# Bartram Trail High School Seniors Class of 2026



## 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?	October 1 <sup>st</sup> 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	Go to: https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/fafsa-free-

apply?



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



### 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 2026-2027 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!

#### Tuesday, October 7

Palatka Campus Viking Center 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday, October 14

Orange Park Campus Viking Center 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday, October 21

St. Augustine Campus H Building 5:00 p.m. - 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 1<sup>st</sup>
- 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 <a href="http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/">http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/</a>
- Helpful hints guide located here: http://relschoolcounseling.weebly.com/resources--frequently-used-documents.html

## What if I plan to attend college out of state?

- 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?

- 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 financial aid account at the college.
- 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













	Туре	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
	FAS	4 - English (three must include substantial writing)  4 - Mathematics (at or above the Algebra I level)  3 - Natural Science	3.50	2025-26 Graduates <sup>2</sup> : 29/95/1330 2026-27 Graduates <sup>3</sup> : 29/95/1330	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours
•	FMS	(two must have substantial laboratory) 3 - Social Science 2 - Foreign/World Language (sequential, in same language)	3.00	2025-26 Graduates <sup>2</sup> : 24/82/1190 2026-27 Graduates <sup>3</sup> : 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: Career Certificate Program, Applied Technology Diploma Program, Technical Degree Education Program,
Bachelors of Science of Bachelors of Applied Science degree

### 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.
- Achieve the required minimum score on one of the college entrance exams per the chart no later than August 31 of the year the student graduates from high school.

## Florida Gold Seal Vocational (GSV) Award Testing Requirements

Exam Type	Sub-test	Required Score	
	Reading	19	
ACT®	English	17	
	Mathematics	19	
SAT® (March 1, 2024, and thereafter)	Critical Reading or Evidence- Based Reading and Writing	490	
(	Mathematics	480	
	Reading Test	24	
SAT®	Writing and Language Test	25	
(Prior to March 1, 2024)	Math Test	24	
DED'T	Reading	106	
PERT (Only applies to the GSV Scholarship)	Writing	103	
(Only appaies to the GSV Scholarship)	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 2025-2026**

## 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 2025-2026**

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 2026**, 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: <a href="https://sjrstate.edu/scholarships">https://sjrstate.edu/scholarships</a>

### **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

<u>Apply Now!</u>

## Private Scholarships

Who should apply? **EVERYONE** 

When should you apply?

**NOW** and continue searching For scholarships even when you're in college.

# Remember... you cannot get too many scholarships!

## 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: <u>FirstName.LastName@gmail.com</u> 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.

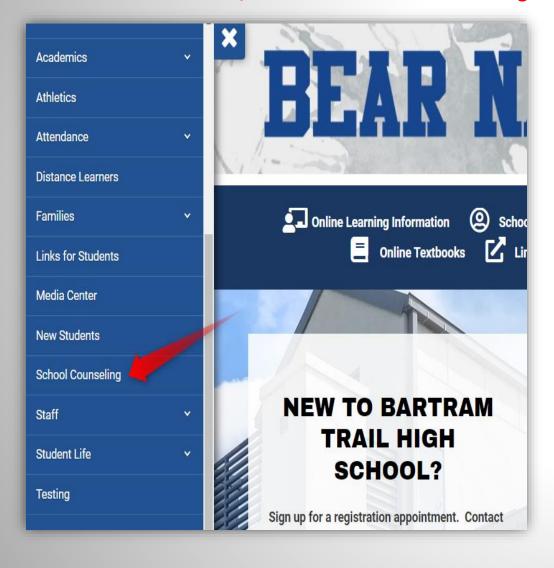
## You can search Google, just beware of Scams!

- 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.

