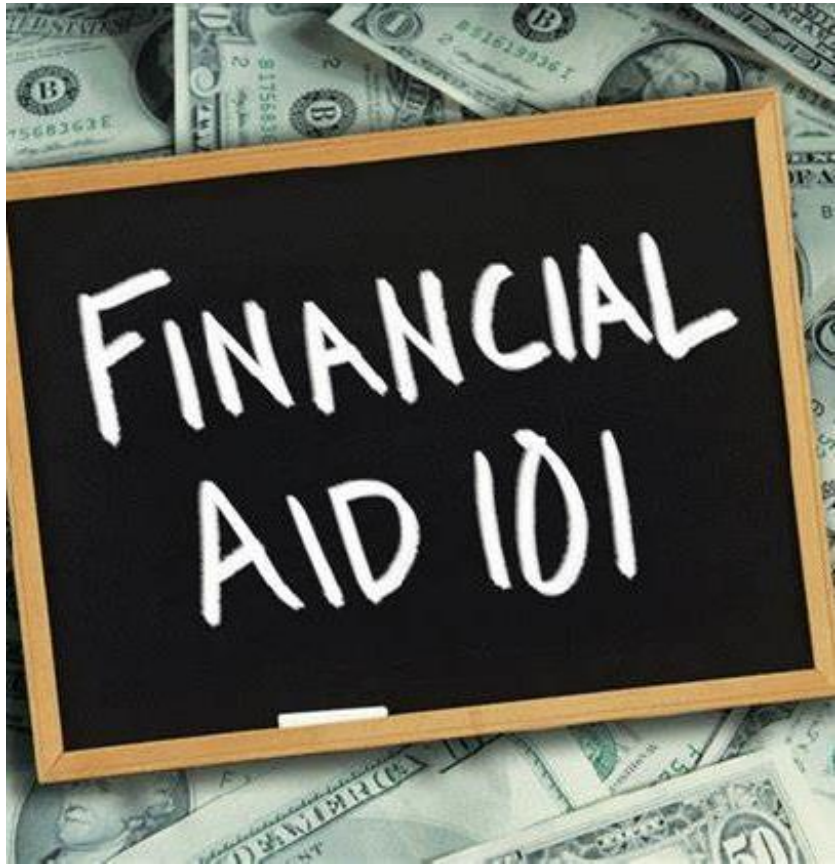
**Do NOT share your SSN with anyone!**

**If NO, I do not!** – NEATLY write your **Student Number** on a Post-it note before we start. A school counselor will try to help.

# What is Financial Aid ?

- **Financial aid is ANY Resource that can help you pay for college.**
  - Grants  - you do not have to pay back
  - Scholarships - you do not have to pay back
  - Work-Study - you do not have to pay back
  - Loans - you **DO** have to pay back

- **You can use financial aid to help pay for:**
  - Tuition
  - Books
  - Room & Board
  - Supplies
  - Transportation



# How do you get Financial Aid for College?

There are FOUR ways!

**Federal Student Aid** (FAFSA)

**Florida Financial Aid** (Bright Futures, etc.)

**Institutional Financial Aid** (Colleges)

**Private Scholarships**

# Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

| | |
|---|---|
| **Who should apply?** | EVERYONE |
| **When should you apply?** | December 1st of your senior year AND every year after that while enrolled in college (check with your college for specific deadlines) |
| **What does this application cover?** | Grants, Federal Guaranteed Student Loans, and Work-Study provided by the Federal Government |
| **What do you need?** | Tax forms/records, social security number, and W-2 forms |
| **How do you apply?** | Go to https://fafsa.ed.gov/<br>Tools & Resources to help you Prepare: https://www.ncan.org/page/better-FAFSA |

For help completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), attend one of the free FAFSA Frenzy events at St. Johns River State College.

# Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

https://www.sjrstate.edu/fafsafrenzy

# Florida Financial Aid

## Who should apply?

- EVERYONE

## When should you apply?

- Application opens October 1

## What does this application cover?

- 14 different Grants and Scholarships provided by the State Government, including Bright Futures!

