



College Funding and Financial Aid/FAFSA Presentation

Tonight's Agenda and Housekeeping

- Introductions
- Applications Updates & Announcements
- College Funding and FAFSA
- Bright Futures Scholarship
- Florida Pre-Pay
- Private Scholarships



Application Announcements & Updates

- **In-State Public University Deadlines and Applications (to date)**
 - **UF** (101 complete and **19 incomplete**). Admissions decisions notification 2/23/2024 (81/134)
 - **FSU** (99 complete EA/12 pending-12/1). Early application release date 12/14 (LY 102/119)
 - **UCF** (72 complete/17 pending). Rolling release (LY 55/59)
 - **USF** (80 complete/22 pending). Early notification 12/8. Rolling thereafter (LY 109/110)
- **Early Applications**
 - **Early Decision** applications 35 out of 157 Seniors (22%) - Notification dates 12/14-15
 - **Restrictive Early Action** 14 total - Notification dates 12/14-15
 - Combined 49/157 (31% of the Senior Class)

 - Early Action or Out of State Public - 221 applications
 - Total In-State Public Universities - 369 applications



Application Announcements & Upcoming Deadlines

Upcoming Application Deadlines

- Florida State University Regular Deadline - 12/1
- January 1st - Upcoming Regular Decision applications (and Early Decision II deadlines)
- Private and public Rolling Application deadlines ongoing
- Apply to in-state public universities as soon as possible

Free Application for Federal Student Aid FAFSA

Dear Pine View Seniors and Parents,

The 2024-2025 revised and simplified [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) will open in December. **We strongly recommend that all families complete the FAFSA regardless of financial circumstances, and that they do so as early as possible.**

There are significant advantages to completing the FAFSA. First. Colleges require FAFSA completion for financial aid eligibility. This includes need-based grants, work study opportunities, federal loans, and in many cases, *merit-based* scholarship opportunities.

Second. Parents and students completing the FAFSA *early* avail themselves of grant and scholarship funding *first*. This assures that financial aid award letters are received sooner and can thus be reviewed, compared, and even negotiated. Those that wait to apply, will receive their award letter later; making college comparisons and decisions more difficult.

Finally. Completion of the FAFSA may actually confer other advantages in terms of college *admission*.

Once the revised FAFSA is launched resources for completing it will appear on the student aid.gov website located here:

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>



Bright Futures
Scholarship
Program

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Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program rewards students for their academic achievements by providing funding to attend postsecondary institutions in Florida

- There are three award levels
 - *Florida Academic Scholar (FAS)*
 - *Florida Medallion Scholar (FMS)*
 - *Gold Seal Vocational Scholar (GSV)*
- Grade Point Average, Test Score and Community Service/Work requirements for each level



Bright Futures Eligibility Requirements (2023-24/2024-25)

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

¹ The required coursework aligns with the State University System admission requirements found in Florida Board of Governor's Regulation 6.002. Additional information regarding high school coursework can be found within the [Florida Counseling for Future Education Handbook](#).

² Students must earn the required volunteer service hours, 100 paid work hours, or a combination that totals a minimum of 100 hours.

Bright Futures Award Amounts (2022-23)

- Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) will receive 100% of tuition plus applicable fees (range \$6400-6800/year-renewable)*
- Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) will receive 75% of tuition and applicable fees (appx \$4800-5200/year - renewable)*
- Bright Futures is only available at Florida colleges/universities
- Students attending private, *in-state* institutions receive a sum equivalent to the public university reimbursement

* Total cost of attendance at Florida public universities is estimated between \$22000-24,000/year)



How/When Do I Apply for Bright Futures?

- The Bright Future Application opened October 1, 2023
- Seniors were asked to complete the initial application during a recent Advisory Period (**75 completed/82 incomplete-currently ineligible**)
- Instructions for completing the Bright Futures application appear on the pvs college counseling website *AND* will be sent home via email. **Please apply now!**
- We ask **ALL** seniors to make an initial application *regardless* of whether they intend to apply in-state

State Scholarship and Grant Opportunities



Office of Student Financial Assistance

Florida Student Scholarship & Grant Programs

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State Scholarship and Grant Programs

[Benacquisto Scholarship Program \(FAQ\)](#)

[Bright Futures Scholarship*](#)

[Effective Access to Student Education](#)

[First Generation Matching Grant](#)

[Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship*](#)



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.

