Pay for School

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Pay for College

PAY FOR COLLEGE
It's possible to earn a degree without a mountain of debt. Learn more and make a plan.

Residency for In-State Tuition
Students who are residents of Florida pay significantly lower tuition at state colleges and universities than students from other states. The average annual in-state tuition for a public university in Florida is $8,000 but falls below $6,000. Tuition at state colleges is about two-thirds the amount of tuition at state universities.

Bright Futures Scholarships
Bright Futures Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement. In recent Florida high school graduates who are pursuing an undergraduate degree at a public college or university in the state, scholarship awards vary based on GPA, scores on college entrance exams, community service hours, and other factors. Evaluation is based on a combination from your school district and the Florida Department of Education. You should verify your information and your eligibility with your school counselor.
Keep Your Options Open

It's natural at this age to often change your mind
Here are some general ways you can prepare for whatever the future holds...
Start Thinking About the Future Today!

When Thinking About College .....
Primary Focus

1. Narrow down career options
2. Narrow down college options
3. Stay on the right academic track
4. Start taking “e-standardized” tests
5. Start researching financial aid
6. Continue to save and budget effectively
If college is an option, Financial Aid will be available!
What is Financial Aid?

• Monies received from federal, state, institutional or private resources

• Monies are also categorized as:
  o Gift Aid
  o Self-Help
  o Need-Based
  o Merit-Based
College Cost

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
College Cost: Tuition and Fees

Public 2-year college (in-state) - $3,440
Public 4-year college (in-state) - $9,410
Public 4-year college (out of state) - $23,890

Private 4-year college - $32,410
Apply for Financial Aid
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

• Federal governments 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
  o IRS Data Retrieval Tool opens October 1 and will allow students to import PRIOR PRIOR (2016) year tax data
Step 2

Apply for Financial Aid
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
Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) Merit based-Programs

- Bright Futures (BF)
  - Student Handbook
  - Chart of Eligibility and Award Criteria
- Benacquisto Scholarship
Bright Futures Eligibility Evaluation

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

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*2 additional credits from courses in the academic areas listed above and/or AP, IB, or ACE fine arts courses may be used to raise the GPA. Credits reflected on this evaluation may include courses currently in progress.*

**GPA REQUIREMENTS**

| Required Weighted GPA: | 3.50 |
| Credit Hours Used:    | 13.50 |
| BF Quality Points Used: | 22.00 |
| **Earned** | 1.63 |

*Excludes Pass/Fail, Waiver, Proficiency, and Course In Progress courses.*

**TEST SCORES**

To qualify for this scholarship, you must meet at least one of the Required Test Scores specified below:

- **ACT:** 29 composite (based on English, Math, Reading, and Science sections only)
- **SAT:** 1290 combined score (based on combined Verbal and Math sections only)
- **PERT:** Not applicable
- **CPT:** Not applicable

**SUMMARY OF MISSING ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Test Scores Too Low
- FL Completer
- Community Service
- GPA Too Low

**COURSES TAKEN**

All courses are displayed, but not all courses are used in the evaluation.

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- Florida Student Assistance Grant (FSAG)
- Florida Work Experience Program (FWEP)
- Tuition Assistance Programs
- Access to Better Learning and Education (ABLE)
- Florida Resident Access Grant (FRAG)
Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)

• First Generation Matching Grant (FGMG)
• José Martí Scholarship Challenge (JM)
• Mary McLeod Bethune (MMB)
• Minority Teacher Education Program Scholarship (MTES)
• Rosewood Family Scholarship (RFS)
• Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans (CSDDV)
Private Scholarships

- FASTWEB.COM
- 1.5 million scholarships worth 3.4 billion dollars
  - Targeted search
- Other resources
  - College search
  - Career planning
  - And more!
Get Help and Your Questions Answered

There are many agencies, organizations, and individuals who care about your success.

Use them!!
Today’s Takeaways

• Federal – Financial Aid
  o Mark October 1, 2018 as FAFSA application opening date
  o Create FSA ID and passwords now

• State – Financial Aid
  o Mark October 1, 2018 as application opening date
  o Ensure meeting requirements:
    ▪ Bright Futures
    ▪ Graduation

• Private scholarships – apply, apply, apply!
FloridaShines: Everything Under the Sun to Help for College

Paying for college is one of the toughest obstacles many students face. FloridaShines can help with information and resources to keep college costs in check and make your college experience more affordable.

- Research Financial Aid Programs
- Earn College Credits During High School
- Find Free Online Textbooks
- Use a Planned Degree Pathway
Send your questions in Live!
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