BUC Family Night

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Welcome Students & Families

Mainland is PROUD *to be a Title 1 School!!*

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We are a Title 1 School

Mainland High School is PROUD to be a Title 1 school!

Fee waivers for ACT/SAT, college applications or NCAA/NAIA are available to students who qualify.

Direct Certification letters are mailed to eligible families by the District. All other families are encouraged to apply or complete the Income Based Services Request form on ww.VCSEDU.org: IBSR form

Your Counselor Contacts

- **Who is YOUR School Counselor?** Students are divided by LAST NAME this year:

- **A - C:** Mrs. Winck-Hall // dwinckha@volusia.k12.fl.us

- **D - H:** Mr. Cherry // recherry@volusia.k12.fl.us

- **I - M:** Mr. Spaulding // lbspauld@volusia.k12.fl.us

- **N - SL:** Ms. Holland // tlhollan@volusia.k12.fl.us

- **SM - Z:** Mr. Ralph // crralph@volusia.k12.fl.us

- **College & Career:** TBD

Types of Financial Aid

There are Four Main Types of Aid

1. Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

2. State Financial Aid (includes Bright Futures)

3. Institutional Financial Aid & Scholarships *

4. Private Local and National Scholarships

*Merit, Talent and Need Based scholarships are offered by the school you apply to.

Additional scholarships are often available through foundation endowments and other donated funds. Research available options at the schools you are applying to.

FAFSA Application

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

What is the FAFSA?

- FAFSA is the **application** that is required for students to participate in and receive Federal Aid for their education expenses.

- New applications open each October 1st and must be **filed each year** that you are in school and plan to use Federal Financial Aid.

- It is used by the **State of Florida** to evaluate you for additional need-based financial aid programs that they offer. Deadline is May 15th.

- It is used by the **colleges/universities** you are applying at to determine your financial need as they prepare your financial aid offer.

The Real Truth About Financial Aid (video link)

Who Gets Federal Student Aid?

Every student who meets certain requirements can get some type of Federal Student Aid, regardless of age or family income. Some of the most basic eligibility requirements are that you – the **STUDENT** – must:

- Demonstrate **Financial Need** (for most programs)

- Be a U.S. **citizen** or eligible non-citizen

- Have a **Social Security number**

- Register with the **Selective Service** if you are a male between age 18 and 25

- Maintain **satisfactory academic progress** in college or career school, and

- Show you are qualified to obtain a college or career school education by having a **high school diploma** or GED.
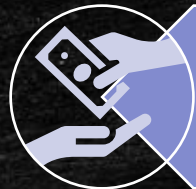
Federal Financial Aid Includes

Grants

Loans

Work Study

Parent PLUS Loan

Types of Funds Available and Their Use

Grants
- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

Loans
- Subsidized
- Unsubsidized
- Parent PLUS

Work Study
- On-campus job

- Federal Student Aid helps pay expenses at universities, colleges, career schools and graduate school.

- It may be used to cover:
  - Tuition and fees
  - Room/Housing
  - Board/Meal Plan
  - Books and supplies
  - Transportation, additional costs

Review the "Seeking Financial Aid" booklet

Types of Federal Grants

Pell Grant

- Awarded to **undergraduate** students who have financial need and who have not earned a bachelor's or graduate degree; in some cases, however students enrolled in a post baccalaureate teacher certification program might receive a Federal Pell Grant.

- Federal Pell Grant **lifetime eligibility** is limited to 12 semesters or the equivalent.

- Award Amount: (2022-2023) Up to **$6,895**

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

- Awarded to **undergraduate** students who have **exceptional financial need** and who have not earned a bachelor's or graduate degree.

- Federal Pell Grant recipients receive **priority**.

- Not all colleges participate in the FSEOG program.

- Funds **depend on availability** at the college.

- Award Amount: Up to **$4,000**

Types of Federal Loans

- Direct **Subsidized** Loans: must demonstrate financial need. Government covers interest while in school.