<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHOME/SAPHOME>

Bright Futures Eligibility Evaluations

- Early 7th semester evaluations will post late January. To be eligible for Summer 2024 reimbursement students must be signed up and meet initial eligibility requirements (GPA, Scores, and Hours). Final 8th semester evaluations post in July
- Students should monitor award status online. *After submitting the FFAA, the student is responsible for tracking application and award status online*
- *Students must update college selection in the Spring*



<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/PDF/BF/BFHandbookChapter1.pdf>

Admission-Based Institutional Scholarships

- All public university in Florida offer application-based *merit* scholarships. Early eligibility deadline November 1
- Eligibility criteria vary from year to year based on the academic profile of the admitted class and available funding. Scholarships are typically based on academic thresholds
- **FSU** offers the Vires and Mores Scholarship Awards, Honors College scholarship (Medical, Legal and Business) and the full-ride Presidential Scholarship
- At **UCF** the Pegasus and Provost awards offer up to \$10,000/year. Burnett Honors Scholarships and full-ride opportunities as well
- Awards ranging from \$4000-20,000 over four years are given to qualified applicants at **USF**. Genshaft Honors College Scholarship opportunities exist as well



Florida PrePaid College Plans

- *Tuition plan* covers the basic cost of classes
- *Local fee plan* covers the state required fees
- *Dormitory plan* covers the cost of a standard, double-occupancy room at a Florida university

- Specific questions regarding your plan should be directed to the Florida PrePaid program
<http://www.myfloridaprepaid.com/>



Florida Pre-Paid & Florida Bright Futures FAQs

- Pre-Paid Tuition Plan may *not* cover all costs. In the case of the Tuition Plan, funds are applied to the student's tuition charges only
- Typically Pre-Pay is applied first. Bright Futures funds are applied to remaining charges *after* classes begin (there is some variation in this)*
- Florida Prepaid plan holders can request to defer the use of their Prepaid Plan and use Bright Futures first if they so choose
- Excess funds remaining after tuition is paid will be applied to other charges owed to the school, including on-campus housing costs, etc
- Each college is slightly different. Be sure to check with the college(s) you are considering attending



Outside Scholarships

- Once again, FAFSA completion is required for all *need-based* and *need-informed* scholarships. It may also be expected for *merit-based* aid by colleges or private scholarship entities
- Institutional aid and scholarships will be listed in your financial aid 'award letter' sent by the college
- There are numerous private and corporate-sponsored *application-based* scholarship opportunities to which you may also apply



Local Scholarship Resources

Ed Foundation of Sarasota County - Local and State Scholarship list

<https://edfoundationsrq.org/scholarships/>

Boys & Girls Club College Planning - Scholarship Database

<https://theclubsdcc.org/opportunities/plan-for-success/scholarships>

Community Foundation (Register and apply - *Spring Deadlines*)

<https://www.cfsarasota.org/students/scholarships-for-students-under-24-years>

Gulf Coast Community Foundation - Create account and apply

<https://www.gulfcoastcf.org/scholarships>

Selby Foundation - Several need-based, large \$ scholarships

<https://selbyfdn.org/scholarships/>

Naviance

Naviance Scholarship Database

Sign-in to [Naviance](#) through your MySCS account (check regularly)

Scholarships & Money

College-Specific Scholarships

National Scholarship Search

Scholarship Search



Favorite Scholarships

Scholarship Clearinghouses (free, searchable)

- <https://accessscholarships.com/>
- <https://bold.org/applicants/>
- <https://www.brokescholar.com/>
- <https://www.cappex.com/scholarships>
- <https://www.chegg.com/scholarships#>
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
- <https://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships>
- <https://www.goingmerry.com/>
- <https://www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/>
- <https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/college-scholarships/>
- <https://www.scholarships.com/>
- <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships>

Once Again, This Evening's Resources and Handouts...

The following presentations and handouts can be found at the Pine View College Counseling website www.pvscollegecounseling.com under *Class of 2024 Resources* section

- **College Funding and Financial Aid Workshop** (Robbins)
- **Florida Bright Futures, Prepay and Scholarships** (Bergman)
- FAFSA Announcement
- Bright Futures Instructions 2024-25
- Scholarship List 2024 (and accompanying Scholarship Request form)



Thank you for attending