

Bartram Trail High School Seniors

Class of 2025



Financial Aid & Scholarships

Presented by your school counselors

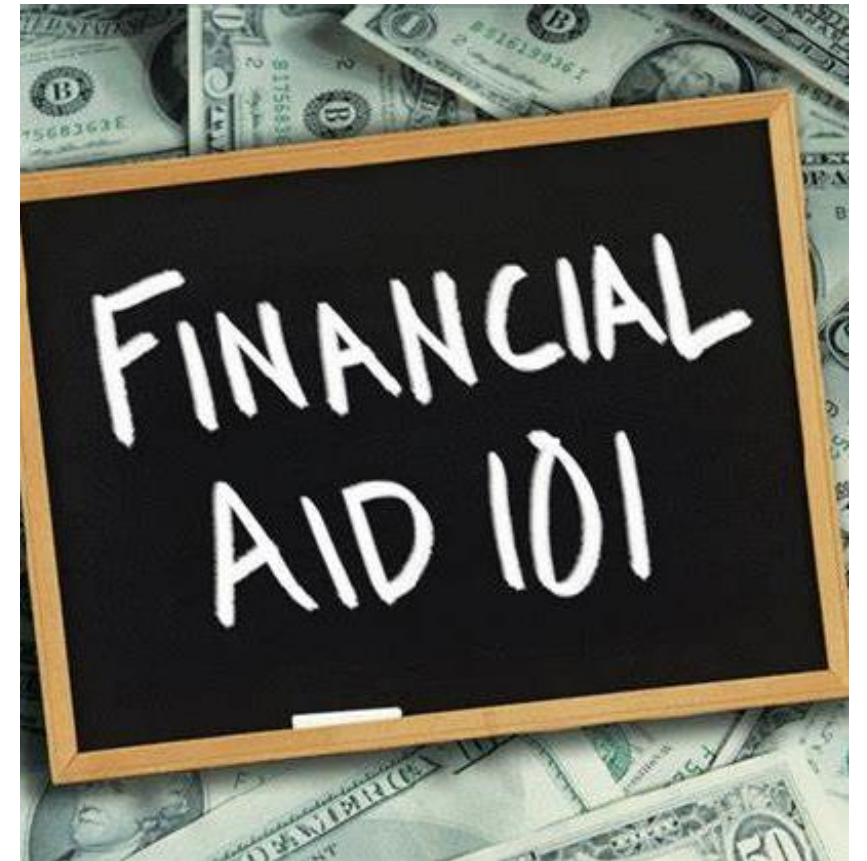
What is Financial Aid ?

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
- Room & Board
- Books
- Supplies
- Transportation



There are
FOUR
ways to get
Financial Aid
for College

Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Florida Financial Aid (Bright Futures, etc.)

Institutional Financial Aid (Colleges)

Private Scholarships

Federal Aid

FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid



Who should apply?

EVERYONE – regardless of your parents' income; many colleges require a FAFSA to be on file to receive a Scholarship.

When should you apply?

December 1st of your senior year AND every year after that while enrolled in college; remember this money is **FIRST COME FIRST SERVED**

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, W-2 forms, social security number, driver's license and FSA ID

How do you apply?

Go to: <https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/fafsa-free-application-for-federal-student-aid/> for direct access to the application, instructions on how to create your FSA ID, complete the application and tips & resources.

For help completing the
FAFSA, attend one of the
free **FAFSA Frenzy**
events at
**St. Johns River State
College.**

Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

<https://www.sjrstate.edu/fafsafrenzy>

FAFSA FRENZY

Don't let finances be a barrier!

Each year, millions of financial aid dollars go unclaimed. This event provides qualified students with assistance in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is the first and most important step in applying for financial aid. Potential students who intend to enroll in college during the 2025-2026 academic year can increase their chances of receiving financial aid by applying early and meeting deadlines.

Attend our October information sessions and learn how to complete the FAFSA. And, learn more about SJR State Foundation scholarships!

Join us to learn more
about the FAFSA!

Monday, November 18, 2024
Palatka Campus
T Building
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 19, 2024
Orange Park Campus
Viking Center
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 21, 2024
St. Augustine Campus
H Building
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Last session begins at 6:30 p.m.

SJRstate.edu



The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be available at StudentAid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa.



For details, scan the QR code or visit SJRstate.edu/fafsafrenzy.

