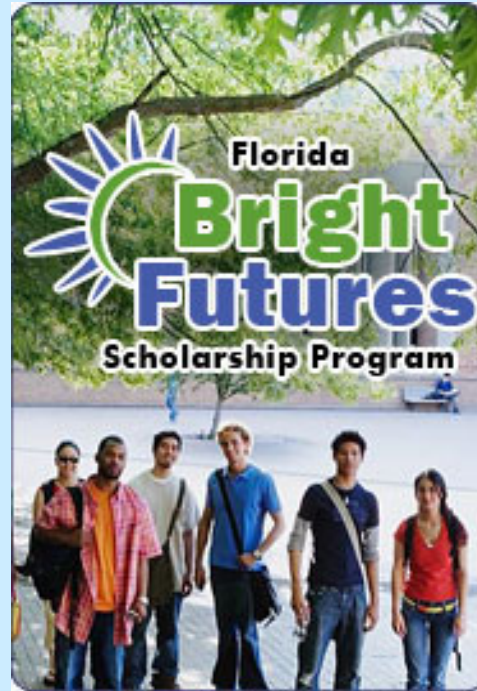


# State Grants and Scholarships



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# State Grants & Scholarships

- ❖ The Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) administers state-funded scholarship and grant programs and the Federal Family Education Loan Program
- ❖ Please visit [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org) for detailed information, applications, and deadlines

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# How to Apply for State Grants & Scholarships

- ❖ The Florida Financial Aid Application is available December 1st
- ❖ Remember to apply early
- ❖ Each scholarship and grant program has its own application deadline
- ❖ Check the website for details
  - ❖ Go to [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org)
  - ❖ Click on "State Grants, Scholarships & Applications"
  - ❖ In the top blue toolbar, click on "Apply Here"
  - ❖ Click on "Initial State Student Application"
- ❖ Check the website often to track application progress and make updates



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## Office of Student Financial Assistance

Florida Department of Education

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**Student Loans - Information for Students, Parents, Schools & Lenders**

**State Grants, Scholarships & Applications**

Florida Department of Education

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**Student Loans:**  
1-800-366-3475 Toll-Free  
E-mail to: [OSFAStudentLoans@fldoe.org](mailto:OSFAStudentLoans@fldoe.org)

**State Scholarships & Grants:**  
1-888-827-2004 Toll-Free  
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# Student Application



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Home	Programs Offered	Apply Here	Application Status & Award History	Postsecondary Institutions	High Schools	Other Agency Certifiers	State Program Links	Education Links	Frequently Asked Questions
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### What's New

[Florida Legislative Session 2011 Updates and Legislative History](#)

### Applicant Quick Links

[Student Application](#)  
[View Student Financial Aid History](#)  
[Update My Demographics](#)  
[Check My Status](#)

### Administrator Quick Links

[Program Compliance Audits](#)  
[SSFAD Guide for Postsecondary Institutions](#)  
[SSFAD Guide for High School Personnel](#)

### Want Bright Futures?

Seniors submit a [Florida Financial Aid Application](#) by high school graduation.



### Who We Are

The Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) State Programs, within the Florida Department of Education, administers a variety of postsecondary educational state-funded grants and scholarships, and provides information to students, parents, and high school and postsecondary professionals.

Easy access to program information, application and award status.

**Know it, Use it, Be Responsible for your state financial aid!**  
**Students - link here to Activate Your User ID and PIN**

Students should regularly check online:

1. to update contact information,
2. to view all communications from OSFA, and
3. to view the status of their application and awards.