## How do you apply?

- Go to http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/
- Helpful hints guide located here: http://relschoolcounseling.weebly.com/resources--frequently-used-documents.html

# Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) Award
and
# Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) Award

| Type | 16 High School Course Credits [1] | High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA | College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/CLT®/SAT®) | Volunteer Service Only | Paid Work Hours Only | Combination of Volunteer/ Paid Hours |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **FAS** | 4 - English *(three must include substantial writing)*<br>4 - Mathematics *(at or above the Algebra I level)*<br>3 - Natural Science *(two must have substantial laboratory)*<br>3 - Social Science<br>2 - World Language *(sequential, in same language)* | 3.50 | 2023-24 Graduates: 29/96/1340<br>2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340 | 100 hours | 100 hours | 100 hours |
| **FMS** | | 3.00 | 2023-24 Graduates: 25/84/1210<br>2024-25 Graduates: 25/84/1210 | 75 hours | 100 hours | 100 hours |

**You only need only need one of these test scores.**

# Florida Gold Seal Vocational (GSV) Award

The Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV) award may be funded if a student is enrolled in a career education or certificate program. Examples: an Applied Technology Diploma, Technical Degree Ed Program (Associate in Applied Science or Associate in Science), or a Career Education Certificate Program.

**To qualify for the GSV award must meet the following initial eligibility requirements:**

- Achieve the required weighted minimum 3.0 GPA in the non-elective high school courses
- Take at least 3 full credits in a single Career and Technical Education program, and
- Achieve the required minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA in the career education courses
- Achieve the required minimum score on the ACT® , SAT® **or** Florida Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (P.E.R.T.)
- Complete 30 volunteer service OR 100 paid work hours

# Florida Gold Seal Vocational (GSV) Award Testing Requirements

| Exam Type | Sub-test | Required Score |
|---|---|---|
| ACT® | Reading | 19 |
| | English | 17 |
| | Mathematics | 19 |
| SAT® | Reading Test | 24 |
| | Writing and Language Test | 25 |
| | Math Test | 24 |
| P.E.R.T. (Only applies to the GSV Scholarship) | Reading | 106 |
| | Writing | 103 |
| | Mathematics | 114 |

**Please take a picture of the two documents on the table:**

- Bright Futures Report Evaluation Key
- ACT/SAT Dates, Deadlines and Important Info

# Bright Futures Student Handbook 2023-2024

## Chapter 1: Eligibility

- You must **APPLY** for the scholarship by submitting the Florida Financial Aid Application.
- Bright Futures Scholarships will renew automatically each year if the student **maintains** the required GPA and credit hours.
- If you are planning to apply for Bright Futures, you should already be accumulating **community service/work hours** and turning them in to the Guidance desk. Hours must be turned in before Graduation Day!
- If possible, you should try to meet all Bright Futures requirements by the end of the **first** semester.

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

# Bright Futures Student Handbook 2023-2024

## Chapter 1: Eligibility

- Bright Futures GPA is **NOT** the same as report card GPA.
- Bright Futures **weighs** honors, AP, and dual enrollment classes **equally** with 0.5 per credit earned – NOT 1.0 weight for AP or DE!
- Bright Futures will also accept two additional academic electives toward the GPA calculation if it **benefits** the student.
- You are permitted to use qualifying scores from the ACT-CLT- SAT through **August** 2024, to qualify for the Bright Futures test criteria.

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

# What should seniors *do now* to qualify for a Bright Futures Scholarship?

- **Review your Bright Futures Report.**
- **See your school counselor if there are any errors on your transcript.**
- **Take note of what is “Missing” to qualify for each award.**
- **Take steps to improve your Bright Futures GPA if it is borderline.**
- **Submit any remaining service/work hours by winter break.**
- **Take or re-take ACT-CLT-SAT and report your scores to a Florida school.**

# Institutional Financial Aid

## Who should apply?

- EVERYONE! Talk to the college/university financial aid office to determine what programs for which you qualify

## When should you apply?

- Contact the college/university for their specific deadlines

## What does this application cover?

- Grants and Scholarships provided by the college/university

## What do you need?

- Usually, the FAFSA has to be filled out first, but contact the college/university to find out more information

## How do you apply?

- Colleges and Universities generally have a separate application process for financial aid

St. Johns River State College has Scholarships.

Applicants can apply beginning November 1st through April 1st.

# Foundation

## SCHOLARSHIPS

The SJR State Foundation offers several scholarships, funded by the generous contributions of businesses, non-profit entities, and individuals.

**Scholarship recipients must:**

- **Complete the scholarship application and provide additional documentation required (two letters of recommendation or two recommendation forms and essay response).**
- **Be a new or returning SJR State student.**
- **Must maintain a 2.0 GPA.**
- **Must complete all scholarship requirements.**

We recommend completing the **FAFSA** because some but not all scholarships require it.

