

# Bartram Trail High School Seniors

## ***Class of 2024***



## Financial Aid & Scholarships

Presented by your school counselors


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# 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!**

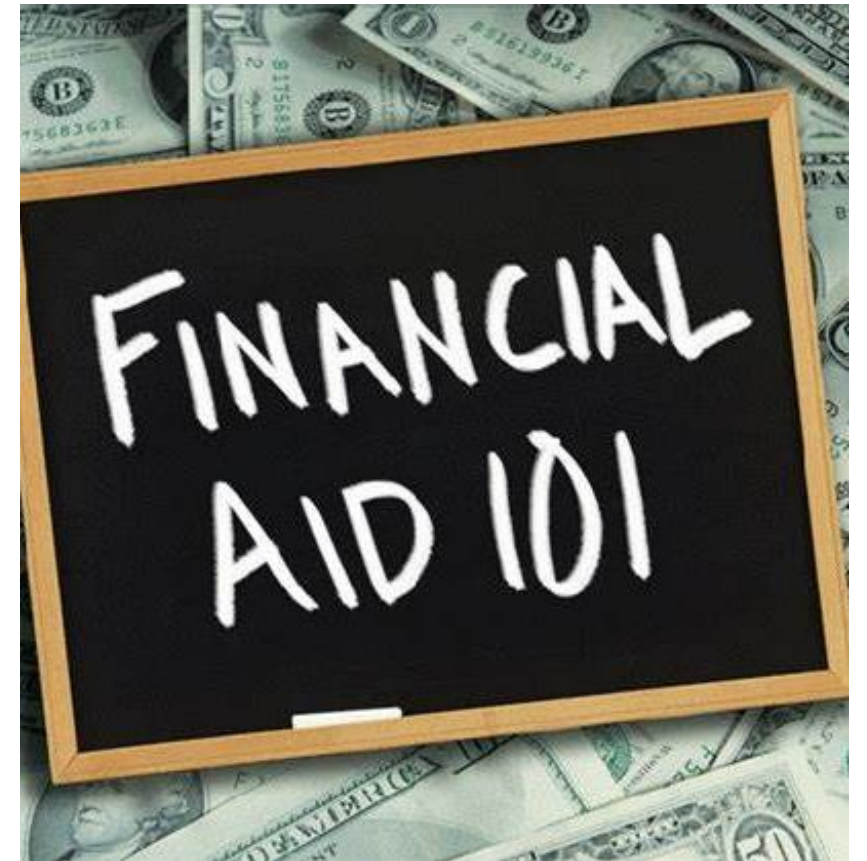
If **NO, I do not!** – NEATLY write your **Student Number** on a Post-it note before we start. A school counselor will try to help.

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# What is Financial Aid ?

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- 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!

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**Federal Student Aid** (FAFSA)

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

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**Institutional Financial Aid** (Colleges)

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**Private Scholarships**

# Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



Who should  
apply?

EVERYONE

When should  
you apply?

**December 1<sup>st</sup>** 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://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

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\*\*](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://relschoollcounseling.weebly.com/resources--frequently-used-documents.html>

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

Type	16 High School Course Credits <sup>1</sup>	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
<b>FAS</b>	4 - English <i>(three must include substantial writing)</i> 4 - Mathematics <i>(at or above the Algebra I level)</i> 3 - Natural Science <i>(two must have substantial laboratory)</i>	3.50	 2023-24 Graduates: 29/96/1340  2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours
<b>FMS</b>	3 - Social Science 2 - World Language <i>(sequential, in same language)</i>	3.00	 2023-24 Graduates: 25/84/1210  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<sup>®</sup> , SAT<sup>®</sup> **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

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- ☐ 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.



# Bright Futures Student Handbook 2023-2024

## Chapter 1: Eligibility

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- ☐ Bright Futures GPA is **NOT** the same as report card GPA.
- ☐ Bright Futures **weights** 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.