- Direct **Unsubsidized** Loans: does not have to demonstrate financial need. You are responsible for interest from time of disbursement.

- Direct **PLUS** Loans: loans to graduate students and parents of undergraduates.

Subsidized Loans	Unsubsidized Loans
Based on your **financial need**.	**You can qualify**, regardless of income or your financial need.
Available only if you're an **undergraduate** student.	Available if you're an **undergraduate or graduate** student.
Government **does not usually charge you interest** while you're in school at least half-time, for the first six months after you leave school, during a period of deferment (a postponement of payments), and, sometimes, during repayment under an income-driven repayment plan.	Government **charges interest** from the time your loan is disbursed through the life of the loan, except for some periods of repayment under an income-driven repayment plan.
Your school determines the amount you can borrow, and the amount **may not exceed** your financial need or the limit set on how much you can borrow per year and total.	Your school determines the amount you can borrow based on your cost of attendance and other financial aid you receive and **may not exceed** the limit set on how much you can borrow per year and total.

The FSAid and FAFSA

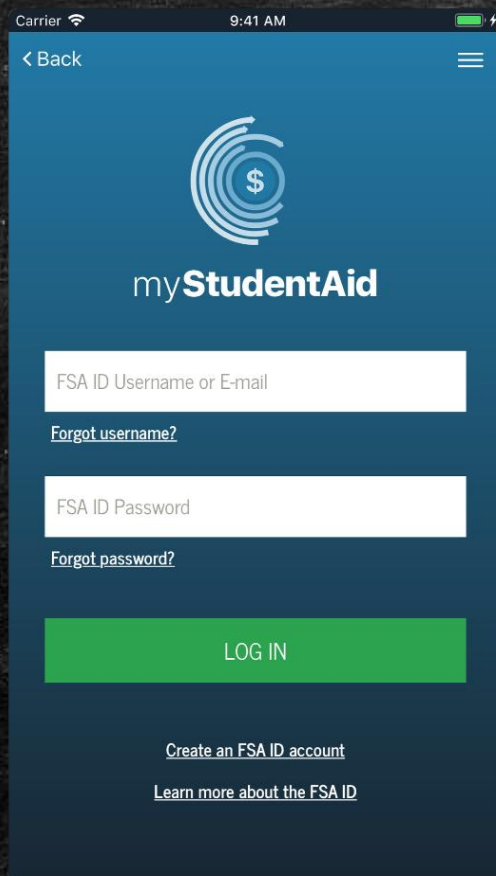Creating and using your "Digital Signature"

Creating Your FSAid

www.StudentAid.gov

- The FSAid is your **electronic signature** that you will use to complete and sign the FAFSA each year.

- Parent(s) and student both need an FSAid to complete the FAFSA. **Each ID must be unique** – you will not be able to use the same email or phone number for student and parent.

- You should receive an **email within 1 to 3 days** confirming that your FSAid has been established.

- Use the **FAFSA Keeper** that we have created to keep all your FSAid and related information in one central place.

Creating Your FSAid (video link)

Helpful Tools

Once you have created your FSAid, you are ready to fill out the FAFSA.

▪ You may also complete the application on your computer, tablet or mobile device web-browser.

▪ There are (?) HELP icons throughout the app, regardless of the device/platform you use.

FAFSA Form and FSAid Tips for Parents (video link)

Tips For Filling Out The FAFSA
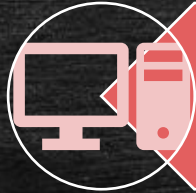
Fill out and finalize the FAFSA as soon as possible. A lot of programs are funded on a first come first served basis – don't miss out!

Ensure that the FAFSA is filled out correctly. Read definitions carefully and use the help boxes if needed. The "FAFSA On the Web Worksheet" is also useful.

Ensure that the IRS Retrieval tool is used, if eligible, when filling in tax data. Failure to use the tool greatly increases the chance of the school auditing your FAFSA.