We invite you to apply for scholarships through our online portal system. One single application puts you in the applicant pool for **all scholarships**. **The application opens on November 1 and closes on April 1 every year**.

**NEW THIS YEAR - The Scholarship Recommendation Form.**
In addition to Letters of Recommendation, students will have the option to submit the Scholarship Recommendation Forms instead. This form will offer the person filling it out a more guided option in answering topics about the students. Two recommendations are still required for the scholarship application, there are now just options.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**
**Apply Now!**

# Private Scholarships

**Who should apply?** **EVERYONE**

**When should you apply?** **NOW** and continue searching for scholarships even when you're in college

**What do you need?** Transcript, test scores, letter of recommendation, essay(s), resume of activities, scholarship application

**How do you find scholarships?** Lots of places!

- Bartram Trail High School Counseling Website
- Student's Employers
- Parent Employers
- Church and Civic Organizations
- Unions
- Corporations
- National, State and Local Organizations
- Special Interest Groups

# Scholarship Tips

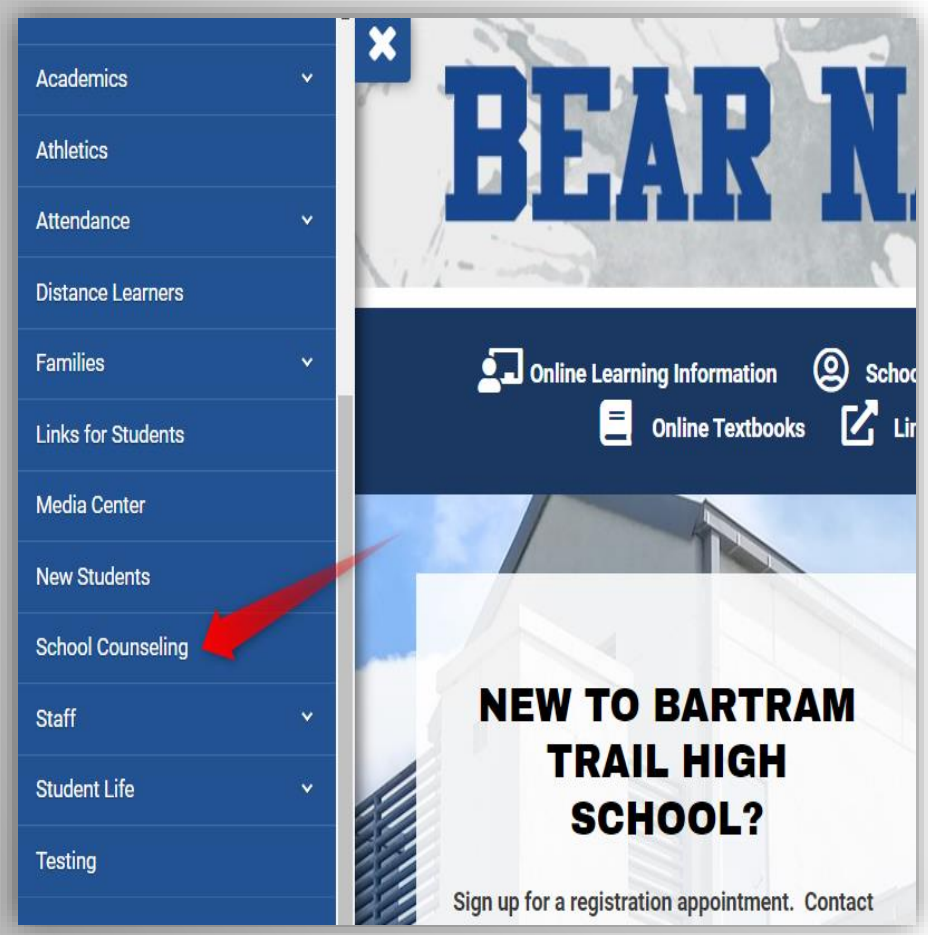
- Scholarships are already available now!
- Apply to EVERY scholarship for which you are eligible.
- Make a list of deadlines and don’t miss them!
- Essays can often be reused and tailored for each new application.
- When writing essays, make sure you follow all directions exactly, stick to the prompt, use the accurate word count and try approaching the topic in a creative way.
- Review your social media accounts and remove inappropriate material.
- Create a dedicated scholarship email address: FirstName.LastName@gmail.com