# 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.

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## 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

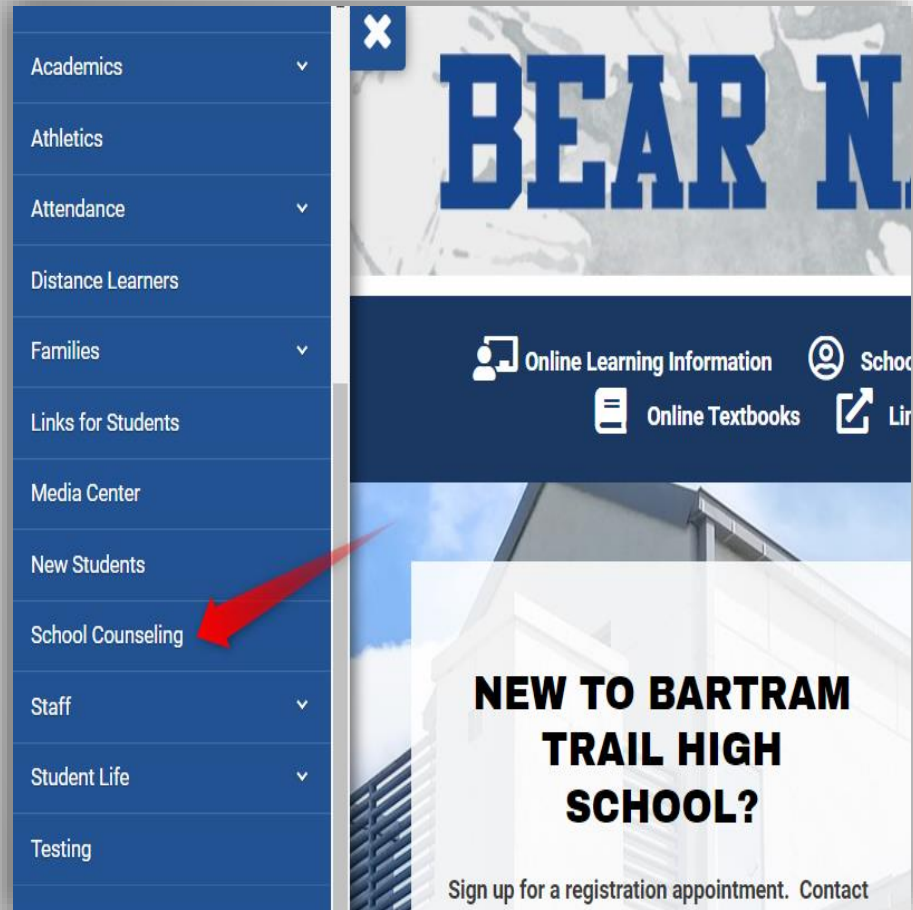
# Beware of Scams!

- **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.

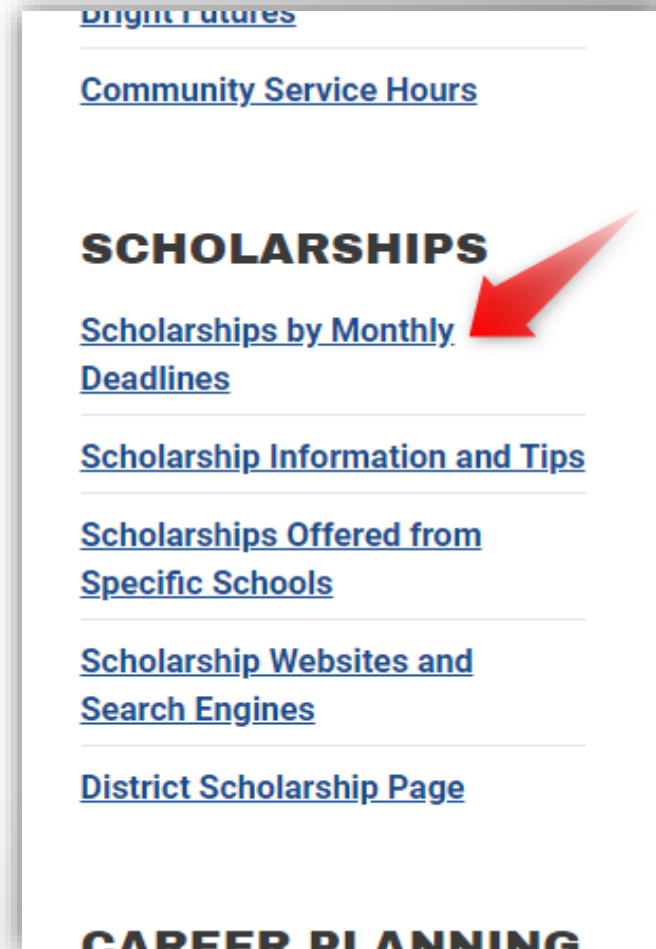


# Scholarships on the School Counseling Webpage

#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](#)

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**DUAL  
ENROLLMENT  
MENU**

[Dual Enrollment Technical](#)

[Dual Enrollment River State](#)

**COLLEGE**

### #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-](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)

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### 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