### Contact Us

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### Great Resources



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# Eligible Institution Information

- ❖ Go to the OSFA State Programs website:
  - ❖ <http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/home/uamain.htm>
    - ❖ Select an institution from the "Postsecondary Institution List"
    - ❖ Click on "Search"
    - ❖ A list of state grant and scholarship programs the institution is eligible to participate in will appear
    - ❖ Compare institutions' state grant and scholarship eligibility

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### ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION INFORMATION BY POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION

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Academic Year: 2011-12

Postsecondary Institution List:

Accreditation Agency:

Address:

Financial Aid Office

Telephone Number:

Program Name	Participating	Beginning Date of Eligibility
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# Types of State Grants & Scholarships

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# Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

- ❖ The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program provides scholarships based on high school academic achievement and is Florida's largest merit-based scholarship program
- ❖ The Program offers three levels of scholarship awards – the Florida Academic Scholars (including Academic Top Scholars), the Florida Medallion Scholars, and the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars
- ❖ To be considered, a student must submit a completed (error-free) Florida Financial Aid Application during his or her last year in high school (after December 1st and prior to graduation)
- ❖ Eligibility requirements can be viewed at:
  - ❖ <http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/factsheets/BF.htm>
- ❖ Award amounts can be viewed at:
  - ❖ <http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/bf/awardamt.htm>



# 2010 Legislative Changes

- ❖ Beginning with 2009-10 high school graduates
  - ❖ 100% of program of study
    - ❖ FAS/FMS = up to 120 semester hours (or equivalent in quarter or clock hours)
    - ❖ GSV = up to 90 semester hours (or equivalent in quarter or clock hours)
  - ❖ Students have a **one-time** opportunity for restoration for insufficient GPA in first year of funding only
  - ❖ FAS/FMS students who receive first baccalaureate degree in 2010-11 and thereafter, in seven semesters or fewer, may receive funding for one semester of graduate study, not to exceed 15 semester hours, paid at undergraduate rate



# 2010 Legislative Changes (continued)

- ❖ Beginning with 2010-11 high school graduates
  - ❖ Number of years of funding available is up to **five years** from high school graduation
    - ❖ Changed from seven years
  - ❖ Students unable to complete program of study after five academic years due to illness or emergency may be granted a one-year extension





# 2011 Legislative Changes FAFSA Requirement

- ❖ Students are now **required** to submit a complete, error-free FAFSA for
  - ❖ Bright Futures, Florida Resident Access Grant, and Access to Better Learning and Education Grant
    - ❖ Required annually of initial and renewal students any time prior to disbursement
    - ❖ No FAFSA = No \$\$
- ❖ Community service requirements **increased** for all three Bright Futures award levels
  - ❖ FAS – 100 hours (increased from 75 hours)
  - ❖ FMS – 75 hours (increased from 0 hours)
  - ❖ GSV – 30 hours (increased from 0 hours)

# 2011 Legislative Changes Test Score Requirements

Raising the Bar for Juniors, Sophomores & Freshmen

Graduation Year	Year of Initial Eligibility	FAS		FMS	
		<u>SAT</u>	<u>ACT</u>	<u>SAT</u>	<u>ACT</u>
2011-12	2012-13	1270	28	980	21
2012-13	2013-14	1280	28	1020	22
2013-14	2014-15	1290	29	1170	26

*Home educated students graduating 2013-14 who are unable to document college preparatory and wish to earn FMS must earn 1220 SAT or 27 ACT.*

# Other State Grants & Scholarships

- ❖ The Initial State Student Application also determines your eligibility for other state grants and scholarships administered by the state of Florida
  - ❖ José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant Fund
  - ❖ Rosewood Family Scholarship Program
  - ❖ Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans and Servicemembers

*For more details about these state programs,  
please visit:*

[www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/home/ProgramsOffered.htm](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/home/ProgramsOffered.htm)

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# Other State Grants & Scholarships

- ❖ Your institution will determine your eligibility for other state grants and scholarships administered by the state of Florida
  - ❖ Florida Student Assistance Grant
  - ❖ Florida Resident Access Grant
  - ❖ Access to Better Learning and Education Grant
  - ❖ Florida Work Experience Program
  - ❖ Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship

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*www.facts.org*

- ❖ Florida Academic Counseling and Tracking for Students (facts.org) is Florida's official online student advising system that can assist high school students, college students, parents, and even counselors to help plan and track educational progress in Florida
- ❖ Go to [www.facts.org](http://www.facts.org):
  - ❖ Click on "High School Students"
  - ❖ Click one of the links under "Plan and Track Progress"
  - ❖ Requires User ID/Password