Several weeks after filing your FAFSA, request a tax transcript from the IRS at: http://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript to have on hand if you are audited.

Completing the FAFSA

www.FAFSA.gov

Make sure you use the correct website; you should NEVER have to pay to fill out the FAFSA!

How to Fill Out the FAFSA (video link)

- Gather your documents
  - Social Security #, student and parent(s)
  - Driver's License
  - Prior-prior year tax returns
  - W-2 Forms, Bank statements, investments records, if required

- Enter requested information, *making sure you are answering correctly* as **STUDENT** or **PARENT**!

- Select up to 10 schools to receive your FAFSA

- Use the IRS retrieval tool, if eligible

- Sign your FAFSA with your FSAid and **SUBMIT**!

FAFSA on the Web Worksheet

Use the worksheet to help you gather the information you will need to complete the FAFSA before you get started.

- **Citizenship Status** – this is for the **STUDENT**.
  - If you parent(s) are un-documented, you may still complete the FAFSA so long as **YOU** meet the citizenship guidelines, as described.

Found in document
*"Financial Aid –
Undocumented Students"*

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4. **In order for me to complete the FAFSA® form, do my parents need SSNs?**

No. Since your parents' citizenship doesn't affect your ability to complete the FAFSA form, they don't need SSNs. If your parents don't have SSNs, they must enter 000-00-0000 when the FAFSA form asks for your parents' SSNs.

If your parents don't have SSNs, they won't be able to create FSA IDs and therefore won't be able to sign your FAFSA form electronically. You'll have to print out the signature page from the online FAFSA form so that your parents can sign it and mail it to the address indicated.
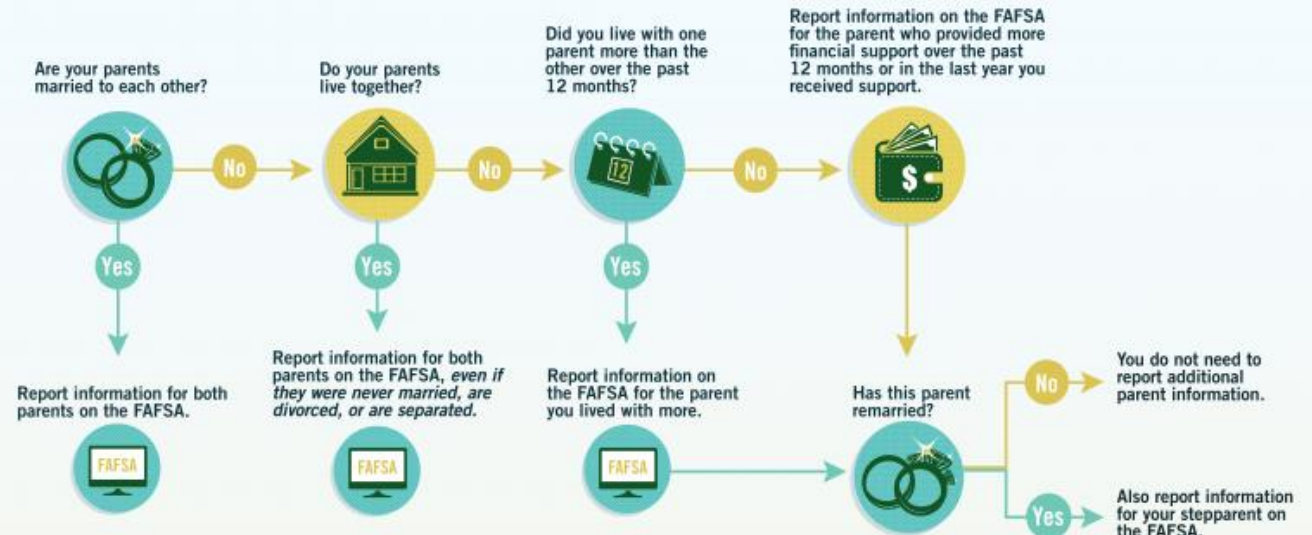
FAFSA on the Web Worksheet

- **Parents' Highest Level of Education**
  - If your parent graduated high school but has not earned their bachelor's degree or higher, the answer to this question is **HIGH SCHOOL**.
  - This is the question that determines if you are a "First-Generation" student.

