

HOW TO APPLY : FFAA

courtesy of the wohs student services team

EVERY SENIOR MUST COMPLETE the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) in order to be eligible for state grants and scholarships, including Bright Futures.

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER 1

Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) opens.

GRADUATION

Deadline to meet all eligibility requirements

AUGUST 31 (after graduation)

Deadline to submit FFAA application and qualifying test scores

Go to www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidSG.org

- Find First-Time Applicants → Select blue hyperlinked “Create Student Account”
- Complete **ALL THREE STEPS** below to complete your application

STEP 1 of 3: SUBMITTING STUDENT PROFILE

- Enter Student Demographic Information
 - Enter your Social Security Number, leave blank if you don't have one.
 - DO NOT guess or enter a fake SSN
 - If you leave blank, click “OK” on the pop up to be assigned a Pseudo ID
 - FLID : leave blank
 - Enter your **LEGAL NAME exactly as it appears in Skyward**
**No abbreviations or nicknames*
 - Graduation Date: 5/24/20xx (enter your graduation year)
**this is NOT an official graduation date, it is for the purposes of this application only*
- Enter Personal Contact Information
 - DO NOT** enter your student OPCS email - enter a **PERSONAL** email address
 - Enter your **PERSONAL** cell phone number
**personal email and cell phone need to be entered to help with password/username recovery*
- Click SUBMIT - An email will be sent to the personal email you provided with your login and password information. **SAVE THIS EMAIL!**

WAIT - YOU ARE NOT FINISHED!

Go to the TOP of the BLUE SCREEN and click on the “Complete Application” hyperlink.

STEP 2 of 3: COMPLETE THE FLORIDA FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION (FFAA)

- Scroll down and start with the **“OTHER INFORMATION”** section.
 - Read and answer the next seven questions.
If you answer “yes” to any of these, the follow up questions will be made available for you after the academic background section is completed.
 - Click “NEXT”
- Enter **“ACADEMIC BACKGROUND-HIGH SCHOOL”** Section
 - Will you graduate from a FL high school? - **YES**
 - YOU WILL LIKELY SKIP THE PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION**
 - Florida high school graduation option - **PUBLIC**

- Florida district where you will graduate?- **ORANGE**
- Select **WEST ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL** (1625 Beulah Rd., Winter Garden) from the drop down menu.
- SKIP THE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS ABOUT HOME EDUCATION**
- Are you an AICE or IB Student?
 - YES** if you have taken or are currently taking an AICE class
 - NO** if you have never taken an AICE class
- Enter **“ACADEMIC BACKGROUND - POSTSECONDARY PLANS”** Information
 - Earned a baccalaureate degree? - **NO**
 - In the Fall of 202x, I will be classified as: **FRESHMAN (FIRST TIME IN COLLEGE)**
You are still an FTIC if you are dual enrolled.
 - What is the location and name of the primary post secondary institution you are planning to attend?
 - Select **IN STATE** regardless of where you are planning to attend and **CHOOSE AT LEAST ONE** in state school (Valencia, UCF, FSU, FAU, etc.)
 - If the school you plan to attend is not listed, choose one from the dropdown menu and you can change your answer later.
 - Your Florida Financial Aid Application information may be sent to additional in-state institutions:
 - It is recommended, but not required that you select at least a few other schools you may consider attending.
 - Click “NEXT”

If you answered “YES” to a question in the “OTHER INFORMATION” section earlier, the tab(s) will be available now. If you didn’t, you will be forward to “SUBMIT/ACKNOWLEDGE”

OPTIONAL OTHER INFORMATION SECTION:

- Enter information needed in the following tab(s) if applicable:
 - Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans
 - Jose Marti Scholarship Challenge Grant (JM)
 - Rosewood Family Scholarships (RFS)
 - Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship (FFSS)

If a tab opens for you and you click “I DON’T KNOW” you will be able to submit your application. However, you must come back and update your application PRIOR to April 1st and provide necessary information in order to be evaluated for the specific scholarship(s).

STEP 3 of 3: SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION - YOU ARE FINISHED!

Submit your FFAA BY MAY 1 and you will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Amazon gift card! If you have questions or need help, come see Mrs. Maroth in the College + Career Center.

thank you!

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