

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program Initial Eligibility



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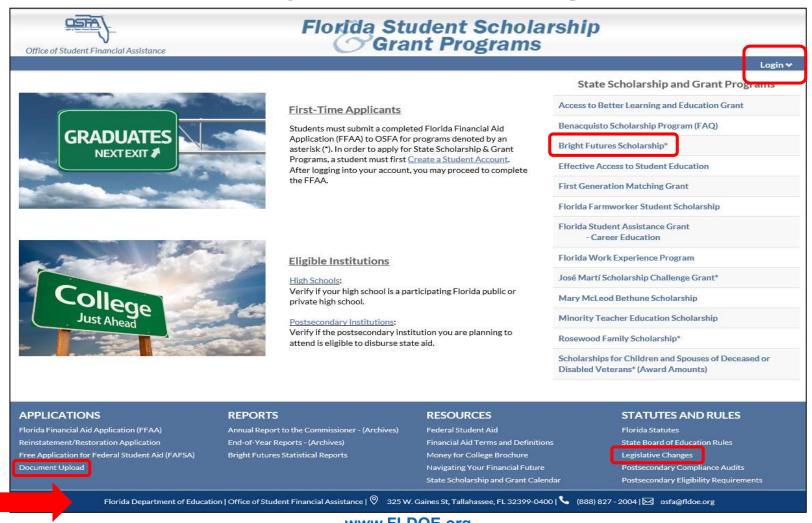
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Bright Futures Home Screen



State Scholarship and Grant Programs





Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program





funded scholarships to reward Florida high school graduates for high academic achievement.



Bright Futures Student Handbook



- · Requirements for Scholarship Types (FAS, FMS, GSC, GSV)
- Non-Traditional Students (home-educated, GED, mid-year, out-of-state)



- · Length of Scholarship Award
- Award Amounts (BFFAS/BFFMS Private)
- · Transferring the Scholarship between Institutions



- Renewal Requirements
- · Reinstatement/Restoration Requirements







- Florida Academic Scholarship (FAS)
 Florida Medallion Scholarship (FMS)
- Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholarship (GSC)
- Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship (GSV)



- Bright Futures Brochure
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Bright Futures Initial Eligibility Requirements



General Requirements

- Be a Florida resident and a U. S. citizen or eligible noncitizen, as determined by the student's postsecondary institution
- Complete the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) during senior year of high school beginning October 1, but no later than August 31 after high school graduation
- Earn a standard Florida high school diploma, or its equivalent, from a Florida public high school or a registered private high school



General Requirements (Continued)

- Not have been found guilty of, or pled nolo contendere to, a felony charge
- Be accepted by and enroll as a degree- or certificate-seeking student at an eligible Florida public or independent postsecondary institution within five years of high school graduation
- Enroll in at least six non-remedial semester hours (or the equivalent in quarter or clock hours) per term



Bright Futures Scholarship Program Awards

Students may receive funding for ONE of the award levels:

- Florida Academic Scholars Award (FAS)
- Florida Medallion Scholars Award (FMS)
- Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars (GSC)
- Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV)



Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) and Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) Award Requirements

Туре	16 High School Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT*/SAT*)	Service Hours	
FAS	4 - English (three must include substantial writing) 4 - Mathematics (at or above the Algebra I level) 3 - Natural Science	3.50	2020-21 Graduates: 29/1330 2021-22 Graduates: 29/1330	100 hours	
FMS	(two must have substantial laboratory) 3 - Social Science 2 - World Language (sequential, in same language)	3.00	2020-21 Graduates: 25/1210 2021-22 Graduates: 25/1210	75 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.



Student Report Cards

Section 1009.531 (4), Florida Statutes

Public high school student report cards for 11 and 12 grades must contain a disclosure that the Grade Point Average (GPA) calculated for purposes of the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program may differ from the GPA on the report card.





Grade Point Average

Evaluation for Bright Futures includes an unrounded, weighted high school Grade Point Average (GPA) (calculated to two decimal places) in the 16 college-preparatory credits.