# Beware of Scams!

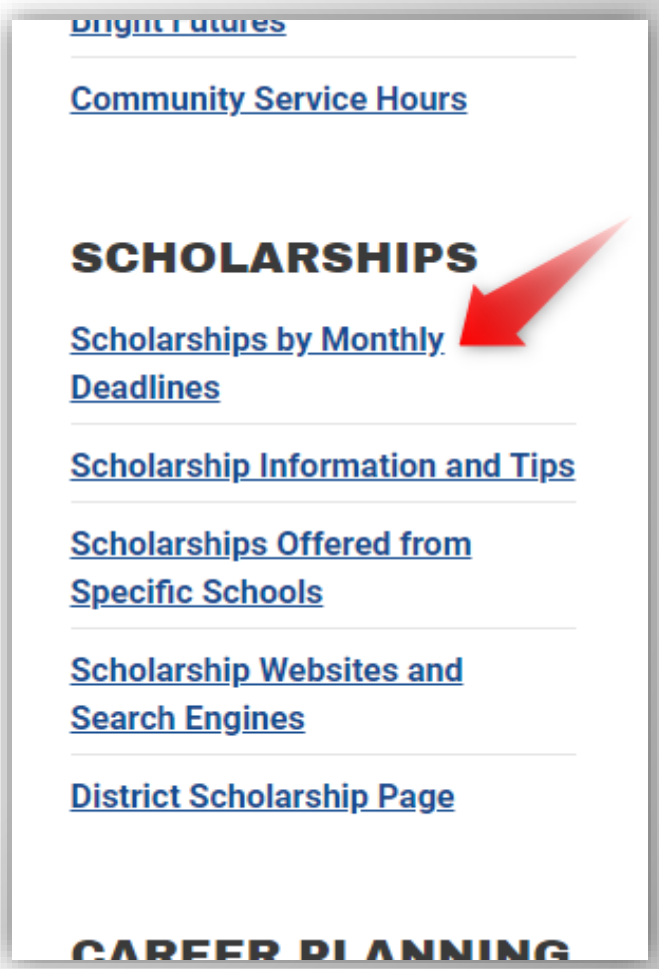
- NEVER pay for scholarships or searches.
- Feel too good to be true?  It probably is!  Do more research!
- Trust your instincts.
- Scholarships are gifts; they never have to be repaid.
- Never give out bank account, credit card, or social security information.

# Scholarships on the School Counseling Webpage

**#1 - Go to the BTHS website, then click on School Counseling**




**#2 - Scroll down to Financial Aid, then click on Bright Futures**



## #3 - Click on Month you want

Click each month below to see various Scholarship links and their deadlines!

- August
- September
- October
- November
- December
- January
- February
- March
- April
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## #4 - Click on Scholarship links

# OCTOBER SCHOLARSHIPS

**Be Bold Scholarship**
Deadline: October 1, 2023
https://bold.org/scholarships/the-be-bold-no-essay-scholarship/

**Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair**
Deadline: October, 1, 2023
Jacksonville Agricultural Fair Scholarship Info

**Niche Scholarship**
Deadline: October 1, 2023
https://bold.org/scholarships/the-be-bold-no-essay-scholarship/

**6th Annual Epic Flight Academy Aviation Scholarship**
Deadline: October 1, 2023
https://epicflightacademy.com/aviation-scholarship/?utm_source=2019+High+School+Educators&utm_campaign=9ad80a9f56-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_10_15_03_39_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e17a7bc57c-9ad80a9f56-90837999

**NSHSS Creative Writing Scholarship**
Deadline: October 2, 2023
https://www.nshss.org/scholarships/s/nshss-creative-writing-scholarship/

**AES Engineering Scholarship**
Deadline: October 8, 2023
http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.php

**Community College or Trade School Scholarship**
Deadline: October 10, 2023
https://www.nshss.org/scholarships/s/nshss-community-college-or-trade-school-scholarship/

**NSHSS Performing Arts: Dance Scholarship**
Deadline: October 13, 2023
https://www.nshss.org/scholarships/s/nshss-performing-arts-dance-scholarship/

**Young Arts Scholarship**

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In just a minute, you are going to complete your Florida Financial Aid Application, but FIRST please listen to these directions!