Florida Financial Aid

Bright Futures

Who should apply?

- EVERYONE

When should you apply?

- Application opens **October 1st**
- This money is **NOT** first come first served!

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>

What if I plan to attend college out of state?

- That's great!
- If you apply and qualify during your Senior year, the scholarship money is available for up to **FIVE years!**
- A lot can happen in FIVE years!
- So, we highly encourage Seniors to apply today and try to meet the requirements!

What if I already have FL Prepaid or another scholarship?

- That's great!
- You cannot have too many scholarships!
- Once you decide on which college you plan to attend, all of your scholarship money will go into your school's financial aid account.
- Your scholarship money will be applied towards your tuition, room & board, books, etc.
- Any extra money will be given **BACK TO YOU!** You can use that money for gas, a car payment, clothes, etc.

Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) Award – 100% paid Tuition
 and
 Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) Award – 75% paid Tuition

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 <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	2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340 2025-26 Graduates: 29/95/1330	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours
FMS	3 - Social Science 2 - Foreign/World Language <i>(sequential, in same language)</i>	3.00	2024-25 Graduates: 25/84/1210 2025-26 Graduates: 24/82/1190	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours

This is NOT your Bartram GPA!

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

You must send your test scores to a FL public College/University.

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.
- 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® (March 1, 2024, and thereafter)	Critical Reading or Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	490
	Mathematics	480
SAT® (Prior to March 1, 2024)	Reading Test	24
	Writing and Language Test	25
	Math Test	24
PERT (Only applies to the GSV Scholarship)	Reading	106
	Writing	103
	Mathematics	114

You only need **one** of these test scores and you must send your ACT/SAT scores to a FL public College/University.

Bright Futures Student Handbook 2024-2025

Chapter 1: Eligibility

- You must **APPLY** for the scholarship by submitting the Florida Financial Aid Application. We are doing this today!
- Your Bright Futures Scholarship will renew automatically each year if you **maintain** the required GPA and credit hours.
- If you are planning to apply for Bright Futures, you should be accumulating **community service/work hours** and turning them in to the Guidance desk. Do not wait! Hours must be turned in before Graduation Day!
- You must submit the Volunteer Service Plan sheet with your hours. This form is on Ms. Richard's desk in Guidance.
- If possible, you should try to meet all Bright Futures requirements by the end of the **first** semester.



Bright Futures Student Handbook 2024-2025

Chapter 1: Eligibility

- ❑ Remember, your Bright Futures GPA is **NOT** the same as your Bartram GPA.
- ❑ Bright Futures **weighs** honors, AP, and dual enrollment classes **equally** with 0.5 per credit earned – NOT 1.0 weight
- ❑ Bright Futures will 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 2025**, to qualify for the Bright Futures test requirement.



Institutional Financial Aid



Who should apply?

- EVERYONE! Talk to the college/university financial aid office to determine what programs for which you qualify. This is **FIRST COME FIRST SERVED!**

When should you apply?

- EARLY! 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
October 1st
through April 1st.



Go TO: <https://sjrstate.edu/scholarships>

Foundation

SCHOLARSHIPS

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

We accept scholarships from October 1 - April 1.

Scholarship recipients must:

- Complete the scholarship application.
- 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 scholarship application now open.

[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?

Complete the scholarship application,
your transcript (use Parchment), essay,
and possibly a resume of activities and
SAT/ACT test scores.

How do you find scholarships?

Lots of places!

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

Scholarship Tips

- Scholarships are available **NOW!**
- Apply to EVERY scholarship for which you are eligible.
- Make a list of deadlines and don't miss them!
- Review your social media accounts and **remove** inappropriate material.
- Create a dedicated scholarship email address: FirstName.LastName@gmail.com and make sure it's appropriate.

Scholarship Essay Tips

- Follow directions – use accurate word count and font size, make sure to follow the requirements.
- Focus on the topic - answer the question that is being asked, stick to the prompt and try approaching the topic in a creative way.
- Proofread and edit your work - be clear, concise, and correct any errors.
- Get feedback - ask a teacher or family member to read your essay and provide feedback.
- Essays can often be reused and tailored for each new scholarship.

You can search **Google**, just beware of Scams!

