

Seniors - COMPLETE THE FLORIDA FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION (FFAA)

- The FFAA determines eligibility for State of Florida grants and scholarships –***including Florida Bright Futures***
- Seniors must APPLY by submitting the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)
- For Florida Bright Futures, all eligibility requirements must be met by high school graduation; however, scores of ACT®/SAT®/CLT/P.E.R.T. tests taken through August 31 are accepted for evaluation purposes (*see Florida Bright Futures handbook for details*)
- **Students must have sent their official SAT or ACT test scores to one of the 12 public universities in Florida in order to be evaluated for Florida Bright Futures**
- Seniors can complete the FFAA starting Oct. 1, 2026 even if they are still working towards meeting requirements



All details are in the [Bright Futures Handbook](#) – read it! It’s important that you understand the requirements.

FFAA WEBSITE: <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHome/SAPHome?url=home>

A screenshot of the Florida Student Scholarship & Grant Programs website. The header includes the OSFA logo and the title "Florida Student Scholarship & Grant Programs". A red arrow points from the title to the "First-Time Applicants" section. Another red arrow points from the "State Scholarship and Grant Programs" list to the "Bright Futures Scholarship*" entry, which is circled in red. A third red arrow points from the text "Click on each program to see details/requirements." to the same "Bright Futures Scholarship*" entry. The "First-Time Applicants" section contains text about submitting the FFAA and creating a student account. The "Eligible Institutions" section lists high schools and postsecondary institutions. The "State Scholarship and Grant Programs" list includes various grants and scholarships such as "Access to Better Learning and Education Grant", "Benacquisto Scholarship Program (FAQ)", "Bright Futures Scholarship*", "Effective Access to Student Education", "First Generation Matching Grant", "Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship*", "Florida Student Assistance Grant - Career Education", "Florida Work Experience Program", "José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant*", "Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship", "Minority Teacher Education Scholarship", "Rosewood Family Scholarship*", and "Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans* (Award Amounts)".

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.

Eligible Institutions

High Schools:
Verify if your high school is a participating Florida public or private high school.

Postsecondary Institutions:
Verify if the postsecondary institution you are planning to attend is eligible to disburse state aid.

State Scholarship and Grant Programs

- Access to Better Learning and Education Grant
- Benacquisto Scholarship Program (FAQ)
- Bright Futures Scholarship***
- Effective Access to Student Education
- First Generation Matching Grant
- Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship*
- Florida Student Assistance Grant - Career Education
- Florida Work Experience Program
- José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant*
- Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship
- Minority Teacher Education Scholarship
- Rosewood Family Scholarship*
- Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans* (Award Amounts)

Click on each program to see details/requirements.

- Under First-Time Applicants, click “Create a Student Account” and follow the on-screen instructions

It is your responsibility to know and meet the FFAA and Florida Bright Futures requirements and deadlines

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) / Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)
2026-27

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

1. Submit the [Florida Financial Aid Application \(FFAA\)](#) no later than August 31 after high school graduation.
2. Graduate from a Florida high school with a standard high school diploma or its equivalent.
3. Complete the 16 college-preparatory courses required for admission to a state university.
4. Achieve the required weighted GPA in the 16 college-preparatory courses per the chart below.
5. Achieve the required composite ACT® score, Overall Score on the Classic Learning Test (CLT®), or combined SAT® score. Tests must be taken on or before August 31 of the student's graduation year (or through January 31 for mid-year graduates), per the chart below.
6. Complete the required number of volunteer service hours, paid work hours, or 100 total combined hours per the chart below.

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	2026-27 Graduates: 29/95/1330 2027-28 Graduates: 29/96/1350	100 hours	100 hours
FMS	3 - Social Science 2 - World Language (sequential, in same language)	3.00	2026-27 Graduates: 24/82/1190 2027-28 Graduates: 25/83/1200	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.

Requirements to Receive an Award: (As determined by the postsecondary institution)

1. Be evaluated by the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) as meeting initial eligibility requirements.
2. Be a Florida resident and U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen.
3. Enroll as a degree- or certificate-seeking student at a Florida institution in at least 6 non-remedial semester credit hours.

Renewal Requirements: (As determined by grade and hours submitted by the postsecondary institution)

1. Students must earn the number of credit hours based on the student's enrollment type per term.
2. The renewal cumulative GPA requirements are outlined in the table below.

	Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)	Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)
Minimum Cumulative GPA (unrounded and unweighted)	3.0	2.75

For detailed information, including other ways to qualify, please refer to the [Bright Futures Student Handbook](#).

Eligibility requirements are subject to change with each legislative session.

Students are responsible for tracking their application and award status online and ensuring that funding for an academic year is accurate by contacting their institution's financial aid office.

Creating and Using the FSA ID

What's an FSA ID?

The FSA ID is a username and password combination you use to log in to U.S. Department of Education (ED) online systems. The FSA ID is your legal signature and shouldn't be created or used by anyone other than you—not even your parent, your child, a school official, or a loan company representative. You'll use your FSA ID every year you fill out a *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form and for the lifetime of your federal student loans.

How do I get an FSA ID?

Visit StudentAid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch to create an FSA ID. You'll need your Social Security number, full name, and date of birth. You'll also need to create a memorable username and password, and complete challenge questions and answers so you can retrieve your account information if you forget it.

You'll be required to provide either your email address or your mobile phone number when you make your FSA ID. Providing a mobile phone number and/or email address that you have access to will make it easier to log in to ED online systems and allow additional account recovery options.

Important: A Social Security number, email address, and mobile phone number can only be associated with one FSA ID. If you share an email address with someone else, then only one of you will be able to use that email address to create an FSA ID.

FSA ID Tips

- If you need to provide information about your parents on the FAFSA® form, one of your parents will need an FSA ID to sign the form. Your parent can create an FSA ID and then sign the FAFSA form electronically using that FSA ID. Not sure whether you'll need to put your parents' information on the FAFSA form? Check out StudentAid.gov/dependency. **Remember:** You should create your own FSA ID, and your parent should create his or her own FSA ID. Also make sure to use the correct FSA ID when signing the FAFSA form electronically.
- When you first create your FSA ID, the use of your FSA ID will be restricted to completing, signing, and submitting an original (first-time) FAFSA form. You'll have to wait one to three days for your information to be confirmed by the Social Security Administration (SSA) before you can use your FSA ID for other actions, such as submitting a FAFSA Renewal or signing a *Master Promissory Note*. If you provided an email address, then you'll receive an email letting you know that your information was successfully matched with the SSA, and you can begin using your FSA ID.
- If you forget your FSA ID username or password, look for the "Forgot My Username" and "Forgot My Password" links on log-in pages. These links will direct you to web pages where you can request a secure code to be texted to your verified mobile phone number or emailed to your verified email address. The secure code will allow you to retrieve your username or reset your password. You can also retrieve your username or reset your password by successfully answering your challenge questions. **Remember:** If you verified your email address or mobile phone number during account creation, you can enter your email address or mobile phone number instead of your username to log in.

Learn more about how you can use your FSA ID at StudentAid.gov/help-center/answers/article/how-can-i-use-my-fsa-id-username-and-password. Find this fact sheet at StudentAid.gov/resources.