# IMPORTANT

- When we move over to the computers, please take all your belongings with you.
- There are TWO sections to complete: your STUDENT ACCOUNT and the APPLICATION
- Use the CHEAT SHEET at your computer! It has TWO sides!!
- **Make sure your full name, email address and SSN are entered correctly.**
- When you get to the BLUE SCREEN, take a picture with your phone so you have your BF log in information – we do not have access to this! Continue working towards BF eligibility.
- If you finish early, look for SCHOLARSHIPS on the School Counseling webpage – Scholarships by monthly deadlines!

**Let's look at an example of a Bright Futures Report.**

# Example of a Bright Futures Report

FILE F30047.D29
DISTRICT: ST JOHNS
SCHOOL: BARTRAM TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL

**Florida's Bright Futures Scholarship System**
**Student Evaluation**
**BARTRAM TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL ( 550411N )**
**2024 EARLY EVALUATION SYSTEM**

Batch User
09/29/2023 04:38:49 AM

Submit a Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) no later than August 31 of your graduation year.
No FFAA – No Funds

**SECTION 1**

STUDENT NAME: [redacted] SSN: ****-**-[redacted] HS-ID: POTENTIAL AWARD STATUS: FMS

EVALUATION DATE: 2023-09-27 DIPLOMA TYPE: Not Graduated GRADUATION DATE: N/A

| HIGHEST TEST SCORES | MAXIMUM SECTION SCORES | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ACT COMPOSITE: 25 | READING - 28 | MATH - 26 | ENGLISH - 23 | SCIENCE - 24 |
| SAT COMBINED: | READING - | MATH - | | |
| *SAT TESTS:* | *READING -* | *MATH -* | *WRITING -* | |
| PERT SCORES: | READING - | MATH - | WRITING - | |
| CPT SCORES: | READING - | ALGEBRA - | SENTENCE SKILLS - | |

**Note**: Italicized scores are SAT Test Scores that are used for Gold Seal Vocational evaluations.

| | |
|---|---|
| APP (FFAA) SUBMITTED: | NO |
| VOLUNTEER SERVICE: | 156 |
| PAID WORK HOURS: | 0 |
| IB CURRICULUM: | NO |
| IB DIPLOMA: | NO |
| AICE CURRICULUM: | NO |
| AICE DIPLOMA: | NO |
| NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR/ FINALIST: | NO |
| NATIONAL HISPANIC: | NO |
| CAPE CREDITS MET: | NO |

# Example of a Bright Futures Report

CAPE CREDITS MET: NO

**SECTION 2** Credit shown in SECTION 2 reflects the credit reported on the transcript through various means.

**FLORIDA ACADEMIC**

| | |
|---|---|
| EN: | 4.00 |
| MA: | 4.00 |
| SC: | 3.00 |
| FL: | 2.00 |
| SS: | 3.00 |
| TOTAL: | 15.00 |
| QPTS: | 55.50 |
| GPA: | 3.70 |

**MISSING**
TEST SCORES TOO LOW

**FLORIDA MEDALLION**

| | |
|---|---|
| EN: | 4.00 |
| MA: | 4.00 |
| SC: | 3.00 |
| FL: | 2.00 |
| SS: | 3.00 |
| TOTAL: | 15.00 |
| QPTS: | 55.50 |
| GPA: | 3.70 |

**POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE**
FOR FMS

**GOLD SEAL VOCATIONAL**

GSV CREDITS

| | |
|---|---|
| EN: | 4.00 |
| A1: | 1.00 |
| GE: | 1.00 |
| MA: | 2.00 |
| BI: | 1.00 |
| EQ: | 2.00 |
| AG: | 0.50 |
| AH: | 1.00 |
| EC: | 0.50 |
| WH: | 1.00 |
| PE: | 1.00 |
| PF: | 1.00 |
| TOTAL: | 14.00 |
| QPTS: | 52.50 |
| GPA: | 3.75 |

**MISSING**
VOC PROGRAM REQ NOT MET

VOCATIONAL CREDITS IN PROGRAM
(8101100 ARCH DRAFT SEC)