- **Student Dependency Status**
  - Unless you can answer **YES** to at least one of the questions, you are considered a **DEPENDENT** student until the age of 24 and are required to provide information about your parent(s).

- **Who is considered my parent?**
  - There is a full description of who is and is not considered a parent.
  - **Biological** or **Legal** only, as described.

Who Is My Parent on the FAFSA?

Using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool

- If your **PARENT(s)** have filed their taxes for the requested year, they may be eligible to use the IRS DRT
  - For this tool to work successfully, your **PARENT** must be the one logged in to the FAFSA at the time it is requested to be used to retrieve **THEIR** tax information.
  - *ALL* **THEIR** information *MUST* match what has been entered into the FAFSA
    - Legal spelling of name, including capitalization
    - Social Security #
    - Address, including using "Rd." verses "Road", including capitalization

- **YOU** may be eligible to use the IRS DRT if **YOU** have filed taxes
  - The same rules apply for you. **YOU** must be logged in to request to transfer **YOUR** tax information and *ALL* **YOUR** information must also match exactly.

Using the IRS DRT

What Happens After I File the FAFSA?

- You will receive an email immediately upon completion confirming your submission and it will also give you an **ESTIMATE** of your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and any Grants.

- After you successfully submit your FAFSA, you will be sent a Student Aid Report (SAR).
  - You will receive an email in 3 to 5 days with instructions on how to access an online copy of your SAR.
  - If there is not a valid email on file, your SAR will be mailed to you in 7 to 10 days.

- The schools/organizations that you listed will have access to your information electronically online one day after it is processed.

- If your application is complete, your EFC will display on the top of your SAR. If it is not complete or has an error, text specifying any issues will be shown.

After the FAFSA: What Happens Next (video link)

Which FAFSA do I fill out?

- If you plan to attend college beginning in **SUMMER** after graduation, you will need to complete (2) FAFSA applications this year.

FAFSA	Fall	Spring	Summer
2022-23	2022	2023	2023
Requires 2020 tax information			

- If you will start college in the **FALL** after graduation, you will only need to complete the (1) FAFSA for the new school year.

FAFSA	Fall	Spring	Summer
2023-24	2023	2024	2024
Requires 2021 tax information			

Reminders…

Need help completing the FAFSA?

Do your parents have questions?

Contact Mrs. Scheuerman to set up a meeting!

Available at school, or over Teams call/meeting.

The FAFSA is FREE!

COLLEGE & CAREER SCHOOL ARE POSSIBLE FOR YOU!

- Take your time and enter correct info!

- Don't procrastinate and miss out!

- Ask for help! Don't guess.

- Check deadlines for your school choices.

You've got this!

FFAA Application

Florida Financial Aid Application

Florida Scholarships & Grants

- Florida Financial Aid Application opens October 1st and must be filed no later than **August 31st** after graduation.

- There is **one online application** and student's Social Security number is needed to file.

- There are (13) total scholarships and grants offered by the State of Florida, **Bright Futures** pays the most, but is just one of several financial offerings.

- Several of the programs require that the **FAFSA** be filed in order to qualify; May 15 is the State deadline to review FAFSA.

- Several **programs** have **deadlines** in April or first-come/served.

Bright Futures Qualification Requirements

Initial Eligibility Requirements: (As determined by the Department of Education)

1. Submit the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) no later than August 31 after high school graduation,
2. Complete the 16 college-preparatory courses required for admission to a state university,
3. Achieve the required weighted GPA in the 16 college-preparatory courses per chart below,
4. Complete the required number of service hours per chart below, and
5. Achieve the required composite ACT® or combined SAT® score per chart below.