Florida Universities Deadlines 2026-2027

College	App Due	App Platform	Transcript Due	Transcript Platform	Test Score Due	Test Score Platform	Notify Date	Essay	Honors App	Rec Letter
UF	ED- Oct. 15 *Binding EA- Nov. 1 Regular- Jan 15	<i>Common App</i>	ED- Oct. 22 EA- Nov. 8 Reg- Jan. 22	STARS (formerly SSAR)	ED- Oct. 22 EA- Nov. 8 Reg- Jan. 22	<i>Self-reported through Univ Applicant Portal</i>	ED- Dec. 11 EA- Jan. 22 - Admit, Deny, Defer(ED,EA) Reg- March 19 - Admit, Deny, Waitlist, Pathway	<i>Required & Supp Essay</i>	<i>Extra Essay in CA</i>	<i>No</i>
FSU	ED- Oct. 15 *Binding EA- Oct. 15 Regular- Dec. 1	<i>Common App or Institutional App</i>	ED- Oct. 22 EA- Oct. 22 Reg- Dec. 8	STARS	ED- Dec. 1* EA- Dec. 1* (at least 1 before 10-22) Reg- Jan. 1	<i>Self-reported through Univ Applicant Portal</i>	ED&EA- Dec. 17 - Admit,Deny,Defer Reg- Feb. 18 - Admit,Deny, Waitlist,Other Path	<i>Required</i>	<i>Indicate on CA for Supp App on Appl. Portal</i>	<i>No</i>
UCF	EA- Oct. 15 <i>Then Rolling</i>	<i>Common App or Institutional App</i>	EA- Nov. 15 Rolling	SPARK	EA- Nov. 15 Rolling	<i>Testing Agency</i>	EA- Dec.4 -Admit, Deny, Defer, Other Path Rolling- Admit,Deny Waitlist,Other	<i>Strongly Encouraged</i>	<i>Separate App-Student Request</i>	<i>No</i>
USF	EA- Nov. 2 Reg- Dec. 16 <i>Then Rolling</i>	<i>Common App or Institutional App</i>	EA- Nov. 16 Reg- Jan. 15 Rolling	STARS	EA- Nov. 16 Reg- Jan. 15 Rolling	<i>Testing Agency</i>	EA- Dec. 9 Reg- Feb. 10 Rolling	<i>Strongly Encouraged</i>	<i>Separate App in Univ. Applicant Portal</i>	<i>No</i>
UNF	Priority- Nov.18 Stand- Dec.16 <i>Then Rolling</i>	<i>Common App or Institutional App</i>	Prior- Nov. 18 Stand- Dec.16 Rolling	STARS	Prior- Nov. 18 Stand- Dec.16 Rolling	<i>Self-reported through Univ Applicant Portal</i>	Prior- Dec. 9 Stand- Jan. 13 Rolling	<i>Strongly Encouraged</i>	<i>Separate App on Univ website</i>	<i>No</i>
FAU	EA- Oct. 15 <i>Then Rolling</i>	<i>Common App or Institutional App</i>	EA- Oct. 22 Rolling	STARS	EA- Nov. 20 Rolling	<i>Testing Agency</i>	EA- Dec. 4 Rolling	<i>Strongly Encouraged</i>	<i>Wilkes Hon College-CA</i>	<i>No</i>

College	App Due	App Platform	Transcript Due	Transcript Platform	Test Score Due	Test Score Platform	Notify Date	Essay	Honors App	Rec Letter
FGCU	EA- Nov. 1 Then Rolling	Common App or Institutional App	EA- Nov. 15 Rolling	Contact SHS Registrar to send electron	EA- Nov. 15 Rolling	Testing Agency	EA- Dec Rolling	Not Required	Separate App on Univ website	No
Univ Miami	ED1- Nov. 1 EA- Nov. 1 ED2- Jan. 5 Regular- Jan. 5	Common App	ED1- Nov. 13 EA- Nov. 20 ED2- Jan. 25 Reg- Feb. 5	Counselor through Common App	ED1- Nov. 13 EA- Nov. 20 ED2- Jan. 25 Reg- Feb. 5	Self-reported or From Testing Agency	ED1- Mid Dec EA- Late Jan ED2- Late Feb Regular- Apr. 1	Required	Invited	Require d (1)

CEEB SEABREEZE HIGH SCHOOL CODE FOR SAT AND ACT: 100370

2026-2027 SAT Dates			
To sign up, Go to www.collegeboard.org		Free Test Prep for SAT is available online at: https://signup.collegeboard.org/official-sat-practice/	
SAT Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Format
August 22, 2026	August 7, 2026	August 11, 2026	Digital
September 12, 2026	August 28, 2026	September 1, 2026	Digital
October 3, 2026	September 18, 2026	September 22, 2026	Digital
November 7, 2026	October 23, 2026	October 27, 2026	Digital
December 5, 2026	November 20, 2026	November 24, 2026	Digital
March 6, 2027	February 19, 2027	February 23, 2027	Digital
May 1, 2027	April 16, 2027	April 20, 2027	Digital
June 5, 2027	May 21, 2027	May 25, 2027	Digital

2026-2027 ACT Dates			
To sign up, Go to https://www.act.org/		Free Test Prep for ACT is available online at: Free ACT Practice Test ACT	
ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Photo Upload Deadline
September 19, 2026	August 14, 2026	September 1, 2026	September 14, 2026
October 17, 2026	September 11, 2026	September 29, 2026	October 12, 2026
December 12, 2026	November 6, 2026	November 29, 2026	December 7, 2026
February 27, 2027	January 22, 2027	February 9, 2027	February 22, 2027
April 10, 2027	March 5, 2027	March 23, 2027	April 5, 2027
June 12, 2027	May 7, 2027	May 25, 2027	June 7, 2027
July 10, 2027	June 4, 2027	June 22, 2027	July 5, 2027