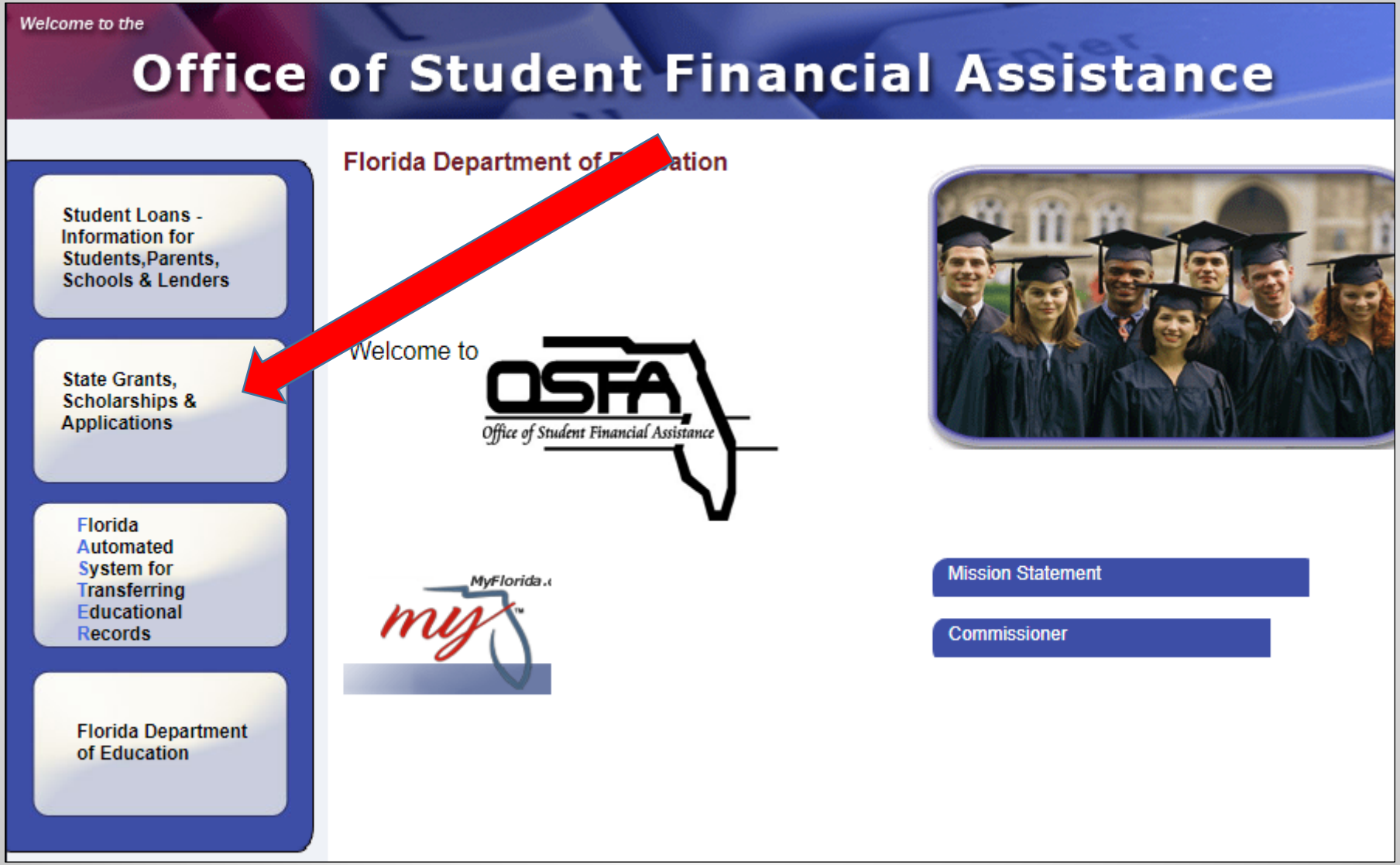
| | |
|---|---|
| TOTAL: | 1.00 |
| QPTS: | 4.00 |
| GPA: | 4.00 |

**MISSING**
VOC PROGRAM REQ NOT MET, 2.00 IN VO

**Please take all your belongings over to a computer.**

**It’s time to complete your Florida Financial Aid Application! (FFAA)**

# Go to www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org



# Click on ‘Create a Student Account’

**Once your Application is complete, this is where you will go to log back in.**

# Complete your Student Profile!
# Follow the cheat sheet!

HOME Login

PROFILE

**Demographic Information**

SSN
FLE ID
First Name
MI
Last Name
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
HS Graduation Date (MM/DD/YYYY)
Gender ◯ Male ◯ Female
Ethnicity ◯ Hispanic ◯ Non-Hispanic
Race --SELECT--

