2018-19

Financial Aid Overview

Financial Aid has its own language and acronyms:

- COA
- SAR
- EFC
- FAFSA
- FSA ID
- FFAA
- FAO
- USDOE
- FLDOE
- OSFA

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Agenda

- What is financial aid?
- Where do I find financial aid?
- How and When do I apply?
- Who can help me?

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What is Financial Aid?

- Monies received from federal, state, institutional or private resources
  - Monies are also categorized as:
    - Gift aid
    - Self-help
    - Need-based
    - Merit-based
  - Can cover direct or indirect costs

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College Costs

- COA=Cost of Attendance varies from:
  - Institution to institution
  - In State vs. out of state
  - On campus vs. off campus
- COA= Direct Costs + Indirect Costs
- Net Price Calculator
  - Requirement for every institution

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College Costs

- Public 2-year college (tuition and fees, in-state) - **$3,440**
- Public 4-year college (tuition and fees, in-state) - **$9,410**
- Public 4-year college (tuition and fees, out of state) - **$23,890**
- Private 4-year college (tuition and fees) - **$32,410**

Source: bigfuture by The College Board

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Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- Federal government is largest source of student aid; FAFSA distributed and processed by the U.S. Department of Education
  - Manual or **electronic** options
- 2018-19 FAFSA opens October 1
  - IRS Data Retrieval Tool opens October 1 and will allow students to import **PRIOR PRIOR (2016)** year tax data
- Must be completed **ANNUALLY** (per academic year) to be evaluated for financial aid

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FAFSA

Help

Getting Started

- Gather important data
- Monitor priority deadlines
  - State and institutional deadlines vary
- Confirm FAFSA dependency versus independency requirements
  - Dependent students are required to include parental information
  - Independent students are not required to include parental information
- Search for school codes
- Plan to sign and submit online using the Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID and FSA Password

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Student Dependent or Independent?

- Were you born before January 1, 1995?
- As of today are you married?
- At the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, or graduate certificate, etc.)?
- Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?
- Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?

Student Dependent or Independent?

- Do you now have or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019?
- Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2019?
- At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court?

Student Dependent or Independent?

- As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?
- Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?
- At any time on or after July 1, 2017, did your **high school or school district homeless liaison** determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

Student Dependent or Independent?

- At any time on or after July 1, 2017, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program **funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development** determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?
- At any time on or after July 1, 2017, did the **director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program** determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

Who is a Parent?

- A legal parent includes a biological or adoptive parent, or a person that the state has determined to be your parent (for example, when a state allows another person's name to be listed as a parent on a birth certificate).
- Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, older brothers or sisters, widowed stepparents, and aunts and uncles are not considered parents unless they have legally adopted you.

Parent Marital Status

- Never Married
- Unmarried but living together
- Married
- Remarried
- Divorced or separated
- Widowed

Student Aid Report (SAR)

- Provides basic information about federal student aid eligibility
- Received (after you submit the FAFSA) via email within 3-5 days if you provided an email address
  - Received via mail within 7-10 days if you did not provide an email address
- Correct errors, if needed
- Will contain an expected family contribution (EFC)
  - Assists institutions in the financial aid award packaging process
- **COA-EFC=Financial need**

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Cost of attendance less expected family contribution = financial need

Additional Information

- Contact institution to determine award disbursement process
- Contact institution for special circumstances or professional judgment needs
- Contact institution to determine what other types of aid applications are available
- Use student loans as a **LAST RESORT**

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Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)

- The Florida Financial Aid Application opens **October 1*** of the senior year
  - Apply early - must be completed prior to August 31 of high school graduation year
- One application is used for multiple programs, not just the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
  - Must log-in to check status, online notifications and award history