## BTHS SCHOLARSHIP COUNSELOR

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## DUAL ENROLLMENT MENU

[Dual Enrollment](#)



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

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- 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

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

BARTRAM TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL ( 550411N )  
2024 EARLY EVALUATION SYSTEM

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

### SECTION 1

STUDENT NAME: [REDACTED] SSN: \*\*\*\*-\*\*- [REDACTED] HS-ID: [REDACTED] 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

SECTION 2		Credit shown in SECTION 2 reflects the credit reported on the transcript through various means.		CAPE CREDITS MET:		NO
FLORIDA ACADEMIC		FLORIDA MEDALLION		GOLD SEAL VOCATIONAL		
EN: 4.00		EN: 4.00		GSV CREDITS		
MA: 4.00		MA: 4.00		EN:	4.00	
SC: 3.00		SC: 3.00		A1:	1.00	
FL: 2.00		FL: 2.00		GE:	1.00	
SS: 3.00		SS: 3.00		MA:	2.00	
TOTAL: 15.00		TOTAL: 15.00		BI:	1.00	
QPTS: 55.50		QPTS: 55.50		EQ:	2.00	
GPA: 3.70		GPA: 3.70		AG:	0.50	
MISSING TEST SCORES TOO LOW		POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE FOR FMS		AH:	1.00	
				EC:	0.50	
				WH:	1.00	
				PE:	1.00	
				PF:	1.00	
				VOCATIONAL CREDITS IN PROGRAM (8101100 ARCH DRAFT SEC)		
				TOTAL:	14.00	TOTAL: 1.00
				QPTS:	52.50	QPTS: 4.00
				GPA:	3.75	GPA: 4.00
				MISSING		
				VOC PROGRAM REQ NOT MET		
				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](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org)

Welcome to the

# Office of Student Financial Assistance

Florida Department of Education


Student Loans -  
Information for  
Students, Parents,  
Schools & Lenders

State Grants,  
Scholarships &  
Applications



Florida  
Automated  
System for  
Transferring  
Educational  
Records

Florida Department  
of Education

Welcome to



MyFlorida .org



Mission Statement

Commissioner

# Click on 'Create a Student Account'

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

**OSFA**  
Office of Student Financial Assistance

## Florida Student Scholarship & Grant Programs

[Login](#) ▼

**GRADUATES**  
NEXT EXIT ↗

### First-Time Applicants

Students must submit a completed Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) to OSFA for programs denoted by an asterisk (\*). In order to apply for State Scholarship & Grant Programs, a student must first [Create a Student Account](#). After logging into your account, you may proceed to complete the FFAA.

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Access to Be  
Acquisto  
Bright Future  
Effective Acc  
First Generation Matching Grant  
Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship  
Florida Student Assistance Grant

Enter Username  
Enter Password  
LOGIN  
[Forgot UserID?](#) | [Forgot Password?](#)  
[Create Student Account](#)