**Contact Information**

Street Address
Apartment
City
State FLORIDA
Zip Code

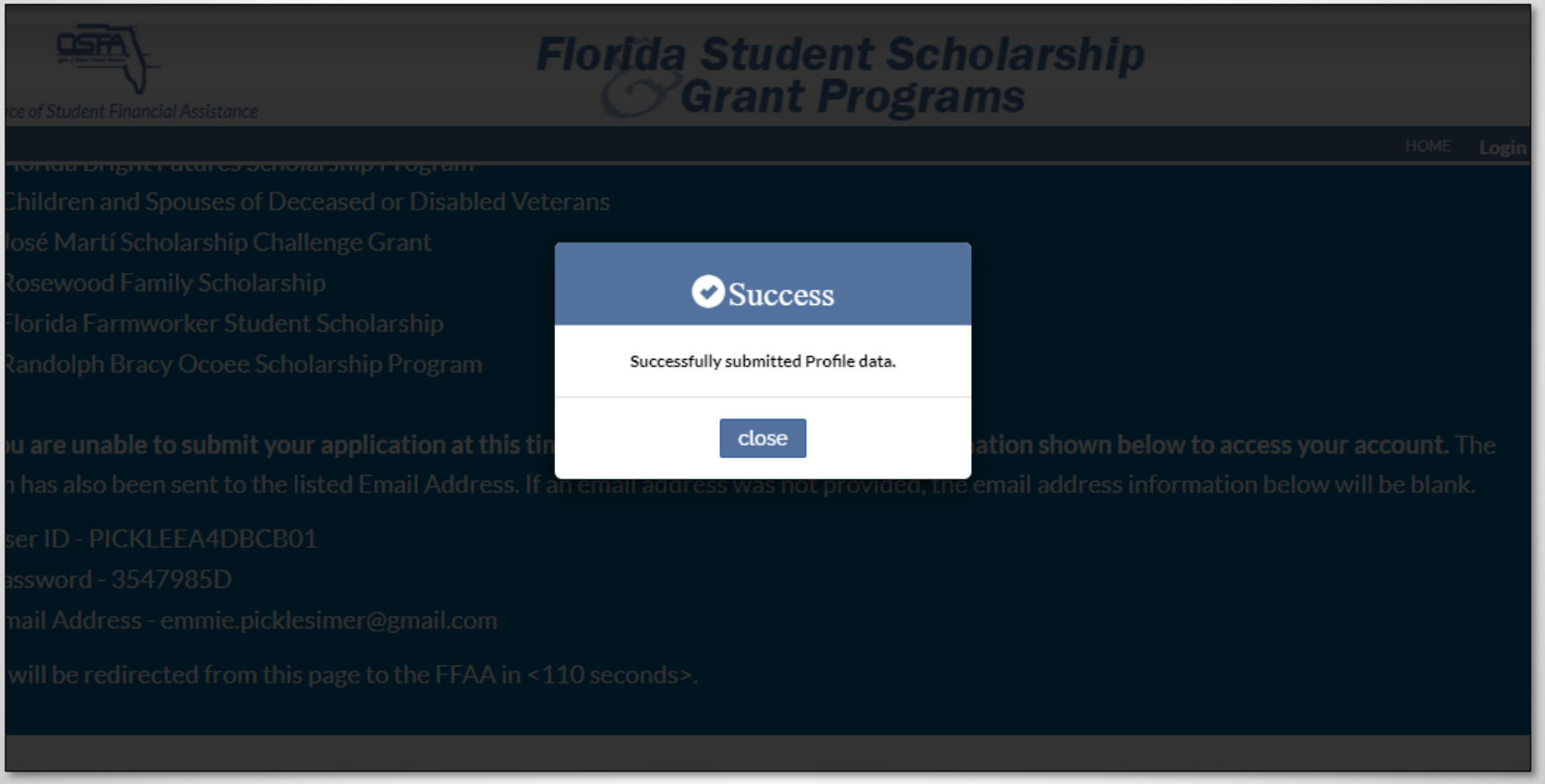
Home Phone Number
Cell Phone Number
Alternate Phone Number
I agree to receive text message alerts from OSFA. ☐

Email Address
Alternate Email Address
No Email Address ☐

Submit

# You will see this screen once you have successfully submitted your Profile Info.

# Next you will complete your Application!



# Once you get to this screen, it is VERY important you follow these steps IN ORDER !

You have successfully completed your profile. To receive an evaluation for any of the programs below, please click here to complete your *Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)*. Scholarship programs included within the FFAA are:

- Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
- Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans
- José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant
- Rosewood Family Scholarship
- Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship
- Randolph Bracy Ocoee Scholarship Program

**AFTER you have taken a picture, then click to continue the**

**#2**

If you are unable to submit your application at this time, please write down the login information shown below to access your account. The login has also been sent to the listed Email Address. If an email address was not provided, the email address information below will be blank.

