

NAVIGATING YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE



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Florida Students

The following are critical resources for planning your financial future:

- [FAFSA.GOV](https://fafsa.gov) Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to apply for federal student aid such as federal grants, work-study, and loans. Completing and submitting the FAFSA is free and easy. FAFSA gives you access to the largest source of financial aid to pay for college or career. Current high school seniors can apply as early as October 1, 2018.
- [FAFSA4Caster](https://fafsa4caster.org) FAFSA4Caster will help you understand your options for paying for college. FAFSA4Caster provides some basic information and will estimate your eligibility for federal student aid.
- [FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org](https://floridastudentfinancialaid.org) The Florida Department of Education (FDOE), Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA), administers a variety of state-funded scholarship and grant programs to assist Florida residents with the cost of their postsecondary education. Current high school seniors may complete the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) as early as October 1, 2018.
- [Collegescorecard.ed.gov](https://collegescorecard.ed.gov) CollegeScoreCard will compare colleges using the College Scorecard.



2018-2019 Graduating Seniors Need to Know

View information about the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program at the following link,
<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/bfmain.htm>

The Bright Futures Student Handbook is divided into short chapters to explain information about Bright Futures:

Chapter 1: Initial Eligibility Requirements, includes:

- Requirements for Scholarship Types (FAS, FMS, GSC, and GSV), and
- Non-Traditional Students (Home-Educated, GED, Out-of-State, Mid-Year).

Chapter 2: Scholarship Information, includes:

- Length of the Scholarship Award,
- Award Amounts, and
- Transferring the Scholarship between Institutions.

Important Dates

Applications open October 1, 2018:

- **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** Begin now by creating your FSA ID and Password at the following link, <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>.
- **Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)** Meet with your high school counselor to discuss your progress towards meeting Bright Futures initial eligibility requirement. Read the fact sheets (found at the following link, <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/home/uamain.htm>) for program deadlines.
- **Private Scholarships** Apply, apply, apply!

National College Fairs:

- October 7, 2018 South Florida National College Fair
- October 13, 2018 Jacksonville National College Fair
- October 14, 2018 Orlando National College Fair



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