The following courses are weighted .25 per semester course or .50 per year course in calculation of the GPA:

- Honors
- Dual Enrollment
- Advanced Placement (AP)
- Pre-International Baccalaureate (Pre-IB)
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Pre-Advance International Certificate of Education (Pre-AICE)
- Advance International Certificate of Education (AICE)



College Entrance Exams (ACT/SAT)

Students must meet the requirements outlined in statute for either the SAT or ACT.

Per s. 1009.531(6)(c), Florida Statutes, the department shall develop a method for determining the required examination scores which incorporates all of the following:

- a) FAS scholars 89th national percentile
- b) FMS scholars 75th national percentile
- c) Scores must be concordant between ACT and SAT
- d) Publish scores for the rising junior class each year.



College Entrance Exams (ACT/SAT)

Tests taken through June 30 of high school graduation year are accepted for evaluation purposes.

Students will be evaluated based on official test scores from the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) repository. To ensure OSFA obtains official test scores:

- Ensure demographics on test registration and high school transcript match; and
- Request official test scores be sent to one of Florida's state universities, when registering for the ACT/SAT, even if the student plans to attend an institution which is not a state university.



Service Hours

- Each district school board and the administration of a nonpublic school must establish approved activities, the process for documentation of service hours and the established deadline to complete and turn in service hours.
- Total service hours completed must be reflected on student transcript submission to OSFA.





Other Ways to Qualify

Students who have demonstrated academic merit through a recognition program may be eligible for Bright Futures without having to meet one or more of the requirements.

Note: Both AICE and IB Diplomas must be earned prior to high school graduation.

Merit Recognition Program	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT ^w /SAT ^w)		Service Hours	Bright Futures Award
	2020-21	2021-22		
National Merit® Finalists and Scholars			100 hours	FAS
National Ment* Finansis and Scholars	75 hours		FMS	
Stational Diseases Calculus			100 hours	FAS
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Advanced International Certificate of			100 hours	FAS
Education (AICE) - Diploma			75 hours	FMS
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International Baccalaureate (IB) - Diploma			75 hours	FMS
Aven e i i	29/1330	29/1330	100 hours	FAS
AICE - Curriculum	H = Luggenhum		75 hours	FMS
International Baccalaureate (IB) -	29/1330	29/1330	100 hours	FAS
Curriculum	25/1210	25/1210	75 hours	FMS



Gold Seal CAPE Scholars (GSC) Award Requirements

Florida high school students who wish to qualify for the Florida Gold Seal CAPE (GSC) award must meet the following initial eligibility requirements:

- Earn a minimum of 5 postsecondary credit hours through CAPE industry certifications which articulate for college credit
- Complete and turn in 30 service hours



Gold Seal CAPE Scholars (GSC)

GSC may be funded if enrolled in a career education or certificate program.

Upon completion of an associate in science degree program that articulates to a bachelor of science degree, a GSC Scholar may also receive an award for a maximum of 60 credit hours toward a bachelor of science degree program.

Upon completion of an associate in applied science program, a GSC Scholar may also receive an award for a maximum of 60 credit hours toward a bachelor of applied science degree program.



Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV) Award Requirements

- Achieve the required weighted minimum 3.0 GPA in the non-elective high school courses
- Take at least 3 full credits in a single Career and Technical Education program
- Achieve the required minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA in the career education courses
- Achieve the required minimum score on the ACT®, SAT® or Florida Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (P.E.R.T.) exams
- Complete 30 service hours



Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV) Award Requirements (Continued)

Required minimum score table:

Exam Type	Sub-test	Required Score	
	Reading	19	
ACT®	English	17	
	Mathematics	19	
1110	Reading Test	24	
SAT®	Writing and Language Test	25	
12,100	Math Test	24	
eronous:	Reading	106	
P.E.R.T. (Only applies to the GSV Scholarship)	Writing	103	
(only applies to the GSV Scholatship)	Mathematics	114	

Required test scores follow those established by State Board of Education Rule 6A-10.0315.



Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV)

GSV Scholars awards may only be used at postsecondary institutions that offer:

- Applied Technology Diploma
- Technical Degree Education Program (associate in applied science or associate in science)
- Career Education Certificate Program



Bright Futures Evaluation Process and Award Notification



Evaluation Periods

- There are two evaluation periods:
 - Early Evaluation
 - Final Evaluation
- Transcripts should be submitted within 30 days of the end of each semester.



Early Evaluation

Students cannot lose an award based on early evaluation unless they fail to earn a standard Florida high school diploma from a Florida public or FDOE-registered private high school.

Early Evaluation is based on:

- Required coursework and GPA through 7th semester
- Coursework in progress for 8th semester
- Service hours earned through January 31
- Test scores for tests taken through January 31



Final Evaluation

Final Evaluation is based on:

- All required coursework and GPA completed by high school graduation
- Service hours completed by high school graduation or a date established by the public school district/nonpublic school administrators
- Test scores for all tests taken through June 30 of high school graduation year
- High school graduation date associated with earning a standard high school diploma



Eligibility Notifications

- Upon creation of a Student Account, students will receive a User Name and Password
- Students must check their online account for award notices students are responsible for keeping their demographic information updated and tracking their application and award status.
- OSFA will post official award eligibility or ineligibility determinations to student online accounts
- Students awarded IB or AICE Diplomas will receive notifications of eligibility determination in early fall after a list of IB and AICE Diploma recipients has been received. These students must have filled out a FFAA prior to August 31 to receive the award.



Award Amounts

- FAS scholars attending a public institution will receive an award to cover 100% of tuition and applicable fees and \$300 for both fall and spring semesters for additional expenses.
- FMS scholars attending a public institution will receive an award to cover 75% of tuition and applicable fees.
 - (New) Beginning with the fall 2021 term, FMS students attending a State College enrolled in an associate degree program will receive an award to cover 100% of tuition and applicable fees.



Award Amounts (Continued)

- FAS and FMS students attending a nonpublic institution will receive a comparable amount as noted in the Private Award Chart accessible through the Bright Futures Student Handbook, Chapter 2, page 4 https://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org/PDF/BFHandbookChapter2.pdf
- For the GSC and GSV awards, students will receive the specified award amounts established annually by the Florida Legislature in the General Appropriations Act.
- For current year award amounts, visit
 https://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org/SAPBFMAIN/SAPBFMAIN



Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)



Application Dates

- The Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) for current high school seniors is open from October 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021
- Students must complete the FFAA no later than August 31 after graduation for Bright Futures
- Students must complete the FFAA no later than April 1 before graduation for:
 - José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant (JM)
 - Rosewood Family Scholarship (RFS)
 - Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased of Disabled Veterans (CSDDV)*
 - Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship (FFSS)

^{*}CSDDV applications will be accepted after April 1; however, may not receive priority funding due to being late



Application Two-Step Process

Completing the FFAA is a two-step process:

- 1. Create a Student Account
- 2. Complete the FFAA



Step 1. Create Student Account



Florida Student Scholarship Grant Programs

Login



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 <u>Create a Student Account</u>. After logging into your account, you may proceed to complete the FFAA.

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)

College Just Ahead

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)



Create Student Account (Continued)

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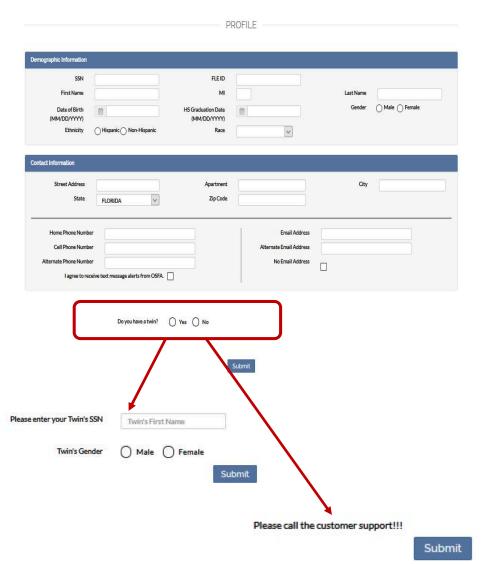