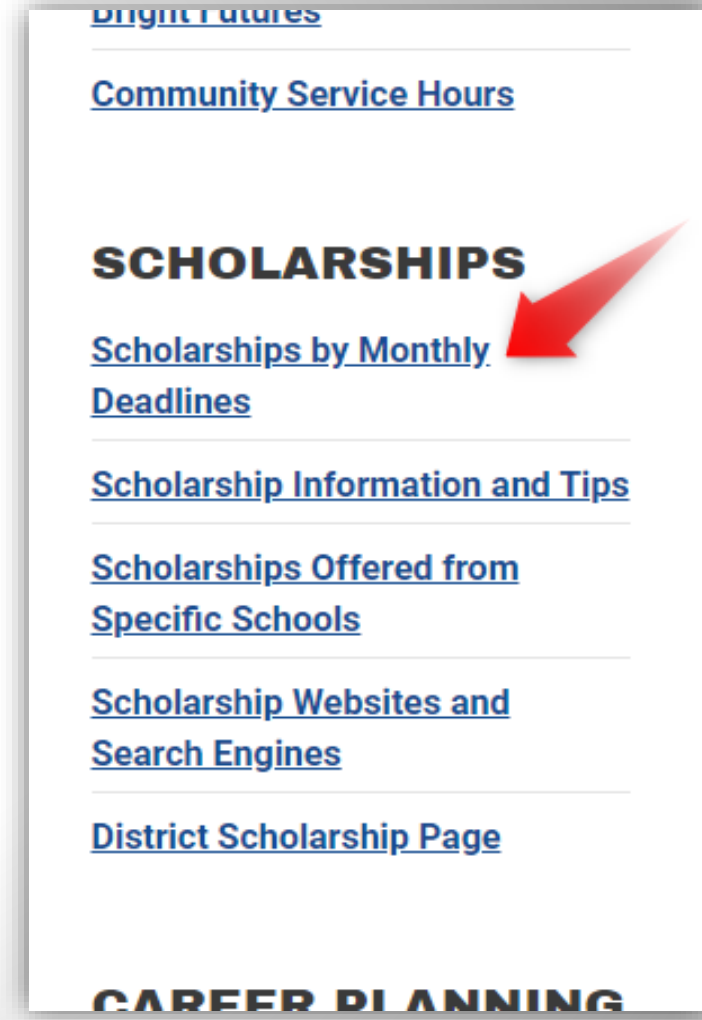
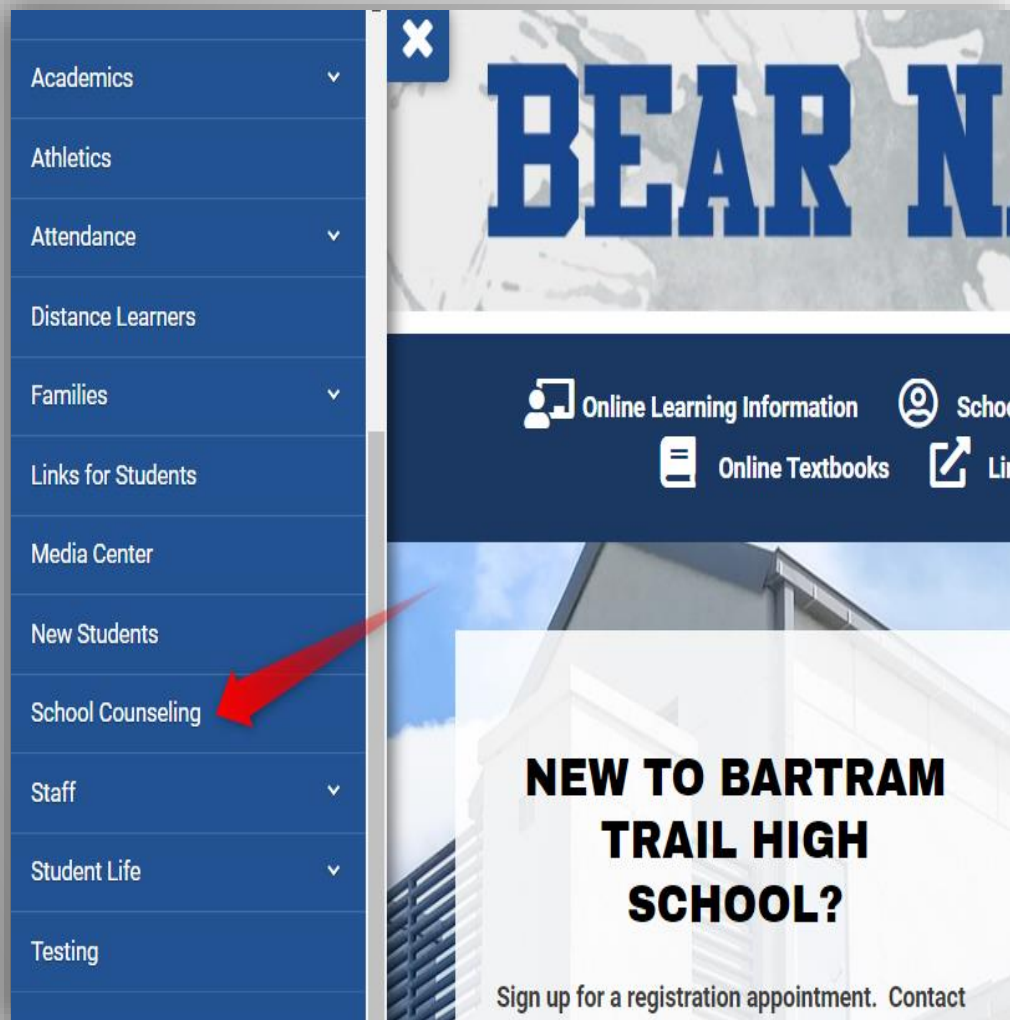
- **NEVER** pay for scholarships or searches.
- **Feel too good to be true? It probably is! Do more research!**
- **Trust your instincts.**
- **Scholarships are gifts; they never have to be repaid.**
- **Never give out bank account, credit card, or social security information.**