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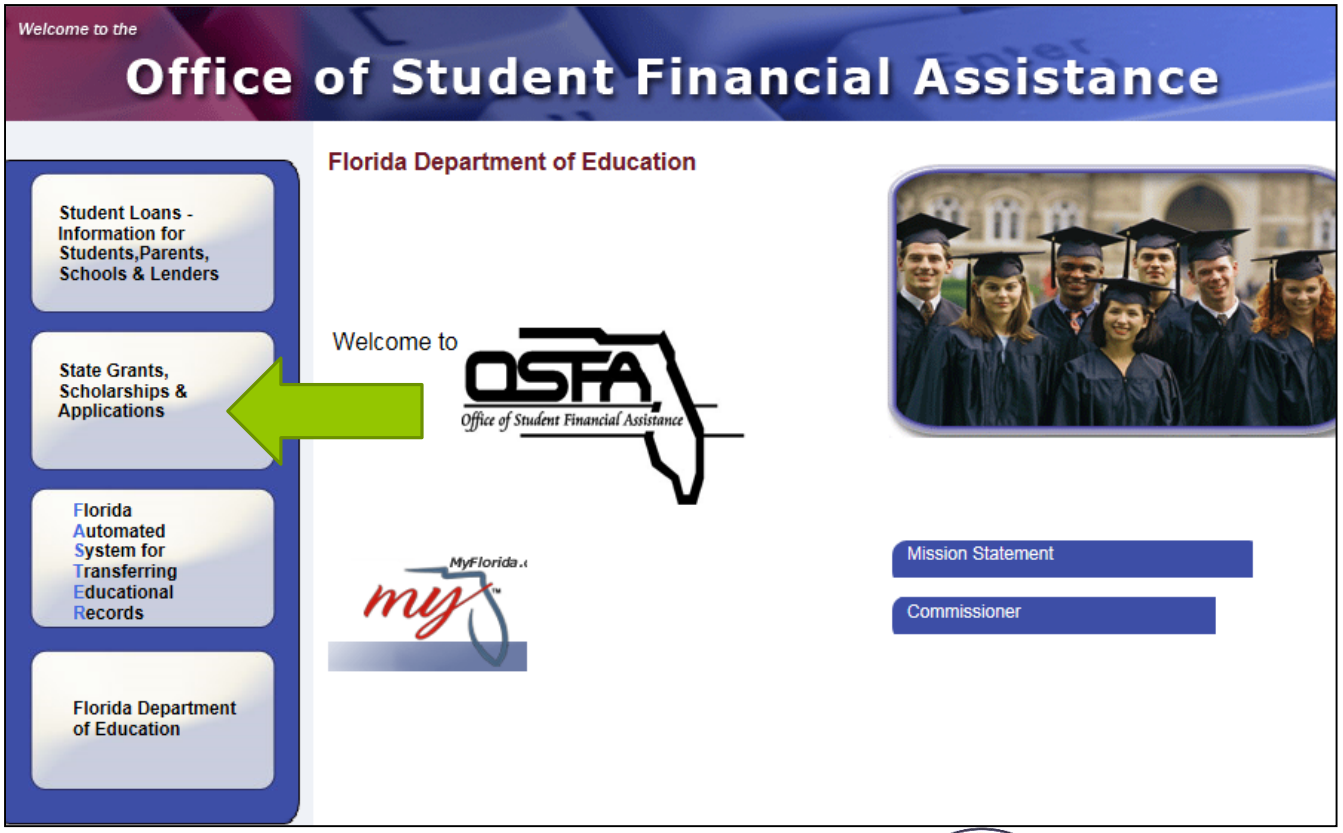

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Want Bright Futures?

Seniors submit a Florida Financial Aid Application by high school graduation.

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STATE SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT PROGRAMS

The Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA), administers a variety of state-funded grants and scholarships to assist Florida residents with the cost of their postsecondary education. Below is a list of grant and scholarship programs administered by OSFA. Students **must** submit a completed Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) to OSFA for programs denoted by an asterisk (*).

- **Access to Better Learning and Education (ABLE) Grant**
- **Benacquisto Scholarship Program**
  Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
- **Bright Futures Scholarship***
- **First Generation Matching Grant**
- **Florida Resident Access Grant (FRAG)**
- **Florida Student Assistance Grant (FSAG)**
  Florida Public Postsecondary Career Education Student Assistance Grant
- **Florida Work Experience Program**
- **José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant***
- **Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship**
- **Minority Teacher Education Scholarship** *(Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc.)*
- **Rosewood Family Scholarship***
- **Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans***
  Award Amounts

State Scholarship and Grant Calendar

Brochure: Money for College

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APPLICATIONS AND UPDATES

STUDENTS

Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) (for new applicants) [2017-18 Printable Blank Application]

RETURNING STUDENTS, LOGIN HERE TO:

- Update an existing Florida Financial Aid Application
- Submit/Update Reinstatement/Restoration Application
- Check the status of your application, online notifications, and award history
- Update demographics, including the institution you currently attend/plan to attend

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Need-Based Programs

- Florida Student Assistance (FSAG)
- Florida Work Experience Program (FWEP)

Tuition Assistance Programs

- Access to Better Learning and Education (ABLE)
- Florida Resident Access Grant (FRAG)

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Fastweb

- 1.5 million scholarships worth 3.4 billion dollars
  - Targeted search
- Other resources
  - College search
  - Career planning
  - And more!

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Other

- www.FinAid.org
- High School or School District
- Protect yourself from scams
  - Report to www.ftc.gov

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Mapping Your Future (MYF)

Mapping Your Future is a non-profit organization dedicated to combining person-to-person financial counseling with online resources to help students plan for their future with:

- College preparation
- School selection
- Career exploration
- Money management

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Navigating your Financial Future (NyFF)

- Financing higher education
- Managing day-to-day money
- Career planning
- School/Life management
- Resources available at no cost

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Review: Action Items

- Federal – Financial Aid
  - Mark October 1, 2017 as FAFSA application opening date
  - Create FSA ID and passwords now
- State – Financial Aid
  - Mark October 1, 2017 as application opening date
  - Ensure meeting requirements:
    - Bright Futures
    - Graduation
  - Private scholarships – apply, apply, apply!

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