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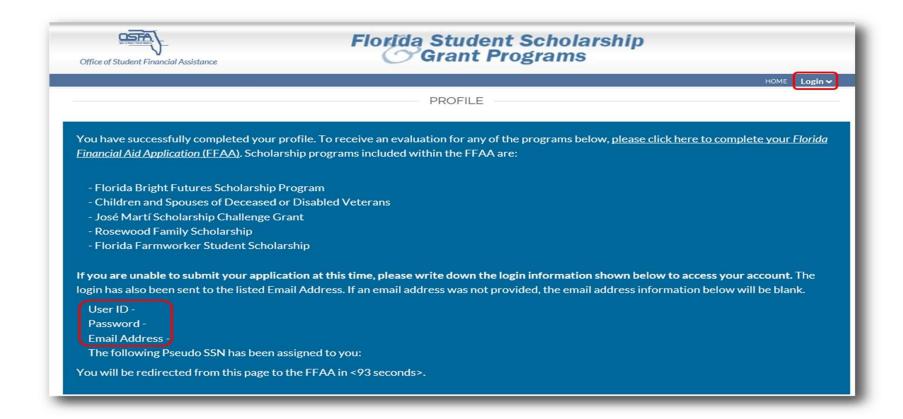
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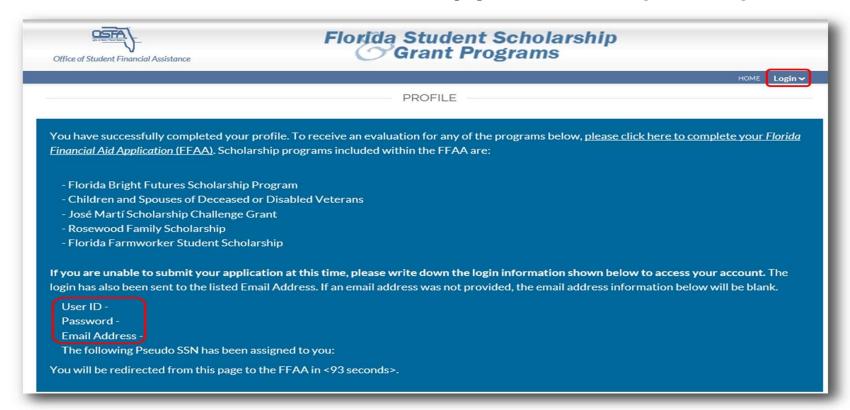


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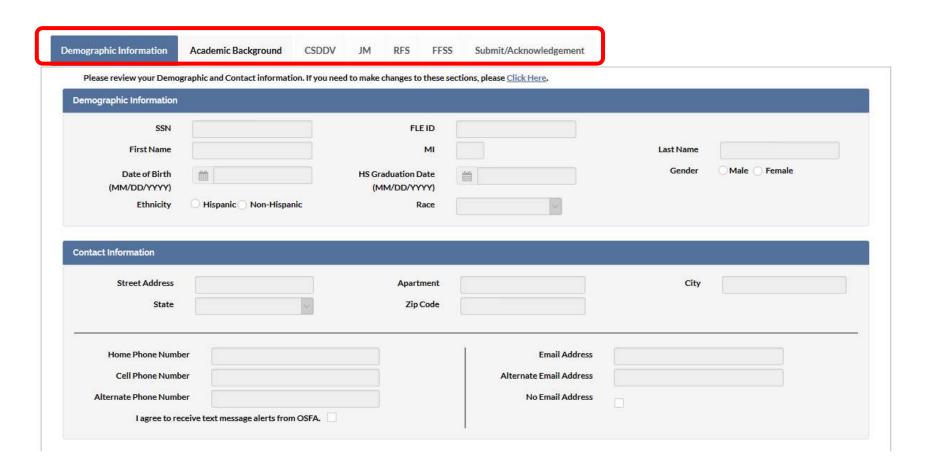