User ID -

Password -

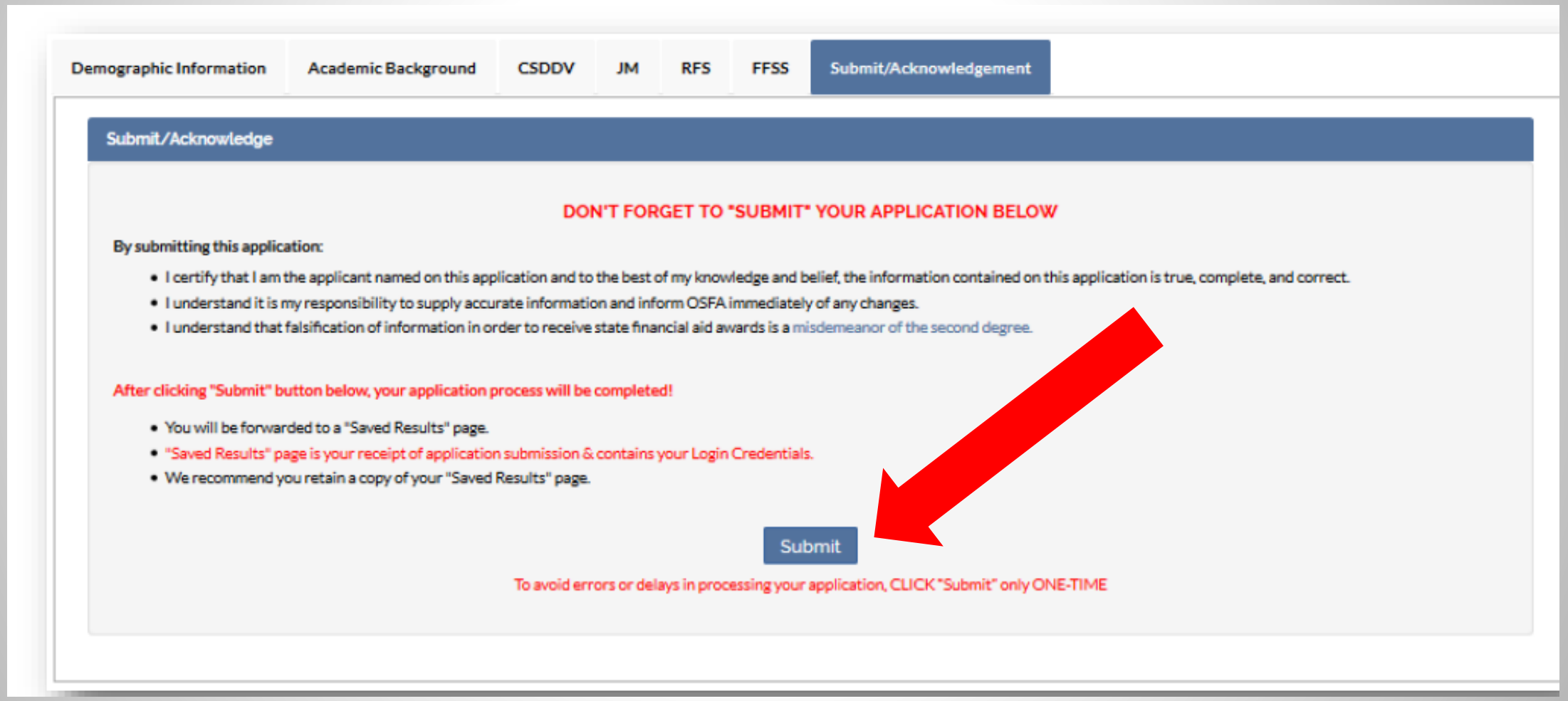
Email Address -

**FIRST, take a picture of your login information or write it down!!!**

**#1**

You will be redirected from this page to the FFAA in <84 seconds>.

# Once you complete your Application, you will see this screen. It is VERY important you click SUBMIT!




**Now you are finished! Go look for Scholarships!**

# For More Information

- Visit www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org
- Contact Customer Service 888-827-2004
- Email OSFA@fldoe.org
- www.FloridaStudentFinancailAid.org/FASTER/
- FSTR@fldoe.org