# 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 CSFA. ☐

Email Address

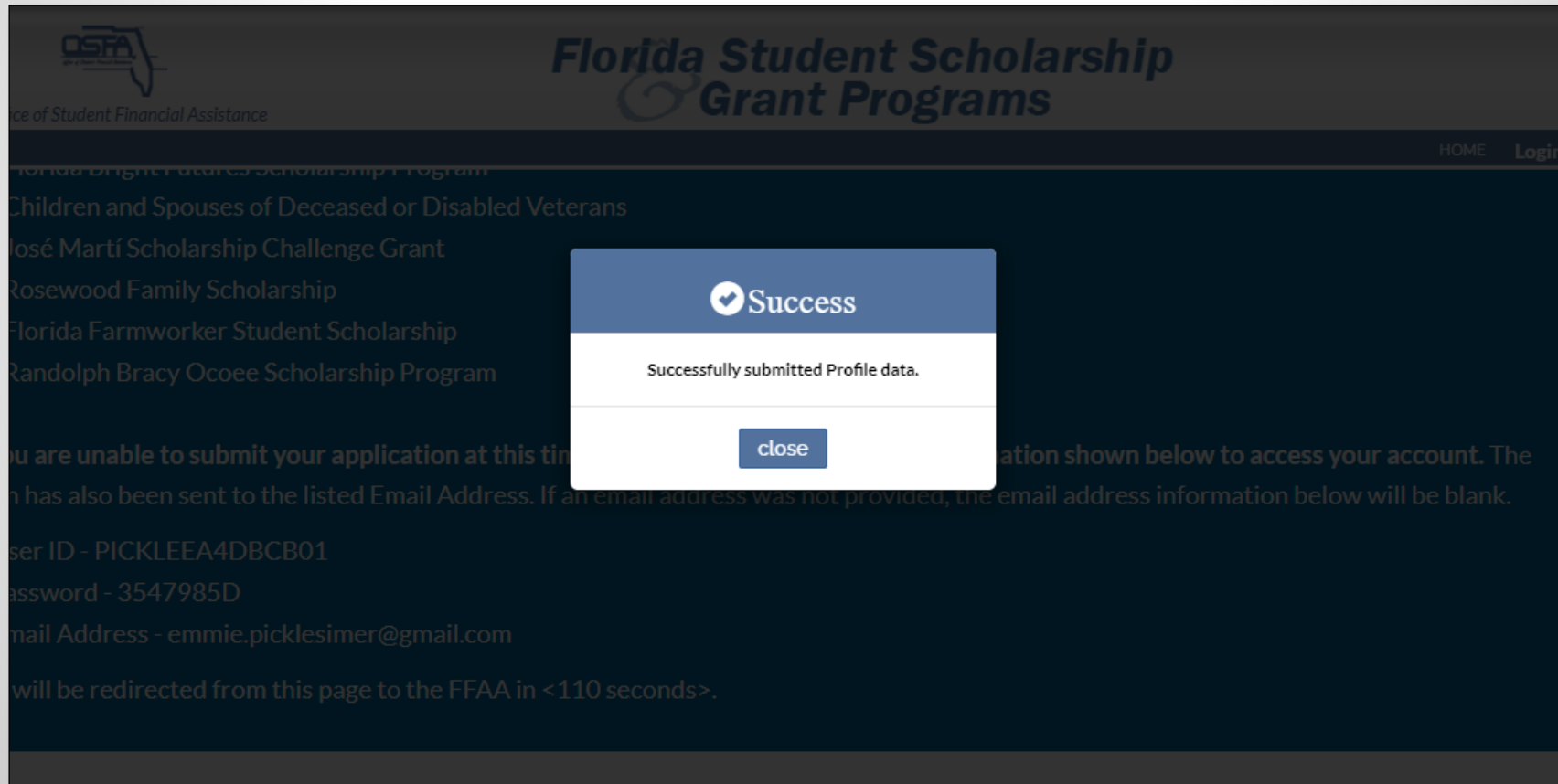
Alternate Email Address

No Email Address

☐

Submit

**You will see this screen once you have  
successfully submitted your Profile Info.  
Next you will complete your Application!**




The screenshot displays the Florida Student Scholarship Grant Programs website. At the top, the logo for the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) is visible on the left, and the text "Florida Student Scholarship Grant Programs" is centered. To the right of the header, there are links for "HOME" and "Login". Below the header, a list of scholarship programs is shown on the left side, including "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", and "Randolph Bracy Ocoee Scholarship Program". In the center of the page, a white modal box with a blue header contains a checkmark icon and the word "Success". Below this, the text "Successfully submitted Profile data." is displayed. At the bottom of the modal box is a blue button labeled "close". The background of the page is dark blue with white text. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer section with the following text: "You are unable to submit your application at this time. Information shown below to access your account. The information 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 - PICKLEEA4DBC01 Password - 3547985D Email Address - emmie.picklesimer@gmail.com You will be redirected from this page to the FFAA in <110 seconds>."