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FACTS.org: Academic Advising and Career Planning for Florida's Middle School, High School, and - Windows Internet Explorer

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**Florida's educational opportunities and student advising at your fingertips!**

**As of July 18, 2011, FACTS.org requires all students to have a FACTS Login ID to access student academic information.**

■ FACTS.org is Florida's Academic Counseling and Tracking for Students. Sponsored by the Department of Education and the Florida Center for Advising & Academic Support, this free online advising website helps students plan and track their education progress from middle school through college.

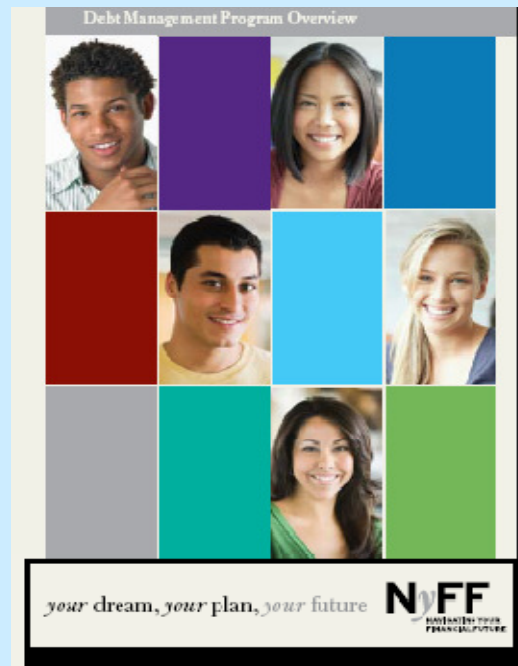
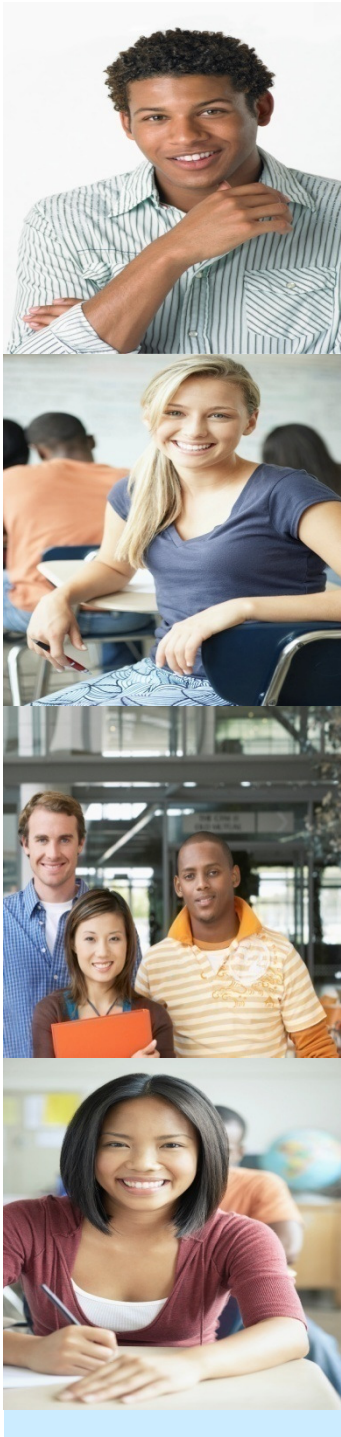
**News & Info:**

- [FLDOE Academic & Career Advisement Webinars Announced](#)
- [Training & Events Calendar Updated](#)
- [Order Materials from the Digital Storefront](#)
- [2011 Annual Report Now Available](#)
- [FACTS.org launches Finish Up, Florida! campaign](#)

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# Navigating Your Financial Future



OSFA offers a variety of tools and resources to assist you in your pursuit of higher education

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