Scholarships on the School Counseling Webpage

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

#2 - Scroll down to Scholarships, then click on Monthly Deadlines



#3 - Click on Month you want

SCHOLARSHIPS BY MONTHLY DEADLINES

Click each link below to see various Scholarships and their monthly deadlines!

August Deadlines

September Deadlines

October Deadlines

November Deadlines

December Deadlines

January Deadlines

February Deadlines

March Deadlines

April Deadlines

May Deadlines

June Deadlines

#4 - Click on Scholarship links

OCTOBER SCHOLARSHIPS

St. Johns River State College Scholarships – OPEN NOW!

Deadline: April 1, 2025

<http://sjrstate.edu/scholarships.html>

Be Bold Scholarship

<https://bold.org/scholarships/the-be-bold-no-essay-scholarship/>

Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair

[Jacksonville Agricultural Fair Scholarship Info](#)

Niche Scholarship

<https://bold.org/scholarships/the-be-bold-no-essay-scholarship/>

6th Annual Epic Flight Academy Aviation Scholarship

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

<https://www.nshss.org/scholarships/s/nshss-creative-writing-scholarship/>

AES Engineering Scholarship

<http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.php>

Community College or Trade School Scholarship

<https://www.nshss.org/scholarships/s/nshss-community-college-or-trade-school-scholarship/>

Jacques Borges Memorial Scholarship – for students of Haitian descent

<https://bold.org/scholarships/jacques-borges-memorial-scholarship/>

NSHSS Performing Arts: Dance Scholarship

<https://www.nshss.org/scholarships/s/nshss-performing-arts-dance-scholarship/>

**If you have issues or further questions specific to the application,
please contact the Office of Student Financial Aid.**



For More Information

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

**Let's look at an
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 EAR - 10a Error

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 -

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

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

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	

GSA CREDITS			
EN: 4.00	EN: 4.00	EN: 4.00	
MA: 4.00	MA: 4.00	A1: 1.00	
SC: 3.00	SC: 3.00	GE: 1.00	
FL: 2.00	FL: 2.00	MA: 2.00	
SS: 3.00	SS: 3.00	BI: 1.00	

TOTAL: 15.00	TOTAL: 15.00	EQ: 2.00	
QPTS: 55.50	QPTS: 55.50	AG: 0.50	
GPA: 3.70	GPA: 3.70	AH: 1.00	

MISSING TEST SCORES TOO LOW		VOCATIONAL CREDITS IN PROGRAM (8101100 ARCH DRAFT SEC)	
POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE FOR FMS		TOTAL: 1.00	
		QPTS: 4.00	
		GPA: 4.00	

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

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

- ❖ See your school counselor if there are any errors on your transcript.
- ❖ Review your Bright Futures Report.
- ❖ Take note of what is “Missing” to qualify for each award.
- ❖ Take steps to improve your Bright Futures GPA if it is borderline. Finish any FLVS or Edmentum courses ASAP!
- ❖ Take or re-take ACT-CLT-SAT and report your scores to a Florida school. Remember Bright Futures super-scores your tests.
- ❖ Try to submit any remaining service/work hours by winter break.