Step 2. Complete and Submit Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)



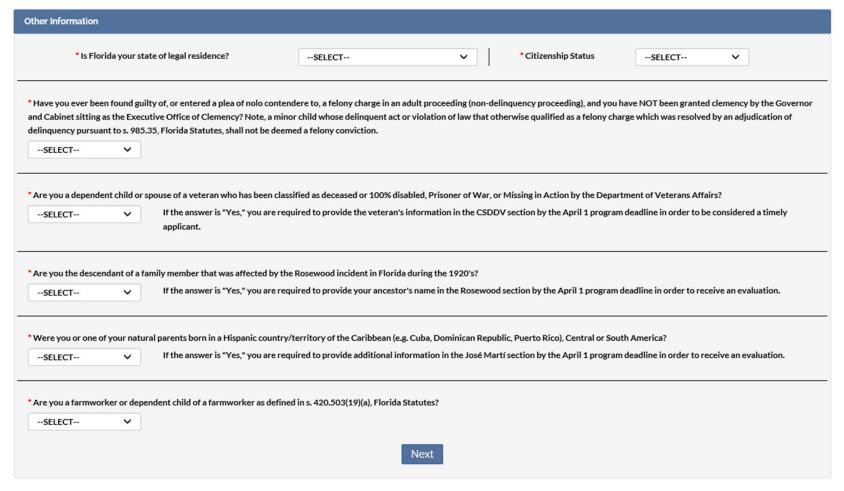


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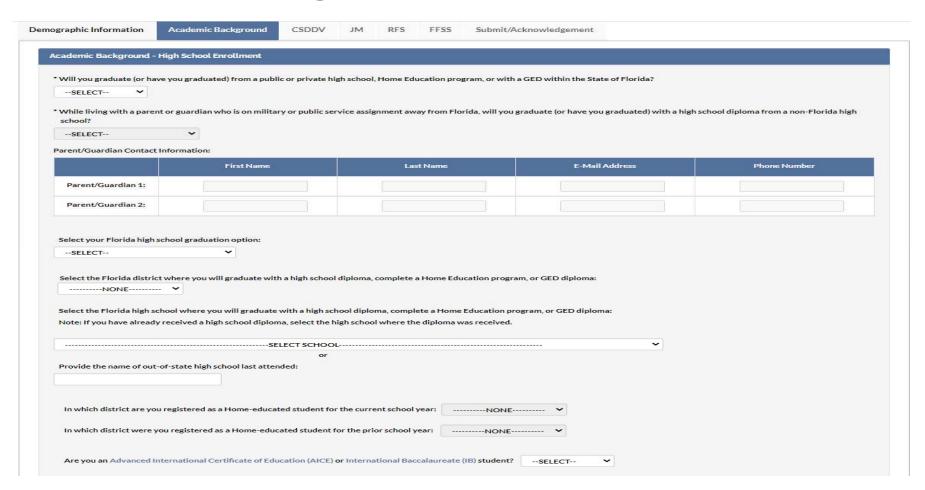