2026-2027 CLT Dates		
To sign up, Go to The CLT® – Online College Entrance Exam – Classic Learning Test (cltexam.com)		Free Test Prep for CLT is available online at: Take a CLT or CLT10 Practice Exam - Classic Learning Test (cltexam.com)
ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Format
August 22, 2026*	August 13, 2026	Digital
September 17, 2026	September 10, 2026	Digital
October 17, 2026*	October 8, 2026	Digital
November 14, 2026*	November 5, 2026	Digital
December 8, 2026	December 3, 2026	Digital
January 23, 2027*	January 14, 2027	Digital
February 18, 2027	February 11, 2027	Digital
March 20, 2027*	March 11, 2027	Digital
April 17, 2027*	April 8, 2027	Digital
May 22, 2027*	May 13, 2027	Digital
June 17, 2027	June 10, 2027	Digital
*Indicates Saturday test date		

Example Student

1234 street, city, STATE

Mobile: (123)-567-8901 | Student_name@email.com

EDUCATION

Seabreeze High School

Daytona Beach, FL, 2023-2027

GPA: Weighted: 4.55 / Unweighted: 4.0 ■ **SAT:** 1400 ■ **ACT:** 30

AICE diploma candidate/recipient 2027/2026

AICE/AP courses completed: English Language AS, Marine Science AS, etc.

AICE/AP Exams passed: Eng Lang AS- A, Marine Science- C, etc.

AICE/AP courses currently taking: English Literature AS, Thinking Skills AS, etc.

ACTIVITIES/EXPERIENCE

Debate Team

Somewhere, FL

Lead Debater & Impromptu Speaker

2024-2025

- Lead recruitment and training, head of research and affirmative plan writing. Earned 1st & 3rd Place Impromptu Speaking.
- 2 hrs/week

Eagle Scout BSA Troop 21

Somewhere, FL

Eagle Scout & Jr Asst Scoutmaster

2020-current

- Plan monthly events/meetings, assist 5-10 younger scouts in leadership and advancement, and train new leaders.
- 5 hrs/week
- Project- built a playground at local church- raised \$2,000-coordinated 12 volunteers to assist-spent 50 hours building

AWARDS/HONORS

- **Scouts Eagle Project:**

Constructed wheelchair-accessible sand table and sandbox for YMCA, Troop Senior Patrol Leader (June 2024-December 2025). Earned 36 Merit Badges, Young Scouter of the Year Award for the Rockland District (11th Grade)

- **Rockland County Forensic League Interscholastic Debate Tournament**

Earned 2nd Place. Competed in 30-minute debate sessions over relevant cultural and political topics.

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Proficient in MicroSoft Office Suite, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, Spanish as Second Language, Survival Skills, Rafting and River-Run Experience

Taken from: <https://www.collegeessayguy.com/blog/college-resume-templates>

	NAME OF INSTITUTION	SUMMER SEMESTER							FALL SEMESTER							STARS/SPARK	Self-Reported Test Scores	2+2 Program
		Total Enrollment	Total Undergraduate Enrollment (2025)	Anticipated class size	Average or middle 50% FTIC GPA	Middle 50% Admit FTIC SAT	Middle 50% Admit FTIC ACT	Middle 50% FTIC CLT	Anticipated class size	Average or middle 50% FTIC GPA	Middle 50% Admit FTIC SAT	Middle 50% Admit FTIC ACT	Middle 50% FTIC CLT					
	FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY	8,739	7,372	400	3.0 – 3.7	1010 – 1110	18 – 23	57-68	1600	3.6 – 4.2	1090 – 1240	22 – 26	60 – 74	NO	NO	IGNITE		
	FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	32,248	24,484	1,300	3.32 – 3.93	1020 – 1190	20 – 25	62 – 82	3,500	3.78 – 4.35	1110 – 1300	23 – 29	66 – 82	YES	YES	Link2FAU		
	FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY	16,734	13,864	300	4.02	1135	23	60	2,150	4.22	1170	24	67	NO	NO	Destination FGCU		
	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY	55,673	46,050	3,200	3.9 – 4.4	1100 – 1200	22 – 25	70 – 83	2,200	4.1 – 4.7	1250 – 1380	27 – 32	84 – 95	NO	NO	Connect4Success		
	FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY	1,901	1,746	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	750	3.8 – 4.5	1160 – 1360	24 – 31	64 – 96	YES	YES	Polk State to Florida Poly		
	FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	45,744	34,271	2,400	4.1 – 4.5	1300 – 1370	28 – 31	86 – 98	3,600	4.3 – 4.6	1380 – 1480	31 – 34	102 – 105	YES	YES	TSC Aspire Transfer Program		
	NEW COLLEGE OF FLORIDA	919	869	30	3.27 – 3.83	1040 – 1120	18.8 – 22.5	60.5 – 67	220	3.8 – 4.38	1030 – 1320	23 – 29	64 – 79	YES	YES	Guaranteed Admission Program		
	UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA	70,658	60,070	3,450	3.90 – 4.38	1190 – 1240	24 – 26	82 – 88	4,830	4.11 – 4.57	1310 – 1420	28 – 32	91 – 101	YES	NO	Direct Connect to UCF		
	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	63,302	39,860	1,250	4.4 – 4.7	1380 – 1460	30 – 34	N/A too few	6,250	4.5 – 4.7	1430 – 1520	32 – 35	N/A too few	YES	YES	Going Gator		
	UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA	17,041	14,415	1,800	3.24 – 3.70	940 – 1110	18 – 24	47 – 62	1,900	3.96 – 4.51	1090 – 1280	23 – 29	55 – 83	YES	YES	Transfer2UNF		
	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA	47,814	37,479	3,000	3.71 – 4.29	1140 – 1230	72 – 84	N/A	3,850	4.13 – 4.58	1290 – 1420	28 – 32	92 – 100	YES	NO	FUSE		
	UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA	15,442	10,315	60	3.50 – 4.04	970 – 1170	18 – 24	46 – 68	1,340	3.63 – 4.23	1020 – 1230	20 – 27	47 – 63	YES	NO	2UWF		

