HOW TO APPLY: FFAA

courtesy of the wohs student services team

EVERY SENIOR MUST COMPLETE the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) in order to be eligible for state grants and scholarships, including Bright Futures.

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER 1 **AUGUST 31 (after graduation)** Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) opens. Deadline to complete Bright Futures application.

FFAA APPLICATION CHECKLIST

☐ Go to www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidSG.org



☐ Find First-Time Applicants → Select blue hyperlinked "Create Student Account"

☐ Complete ALL **THREE** steps below to complete your application.

STEP 1 of 3

3: SUBMITTING STUDENT PROFILE
☐ Enter Student Demographic Information
☐ Enter your Social Security Number, leave blank if you don't have one or don't know it. <i>DO NOT enter a guess or fake SSN</i> .
☐ FLID: leave blank
Enter your <u>LEGAL NAME as it appears in Skyward</u> . *NO abbreviations or nicknames.
☐ Graduation Date: 5/24/20xx (enter your graduation year) *this is not your actual graduation date; it is for the purposes of this application only.
☐ Enter Personal Contact Information
☐ Do NOT enter your student OCPS email, enter a PERSONAL email address
Enter your PERSONAL cell phone number *personal email and cell phone need to be entered to help with password/username recovery
L L Click SUBMIT

- You will immediately be given your LOGIN and PASSWORD on a blue screen.
- The blue screen will only appear for 130 seconds, take a picture or screenshot.
- If you entered a personal email address, an email will be sent with your login information.

WAIT - YOU ARE NOT FINISHED!

Go to the TOP of the BLUE SCREEN and click on the "Complete Application" hyperlink.

3: COMPLETE THE FLORIDA FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION (FFAA)
☐ Scroll to the middle of the page to the "OTHER INFORMATION" section.
\square Your demographic information will pre populate with the information you
entered in your student profile in the previous step.
Read and answer the next seven questions.
If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, the corresponding tab(s) (CSDDV, JM, RFS, and
FFSS) will be made available for you <u>after</u> the academic background sections.

☐ Click "NEXT"
☐ Enter "ACADEMIC BACKGROUND-HIGH SCHOOL" Section
☐ Will you graduate from a FL high school? - YES
☐ FL graduate option - PUBLIC
☐ FL district - ORANGE
☐ Find WEST ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL (1625 Beulah Rd., Winter Garden)
AICE or IB Student? - YES or NO depending on your coursework
☐ Enter "ACADEMIC BACKGROUND - POSTSECONDARY PLANS" Information
☐ Earned a baccalaureate degree? - NO
☐ In Fall of 20XX (your grad year) I will be classified as:
- FRESHMAN (First Time in College)
*You are still classified as a "Freshman-First time in College" even if you are Dual Enrolled.
$\hfill\square$ What is the location and name of the primary post secondary institution you
are planning to attend?
☐ IN STATE: CHOOSE AT LEAST ONE (even if you are planning to go out
of state) but it is recommended you add four additional schools that
you might consider attending from the other drop down menus.
If you answered "YES" to a question in the "OTHER INFORMATION" section earlier, the tab(s) will open now.
If you didn't, you will be forward to the "REVIEW and SUBMIT" option
Enter information needed in the following tab(s) if applicable:
☐ Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans (CSDDV)
☐ Jose Marti Scholarship Challenge Grant (JM)
Rosewood Family Scholarships (RFS)
Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship (FFSS)
If a tab opens for you and you click "I DON'T KNOW" you will be able to submit your application. However, you must come back and update your application PRIOR to April 1st and
provide necessary information in order to be evaluated for the specific related scholarship(s).
☐ REVIEW and CLICK SUBMIT

If you have questions or need help, please contact Mrs. Maroth, College + Career Specialist.

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* All students who submit a completed FFAA application will be entered into a drawing for

2, \$25 Amazon gift cards at the end of the year!

thank you!