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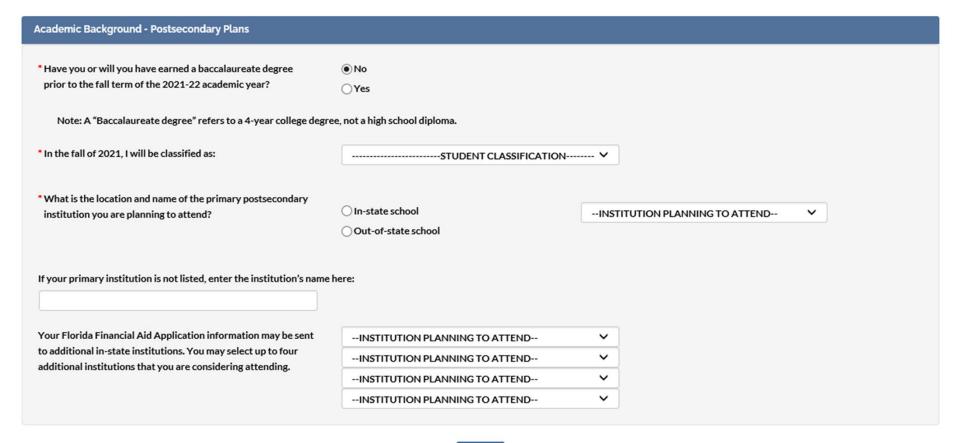


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Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans (CSDDV)

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Scholarships for Children/Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Ve	terans				
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Enter your qualifying veteran's name:	First Name MI First Name MI	Last Name		7	
What is the qualifying veteran's status?	First Name MI	Last Name			
What is the qualifying veteran's branch of service?	SELECT BRANCH			Questions	
From the drop-down menu provided, choose the military conflict that was in progress at the time your qualifying veteran was affected.	SELECT CONFLICT If you do not know this information, select Know" from the drop-down menu.	"I Do Not		requiring a response	
What state was your qualifying veteran a resident of when initially determined deceased or 100% permanent and totally disabled, Prisoner of War, or Missing in Action?	SELECT STATE If you do not know this information, select Know" from the drop-down menu.	"I Do Not			
Enter your qualifying Veteran's Social Security Number or Claim Number:	Veteran's Social Security Number	or	☐ I Do Not Know Veteran's Claim Number		

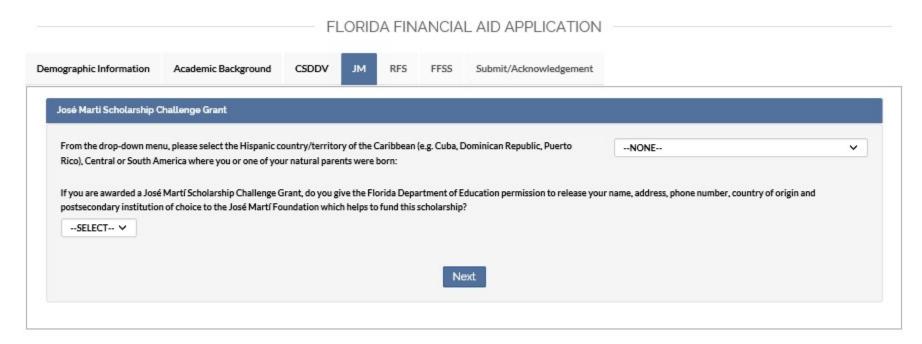


Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans (CSDDV)

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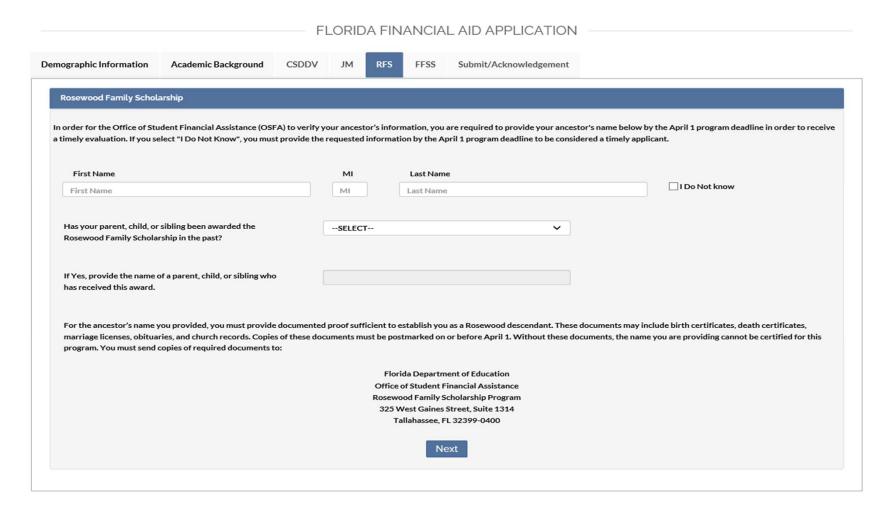