# 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 -



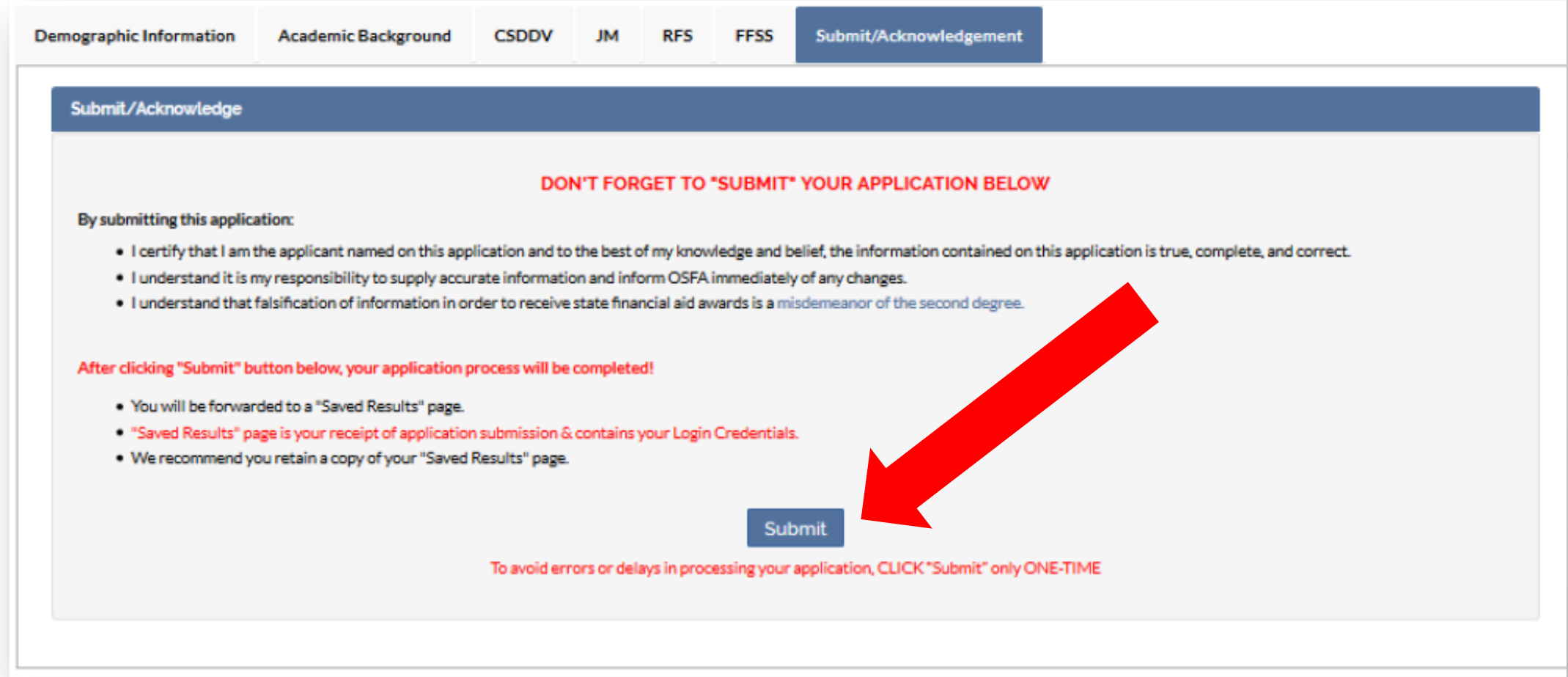
**FIRST**, take a picture of your login  
information or write it down!!!

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

**#1**



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



The screenshot shows a web application interface with a top navigation bar containing tabs: Demographic Information, Academic Background, CSDDV, JM, RFS, FFSS, and Submit/Acknowledgement. The 'Submit/Acknowledgement' tab is active. Below the navigation bar is a header section titled 'Submit/Acknowledge'. The main content area has a red warning message: 'DON'T FORGET TO "SUBMIT" YOUR APPLICATION BELOW'. It then lists the terms of submission under the heading 'By submitting this application:'. Below this, it states 'After clicking "Submit" button below, your application process will be completed!' and lists the next steps. A large red arrow points to a blue 'Submit' button. At the bottom, a red note says 'To avoid errors or delays in processing your application, CLICK "Submit" only ONE-TIME'.

Demographic Information Academic Background CSDDV JM RFS FFSS Submit/Acknowledgement

**Submit/Acknowledge**

**DON'T FORGET TO "SUBMIT" YOUR APPLICATION BELOW**

By submitting this application:

- I certify that I am the applicant named on this application and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contained on this application is true, complete, and correct.
- I understand it is my responsibility to supply accurate information and inform OSFA immediately of any changes.
- I understand that falsification of information in order to receive state financial aid awards is a misdemeanor of the second degree.

After clicking "Submit" button below, your application process will be completed!

- You will be forwarded to a "Saved Results" page.
- "Saved Results" page is your receipt of application submission & contains your Login Credentials.
- We recommend you retain a copy of your "Saved Results" page.

**Submit**

To avoid errors or delays in processing your application, CLICK "Submit" only ONE-TIME

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





## For More Information

- Visit [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org)
  - Contact Customer Service 888-827-2004
  - Email [OSFA@fldoe.org](mailto:OSFA@fldoe.org)
  - [www.FloridaStudentFinancailAid.org/FASTER/](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancailAid.org/FASTER/)
  - [FSTR@fldoe.org](mailto:FSTR@fldoe.org)
-