



Financial Aid Overview

2021-2022 High School
Students
2022-2023
Postsecondary Year


Financial Aid has its own language and acronyms:

- COA
- SAR
- EFC
- FAFSA
- FSA ID
- IRS DRT
- FFAA
- FAO
- ED
- FLDOE
- OSFA





Agenda

- What is financial aid?
 - Where do I find financial aid?
 - How and When do I apply?
 - Who can help me?
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What is Financial Aid?

- Monies received from Four Sources: Federal, State, Institutional or Private
 - Monies are also categorized as:
 - Gift aid
 - Self-help
 - Need-based
 - Merit-based
 - Can cover direct or indirect costs





College Costs

- 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 Costs

- Public 2-year college (tuition and fees, in-state) - **\$3,770**
- Public 4-year college (tuition and fees, in-state) - **\$10,560**
- Public 4-year college (tuition and fees, out of state) - **\$27,020**
- Private 4-year college (tuition and fees) - **\$37,650**



Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- Federal government is largest source of student aid; FAFSA distributed and processed by the U.S. Department of Education
 - Manual or **electronic** options
 - 2022-23 FAFSA opens October 1
 - IRS Data Retrieval Tool opens October 1 and will allow students to import **PRIOR PRIOR (2020)** year tax data
- Must be completed **ANNUALLY** (per academic year) to be evaluated for financial aid



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Complete the FAFSA® Form

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school.

New to the FAFSA® Process?

Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now.

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[View your Student Aid Report \(SAR\)](#)

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Getting Started

- Gather important data
- Monitor priority deadlines
 - State and institutional deadlines vary
- Confirm FAFSA dependency versus independency requirements
 - Dependent students are required to include parental information
 - Independent students are not required to include parental information
- Search for school codes
- Plan to sign and submit online using the Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID and FSA Password



Student Dependent or Independent?

- Were you born before January 1, 1999?
- As of today are you married?
- At the beginning of the 2022-23 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, or graduate certificate, etc.)?
- Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?
- Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?



Student Dependent or Independent?

- Do you now have or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023?
- Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2023?
- At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court?



Student Dependent or Independent?

- As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?
- Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?
- At any time on or after July 1, 2021, did your **high school or school district homeless liaison** determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?



Student Dependent or Independent?

- At any time on or after July 1, 2021, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program **funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development** determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?
- At any time on or after July 1, 2021, did the **director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program** determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?



Who is a Parent?

- A legal parent includes a biological or adoptive parent, or a person that the state has determined to be your parent (for example, when a state allows another person's name to be listed as a parent on a birth certificate).
- Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, older brothers or sisters, widowed stepparents, and aunts and uncles are not considered parents unless they have legally adopted you.



Parent Marital Status

- Never Married
- Unmarried but living together
- Married
- Remarried
- Divorced or separated
- Widowed



Student Aid Report (SAR)

- Provides basic information about federal student aid eligibility
- Received (after you submit the FAFSA) via email within 3-5 days if you provided an email address
 - Received via mail within 7-10 days if you did not provide an email address
- Correct errors, if needed
- Will contain an expected family contribution (EFC)
 - Assists institutions in the financial aid award packaging process
- **COA-EFC=Financial need**



Additional Information

- Contact institution to determine award disbursement process
- Contact institution for special circumstances or professional judgment needs
- Contact institution to determine what other types of aid applications are available
- Use student loans as a **LAST RESORT**

Additional Information

- Verification Process
- Financial Aid Award Notification
- Communication with the Post Secondary Institution
- Formula: $COA - EFC = \text{Financial Need}$
 - Scholarships/Grants (Institutional/Federal/State)
 - Florida Prepaid-529 Plans (Check with your Institution)
 - Federal Loans: Student/Parent
 - Subsidized (USDOE pays interest – in school)
 - Unsubsidized (Student responsible interest)
 - Subsidized/Unsubsidized (Principal + interest begins after graduation or not enrolled for 6 months)
 - Private Loans





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Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)

www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org

- 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




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FFAA-Florida Financial Aid Application


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Office of Student Financial Assistance


Florida Student Scholarship Grant Programs

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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.

NOTE: We recommend downloading the newest version of your preferred browser for the best experience. (Chrome, Firefox, Microsoft Edge, Safari)

State Scholarship and Grant Programs

- 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
- Honorably Discharged Graduate Assistance Program
- José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant*
- Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship
- Minority Teacher Education Scholarship
- Ocoee Scholarship Program
- Rosewood Family Scholarship*
- Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans* (Award Amounts)

APPLICATIONS

- Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)
- Reinstatement/Restoration Application
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Document Upload

REPORTS

- Annual Report to the Commissioner - (Archives)
- End-of-Year Reports - (Archives)
- Bright Futures Statistical Reports

RESOURCES

- Federal Student Aid
- Financial Aid Terms and Definitions
- Money for College Brochure
- Navigating Your Financial Future
- State Scholarship and Grant Calendar

STATUTES AND RULES

- Florida Statutes
- State Board of Education Rules
- Legislative Changes
- Postsecondary Compliance Audits
- Postsecondary Eligibility Requirements



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Need-Based Programs

- Florida Student Assistance Grant (FSAG)
- Florida Work Experience Program (FWEP)


Tuition Assistance Programs

- William L. Boyd, Effective Access to Student Education Grant Program





Merit-Based Programs

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

- First Generation Matching Grant (FGMG)
- Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship (FFSS)
- 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)

New- 2021-2022

- Randolph Bracy Ocoee Scholarship Program






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Fastweb

- 1.5 million scholarships worth 3.4 billion dollars
 - Targeted search
 - Other resources
 - College search
 - Career planning
 - And more!
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Other

- www.FinAid.org
 - High School or School District
 - Protect yourself from scams
 - Report to www.ftc.gov
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Mapping Your Future (MYF)

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Mapping Your Future is a non-profit organization dedicated to combining person-to-person financial counseling with online resources to help students plan for their future with:

- College preparation
- School selection
- Career exploration
- Money management





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- Financing higher education
 - Managing day-to-day money
 - Career planning
 - School/Life management
 - Resources available at no cost
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Review: Action Items

- Federal – Financial Aid (FAFSA)
 - Mark October 1, 2021 as FAFSA application opening date
 - Create FSA ID and passwords now
- State – Financial Aid (FFAA)
 - Mark October 1, 2021 as application opening date
 - Ensure meeting requirements:
 - Bright Futures
 - Graduation
 - Private scholarships – apply, apply, apply!



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