

A group of five diverse students (three young men and two young women) are smiling and posing together. A blue arrow-shaped graphic points from the left, containing the text "MONEY FOR COLLEGE".

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A light blue arrow-shaped graphic pointing from the left, containing the text "Florida Scholarships & Grants".

Florida Scholarships & Grants

A green arrow-shaped graphic pointing to the right, containing the text "Florida Department of Education" and "Office of Student Financial Assistance".

Florida Department of Education
Office of Student Financial Assistance



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MONEY FOR COLLEGE

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE), Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA), offers a variety of student financial aid. Applying is easy!

Apply

Seniors submit a *Florida Financial Aid Application* (FFAA) beginning October 1 of their senior year of high school or no later than August 31.

- Go to www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org,
- Select [Create a Student Account](#) to complete your profile, then
- Proceed with the completion of your FFAA.

After You Apply

- **Check your personal email box for the application acknowledgement (within 24 hours of submission).** Thereafter, all communications will be posted and viewable on your Financial Aid Recipient History (FARH) screen. Instructions and the User ID and Password for access will be in the acknowledgement. Correspondence may be viewed on the FARH under SECTION VII: Correspondence History.
- **Keep your information, including email address changes, up to date on the FARH.** We cannot notify you of scholarship or grant updates if we cannot contact you!
- **View your FARH regularly** and be sure to update your institution for award funding.

User ID & Password

- **KNOW IT!**
- **USE IT!**
- **BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR STATE FINANCIAL AID**

Additional Financial Aid Sources of Information

State:

- State Scholarship and Grant Programs: www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org

Federal:

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid: <https://studentaid.gov/fafsa>
- Federal Student Aid Information Center: 800-433-3243
- U.S. Department of Education Portal for Student Aid: <https://studentaid.gov/>

Pay attention to individual program application and certification deadlines. If you have questions about scholarships and grant programs, call OSFA Customer Service at 888-827-2004.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

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Benacquisto Scholarship Program

Merit-based scholarship for high school graduates who:

- Achieved the National Merit® Scholar designation.
- Enroll full-time (a minimum of 12 credits hours per term or quarter equivalency) in a baccalaureate degree program at an eligible Florida postsecondary institution.
- Enroll in the fall academic term following high school graduation.

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

Florida's largest merit-based scholarship which is based on high school academic achievement. Students must:

- Submit a completed, error-free, *Florida Financial Aid Application* (FFAA) starting October 1 and no later than August 31.
- Meet academic criteria, GPA, minimum test scores, required volunteer service, paid work hours, or combination of both.
- Mid-Year graduates seeking spring term funding must complete the FFAA by December 31 of their senior year of high school.

Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship Program

Provides farmworkers or children of farmworkers (as defined in section 420.503, Florida Statutes) an award to cover 100 percent of tuition and specified fees at a public Florida postsecondary institution. Students must:

- Complete an error-free *Florida Financial Aid Application* (FFAA) by the April 1 deadline.
- Complete an error-free *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) in time to be processed by the U.S. Department of Education by the May 15 deadline.
- Earn a minimum weighted cumulative GPA of 3.5 for all high school courses toward a diploma.
- Complete a minimum of 30 volunteer service or paid work hours.
- Achieve a minimum 90 percent attendance rate and have no disciplinary action brought against him or her, as documented on the student's high school transcript.
- Enroll in an undergraduate degree or certificate program for a minimum of 12 credit hours per term, or the equivalent, at an eligible Florida institution.

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Florida First Responder Student Scholarship Program

Provides scholarship funding for eligible law enforcement officer, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and firefighter trainees. Students must:

- Be enrolled in an approved training program at a Florida College System institution or school district technical center.
- Check with the postsecondary institution for participation and application deadline information.

Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship Program

Provides scholarship assistance to undergraduate students who:

- Meet academic requirements.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Attend Bethune-Cookman University, Edward Waters University, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, or Florida Memorial University
- Students must check with the postsecondary institution for participation and application deadline information.

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Randolph Bracy Ocoee Scholarship Program

Provides scholarship assistance to descendants of victims of the Ocoee Election Day Riots of November 1920, or current African American residents of Ocoee, Florida to attend full time at eligible Florida postsecondary institutions.