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



- There are **TWO** sections to complete on the Bright Futures Application: first your **STUDENT ACCOUNT** and then the **APPLICATION**
- Use the **CHEAT SHEET** we gave you! 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! Turn your directions **OVER** to complete the Application.
- If you finish early, look for **SCHOLARSHIPS** on the School Counseling webpage – Scholarships by monthly deadlines!

Go to the Bartram Trail webpage

The screenshot shows the homepage of Bartram Trail High School. At the top left is the school's logo, a bear's head, with the text "BARTRAM TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL" below it. To the right of the logo are icons for "HAC", "Calendar", and "Payments". Below these is a search bar labeled "Search this website". A navigation menu on the left lists: "About our School", "Academics", "Athletics", "Attendance", "Families", and "Clever - Links for Students". The main header area features a large "BEAR NATION" banner with a bear logo. Below the banner is a "NEW TO BARTRAM TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL?" section and an "ANNOUNCEMENTS" section with a link for "Senior Information". A notification box at the top right says "Students use Clever to access Schoology, Office 365, and other links for students. For online textbooks, students in grades 9-12 use Schoology." and includes buttons for "Open Clever" and "Schoology for Families".

Go to the School Counseling link

This screenshot shows a navigation menu on the left side of the website. The menu items are: "Academics", "Athletics", "Attendance", "Distance Learners", "Families", "Links for Students", "Media Center", "New Students", "School Counseling", "Staff", and "Student Life". A red arrow points to the "School Counseling" link. The background of the page shows the "BEAR NATION" banner and the "NEW TO BARTRAM TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL?" section. In the top right corner, there are links for "Online Learning Information", "Online Textbooks", and "School Counseling".

Scroll Down to the Financial Aid category and click on the Bright Futures link

[Private Colleges and Universities of Florida](#)

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Go to the School Counseling link

BRIGHT FUTURES



[Bright Futures Application – Office of Student Financial Aid](#)

[Senior Financial Aid PowerPoint](#)

[Bright Futures Handout 2024-2025](#)

[Bright Futures Eligibility – Chapter 1 Handbook](#)

[Navigating Your Financial Future](#)

[OSFA – Bright Futures Information](#)

[Bright Futures Now That You Are Eligible – Chapter 2 Handbook](#)

[Bright Futures Evaluation Key](#)

[Community Service Information](#)

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Click on the 2nd box: State Grants, Scholarships & Applications link

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



Mission Statement

Commissioner



Click on the link '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](#)

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Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship

Florida Student Assistance Grant

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.

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	<input type="text"/>	FLE ID	<input type="text"/>	Last Name	<input type="text"/>
First Name	<input type="text"/>	MI	<input type="text"/>	Gender	<input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	<input type="text"/>	HS Graduation Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	<input type="text"/>		
Ethnicity	<input type="radio"/> Hispanic <input type="radio"/> Non-Hispanic	Race	<input type="text" value="--SELECT--"/>		

Contact Information

Street Address	<input type="text"/>	Apartment	<input type="text"/>	City	<input type="text"/>
State	<input type="text" value="FLORIDA"/>	Zip Code	<input type="text"/>		

Home Phone Number	<input type="text"/>	Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Cell Phone Number	<input type="text"/>	Alternate Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Alternate Phone Number	<input type="text"/>	No Email Address	<input type="checkbox"/>

I agree to receive text message alerts from OSFA.

Submit

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>.

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 left is the OSFA logo (Office of Student Financial Assistance). The main header reads "Florida Student Scholarship Grant Programs". On the right side of the header, there are links for "HOME" and "Login". A list of scholarship programs is visible on the left, 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". A central modal window with a blue header and white body displays a "Success" message: "Successfully submitted Profile data." with a "close" button. Below the modal, there is a message: "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." Below this message, the following information is displayed: "User ID - PICKLEEA4DBC01", "Password - 3547985D", and "Email Address - emmie.picklesimer@gmail.com". At the bottom, a message states: "You will be redirected from this page to the FFAA in <110 seconds>."

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

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! Now go look for Scholarships!