This matrix was produced by Florida International University.



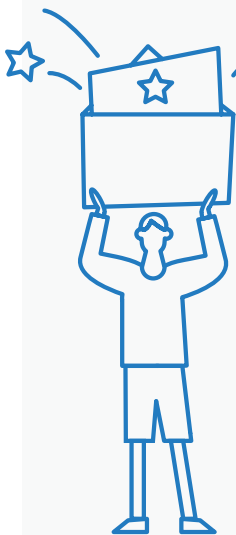
What is Common App?

Common App is a non-profit college access organization that helps students apply to college every year. Common App's free college application tool is designed to make applying to college faster and easier. With Common App you only need to use one system to apply to multiple colleges and universities. There are two main parts you fill out: a set of common questions and each college's own specific questions. The best part is you only have to fill out the common questions one time!

Common App is a place for you to learn about the college admissions process, understand how to plan and apply to college, and discover all that different colleges have to offer. It's a hub of information that can guide you through each step of the application journey. It's a resource that connects you with financial aid and scholarship opportunities.

Common App at a glance

- More than 1,100 colleges and universities use Common App
- 350+ public colleges and universities
- 50+ international universities in 20+ countries
- 200+ Minority Serving Institutions
- 600+ without app fee
- 950+ Common App member colleges do not require ACT or SAT test scores



Whatever questions you might have, we're here to help

Application guides to give you step-by-step instructions on completing your application.

A college roadmap designed to guide you toward your next destination — no matter where you start.

An application dictionary to help you understand the terminology related to college applications.

A library of FAQs to answer any question you may have, and a support team that's available **24/7/365**.

What's next

Visit commonapp.org to see available resources, start exploring colleges, and create your Common App account.

Scholarships

*Seabreeze documents a lot of scholarships on our website which is updated regularly-

<https://www.seabreezehigh.org/student-life/seniors/financial-aid-scholarships>

*Check out Big Future- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org> "Pay for College"

Transcripts

*For a copy of your transcript, please email our Registrar- Mrs. Franklin- fafrank1@volusia.k12.fl.us

*In the SUBJECT line of email, please put TRANSCRIPT

*In the email, please include:

- 1- Your name
- 2- Your alpha
- 3- Unofficial Copy for yourself OR the name of the school you want it sent.

Volunteering

*Please view the Youth Partnership Program (YPP) training presentation which is located on the SHS guidance website. Print and complete the YPP Student Volunteer Post-Test. Bring the completed post-test to our Guidance secretary- Mrs. Navarro- or email it to her- [<enavarro@volusia.k12.fl.us>](mailto:enavarro@volusia.k12.fl.us)

<https://www.seabreezehigh.org/parents-students/school-counselors/volunteering>

*Record all hours on the Youth Volunteer/Work Hours sheet located on the SHS guidance website

<https://www.seabreezehigh.org/parents-students/school-counselors/volunteering>