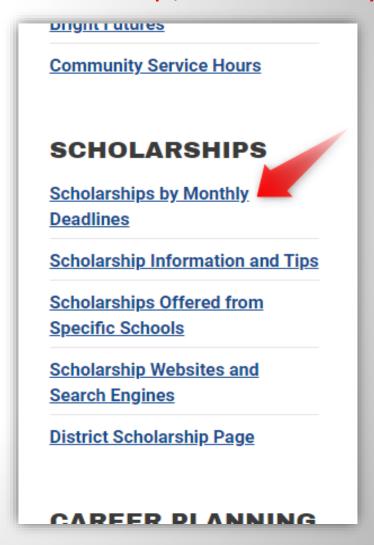


## Scholarships on the School Counseling Webpage

#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 January Deadlines December Deadlines February Deadlines March Deadlines May Deadlines April 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+8chool+Educators&utm\_campaign=9ad80a9156-EMAIL\_CAMPAIGN\_2018\_10\_15\_03\_39\_COPY\_01&utm\_medium=email&utm\_term=0\_e17a7bc57c-9ad80a9156-90837999

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-schoolscholarship/

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/

## Please look at the three papers in the folder on your desk.



- > 4 Types of Financial Aid
- Navigating Your Financial Future
- Bright Futures Information
- Bright Futures Evaluation Key
- >SAT, ACT and CLT Information

Take this home!

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



## For More Information

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

## 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

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### BARTRAM TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL (550411N)

2024 EARLY EVALUATION SYSTEM

Submit a Florida l'inancial Alti Application (FFAA) no fater than August 31 of your graduation year.

No EEAA - No Europe

### SECTION 1

STUDENT NAME:

SSN: \*\*\*\*-\*\*-

HS-ID:

POTENTIAL AWARD STATUS: FMS

EVALUATION DATE: 2023-09-27

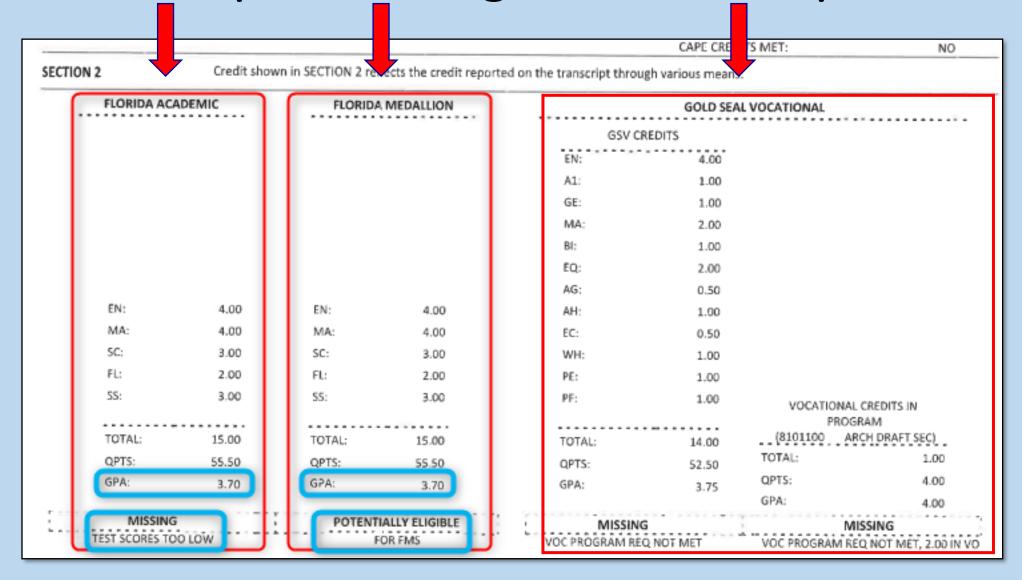
DIPLOMA TYPE: Not Graduated

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 -	- HTAM	WRITING -		
CPT SCORES:	READING -	ALGEBRA -	SENTENCE SKILLS -		
Note: Italicized scores are	SAT Test Scores than	t are used for Go	old Seal Vocational eval	uations.	