- Complete an error-free *Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)* and provide supporting documentation by the April 1 deadline.
- Complete an error-free *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* in time to be processed by the U.S. Department of Education by the May 15 deadline.
- Eligible students must attend a state university, Historically Black College or University (HBCU), a Florida College System institution, or public postsecondary technical center in Florida.

Rosewood Family Scholarship Program

Provides scholarship assistance to descendants of Rosewood families affected by the incidents of January 1923 to attend full time at eligible public Florida postsecondary institutions.

- Complete an error-free *Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)* and provide supporting documentation by the April 1 deadline.
- Complete an error-free *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* in time to be processed by the U.S. Department of Education by the May 15 deadline.

Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans

Provides scholarship assistance for dependent children and spouses of Florida veterans who:

- Died as a result of service-connected injuries, diseases, or disabilities sustained while on active duty, or
- Have been verified by the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs as having service-connected 100% total and permanent disabilities, or
- Have been classified as a prisoner of war or missing in action by the Armed Forces of the United States or as a civilian personnel captured while serving with the consent and authorization of the United States Government during wartime service.
- Complete an error-free *Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)* and provide supporting documentation by the April 1 deadline.

The Florida Department of Veterans Affairs will certify a veteran's eligibility.

GRANT PROGRAMS

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Effective Access to Student Education

Provides tuition assistance to full-time Florida undergraduate students who attend eligible private Florida colleges or universities.

- Students must check with the postsecondary institution they plan to attend for participation and application deadline information.

First Generation Matching Grant Program

Provides grant funding to Florida resident, undergraduate students enrolled at state universities or Florida College System institutions who demonstrate financial need, and whose parents have not earned baccalaureate degrees. Students must:

- Complete an error-free *Free Application for Federal student Aid* (FAFSA) by the deadline specified by the participating postsecondary institutions (<https://studentaid.gov/fafsa>).
- Check with the postsecondary institution they plan to attend for participation and application deadline information.

Florida Public Postsecondary Career Education Student Assistance Grant

Provides assistance to eligible Florida residents who demonstrate financial need and enroll in certificate programs of 450 or more clock hours or 15 semester hours at participating Florida College System institutions or career centers operated by district school boards. Student must:

- Complete an error-free *Free Application for Federal student Aid* (FAFSA) by the deadline specified by the participating postsecondary institutions (<https://studentaid.gov/fafsa>).
- Check with the postsecondary institution they plan to attend for participation and application deadline information.

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Florida Student Assistance Grant

Florida's largest need-based grant program that provides assistance to degree-seeking, resident, undergraduate students who:

- Demonstrate financial need.
- Are enrolled in eligible public or private postsecondary institutions.
- Complete an error-free *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) by the deadline specified by the participating postsecondary institutions (<https://studentaid.gov/fafsa>).
- Check with the postsecondary institution they plan to attend for participation and application deadline information.

Florida Work Experience Program

Provides eligible Florida residents, undergraduate students the opportunity to secure work experiences that complement and reinforce their educational programs and career goals. Students must:

- Complete an error-free *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) by the deadline specified by the participating postsecondary institutions (<https://studentaid.gov/fafsa>).
- Students must check with the postsecondary institution they plan to attend for information on participating employers and institutional application deadline.

Open Door Grant Program

Provides assistance to Florida residents, current and future workers, to enroll in career and technical education programs that lead to a credential, certificate, or degree at a school district postsecondary technical career center, a Florida College System institution, or a charter technical career center.

- Complete an error-free *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) by the deadline specified by the participating postsecondary institutions (<https://studentaid.gov/fafsa>).
- Students must meet the application procedures established by the participating institution.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Honorably Discharged Graduate Assistance Program

Provides a need-based veteran educational benefit to assist in the payment of living expenses during holiday and semester breaks for active duty and honorably discharged members of the Armed Forces who served on or after September 11, 2001. Students must:

- Complete an error-free *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) by the deadline specified by the participating postsecondary institutions (<https://studentaid.gov/fafsa>).
- Be a Florida resident enrolled in a program of study and have sufficient unmet need.



For detailed state scholarship and grant program information, visit www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org.

Availability of these programs is subject to annual review, evaluation and legislative funding.

For questions or assistance, call OSFA Customer Service at **888-827-2004**.