Type	16 High School Course Credits [1]	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/SAT®)	Service Hours
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	2021-22 Graduates: 29/1330 2022-23 Graduates: 29/1330	100 hours
FMS	3 - Social Science 2 - World Language *(sequential, in same language)*	3.00	2021-22 Graduates: 25/1210 2022-23 Graduates: 25/1210	75 hours

Service Hours **OR** 100 work hours *(new 2022-23)*

Bright Futures Award Amounts

Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)

100% Tuition and Applicable Fees:
- Applicable fees include: activity and service fees, health fee, athletic fee, financial aid fee, capital improvement fee, campus access/transportation fee, technology fee and tuition differential fee.

▪ Students attending a non-public institution will receive a comparable amount as noted in the Private Award Chart*.

Private Award Chart available on the Bright Futures page of:
www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org

Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)

▪ 75% Tuition and Applicable Fees:
- Applicable fees include: activity and service fees, health fee, athletic fee, financial aid dee, capital improvement fee, campus access/transportation fee, technology fee and tuition differential fee.

▪ Students attending a non-public institution will receive a comparable amount as noted in the Private Award Chart*.

▪ **New 2021:** Students who enroll in an associate degree program at a State College will receive 100% tuition & some fees. Upon completing their AA, student may pursue their bachelor degree at the 75% tuition coverage.

Bright Futures – Gold Seal Scholarships

- There is also the **Gold Seal Scholarship** that may only be used at a State College or Technical School.

- **Gold Seal Vocational:**
  - GSV may only be used at postsecondary institutions that offer an applied technology diploma, technical degree education program (associate in applied science or associate in science), or a career certificate program.

- **Gold Seal Cape:**
  - Until a student has earned an eligible associate degree, Gold Seal CAPE (GSC) scholarships may only be used at postsecondary institutions that offer an applied technology diploma, technical degree education program (associate in applied science or associate in science), or a career certificate program. Upon completion of an eligible associate degree program, a GSC Scholar may also receive an award for a maximum of 60 credit hours toward an eligible baccalaureate degree.

Completing the FFAA

- **School Counselors** will assist students in the Fall with the FFAA.

- If completing the application at home, be sure to **read** the **instructions** and complete the _entire_ process, making note of the Username assigned by the State.
  - Use the FAFSA Keeper form to keep track of login information

- A **confirmation email** will be sent from OSFA after student profile is complete and again after successful application. If no emails are received, an error most likely has been made.

- If in doubt...**ASK!** Questions? Call 888-827-2004

Institutional Aid

Scholarships & Grants from Institution

- Every institution *(College, University, Career/Technical Center)* will have **financial aid** based on criteria set by their individual institution. Amounts will vary.

- **Research** the schools that you are planning to apply to.

- Look for **additional** scholarships, grants or aid that may be available to apply for once you are admitted.

- Call the Institution's **Financial Aid office** if you have questions.

- **Compare** award letters to see which offer is best for your financial situation.

Private Scholarships

Local, State & National Opportunities

Check the MHS Website!

- The **MainlandHighSchool.org** website is updated with all local and some National scholarships being offered to our students.
  - Check under the **Student Life** / **Seniors** section often.

- Keep track of **deadlines**.

- Know what the **requirements** are before you apply.
  - Have you turned in your volunteer hours? Many organizations require Community Services as a pre-qualification to apply.

- Don't miss any **opportunities** for funding or supplies!

Additional Sources to Consider

- Many **employers** have scholarship programs designed for employees and the children of employees.

- **Service organizations** are a good source for scholarships.

- Scholarship **search engines**, many of which are listed on the Mainland website.

- Going to college while in the **military**.

There are many places to look for **FREE** funds – it just takes time and effort, but the payoff can be worth it!

Thank You

**Thank you for attending BUC Family Night!
Your feedback is welcomed and vital in helping us serve you better.**

Please take a moment to complete the short survey,
either by completing the **YELLOW** card or by scanning the **QR code** with your phone.