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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



# 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.

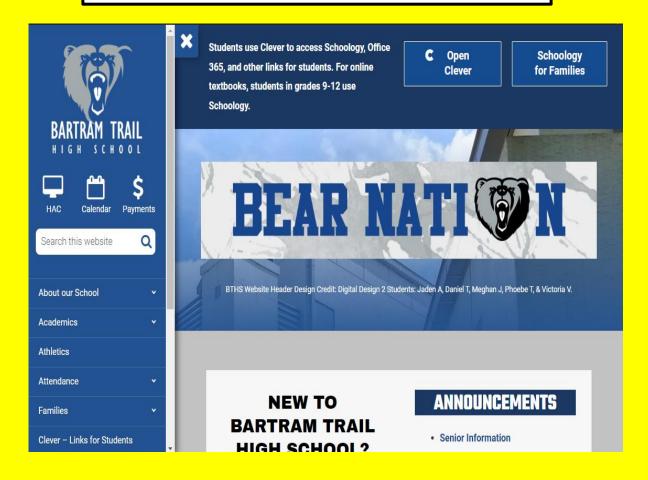


In just a minute, you are going to complete your Florida Financial Aid Application, but FIRST please listen to these directions!

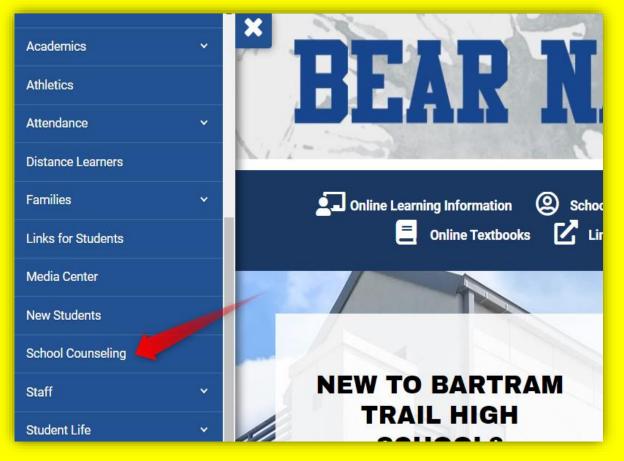


- There are **TWO** sections to complete on the Bright Futures Application: first your STUDENT ACCOUNT and then the APPLICATION
- Use the CHEAT SHEET we gave you! It has TWO sides!!
- Make sure your full name, email address and SSN are entered correctly.
- When you get to the BLUE SCREEN, take a picture 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.
- Question about AP Capstone The answer is 'No' unless you have taken AP Seminar, AP Research and two
  more AP courses.
- If you finish early, look for SCHOLARSHIPS on the School Counseling webpage Scholarships by monthly deadlines!

## Go to the Bartram Trail webpage



## Go to the School Counseling link



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

Private Colleges and Universities of Florida FINANCIAL AID Financial Aid FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid **Bright Futures Community Service Hours SCHOLARSHIPS** Scholarships by Monthly Deadlines Scholarship Information and Tips Scholarships Offered from Specific Schools

## 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** 

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
			2024 25 C 3			

### Click on the 2<sup>nd</sup> box: State Grants, Scholarships & Applications link

Welcome to the

## Office of Student Financial Assistance

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

State Grants, Scholarships & Applications

Florida Automated System for Transferring Educational Records

Florida Department of Education

Florida Department of Education







Mission Statement

Commissioner

## Click on the link 'Create a Student Account'



## Florida Student Scholarship Grant Programs

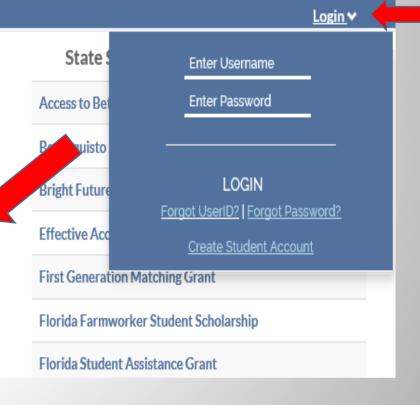
Once your Application is complete, this is where you will go to log back in.



### 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 <u>Create a Student Account</u>.

After logging into your account, you may proceed to complete the FFAA.



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

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		PROI	FILE		
Demographic Information					
SSN		FLEID			
First Name		MI		Last Name	
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	<b>m</b>	HS Graduation Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	m	Gender	○ Male ○ Female
Ethnicity	○ Hispanic ○ Non-Hispanic	Race	SELECT V		
Street Address State	FLORIDA	Apartment Zip Code		City	
Home Phone Number			Email Address		
Cell Phone Number	-		Alternate Email Address		
Alternate Phone Number	er seive text message alerts from OSFA.	1	No Email Address		
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		Sub	mit		

## 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, <u>please click here to complete your Florida</u>

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 -

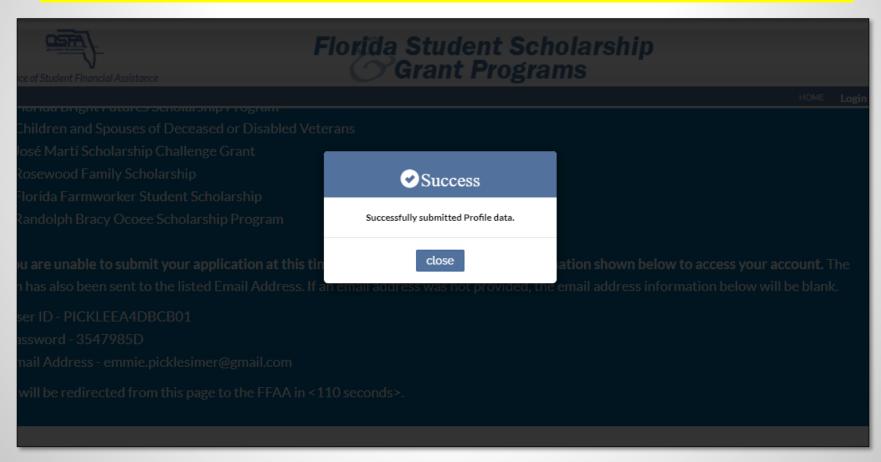
Email Address -

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

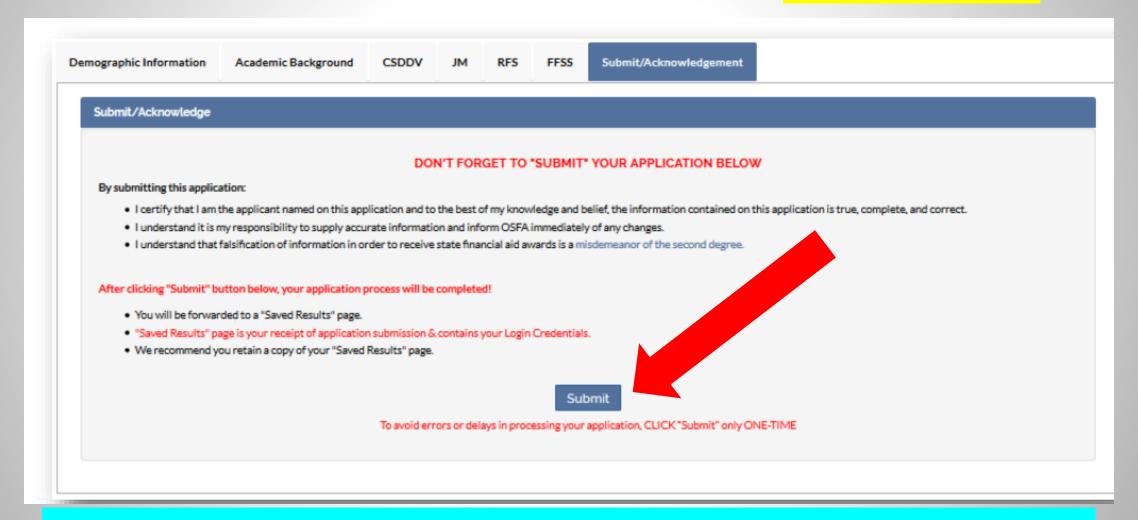
You will be redirected from this page to the FFAA in <84 seconds>.

#1

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



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



Now you are finished! Now go look for Scholarships!