José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant





Rosewood Family Scholarship

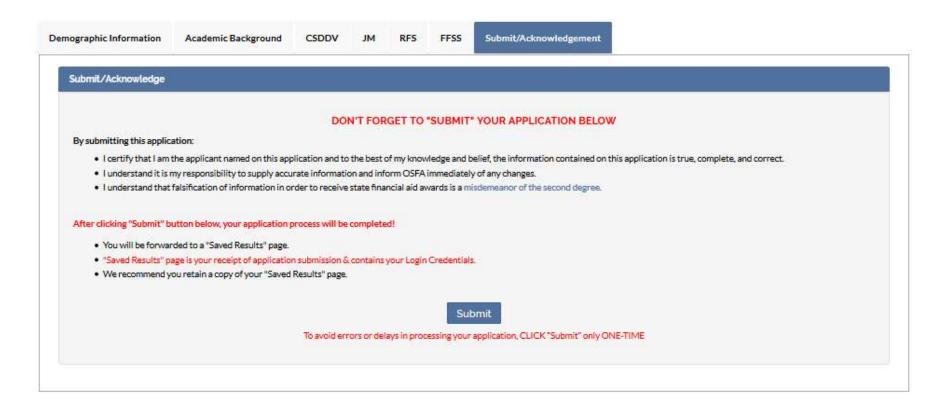




FLORIDA FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION Demographic Information FFSS Submit/Acknowledgement Academic Background CSDDV RFS Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship Program In order for the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) to verify you or your parent's farmworker status, you are required to answer the following questions by the April 1 program deadline in order to receive a timely evaluation. If you select "I Do Not Know", you must provide the requested information by the April 1 program deadline to be considered a timely applicant. Enter information for the qualifying farmworker(s): Are you, the applicant, a farmworker? ○Yes No First Name Social Security Number I Do Not Know Last Name Father/Legal Guardian 1 Mother/Legal Guardian 2 Next

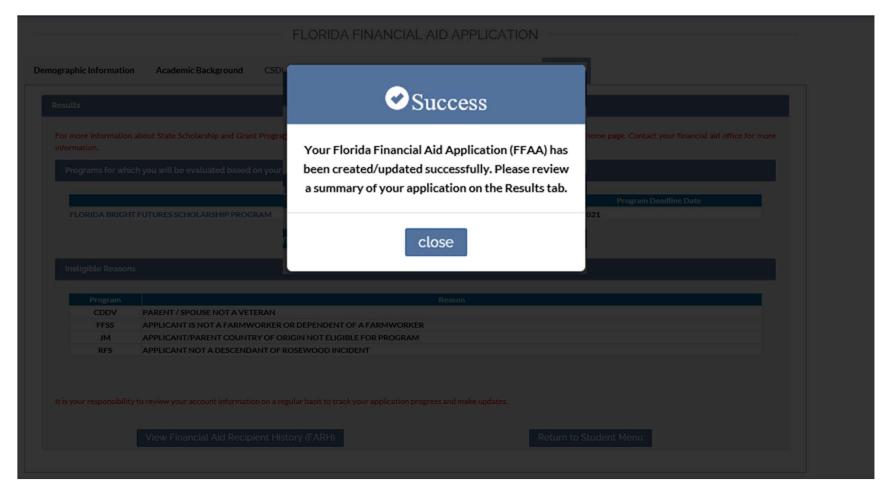


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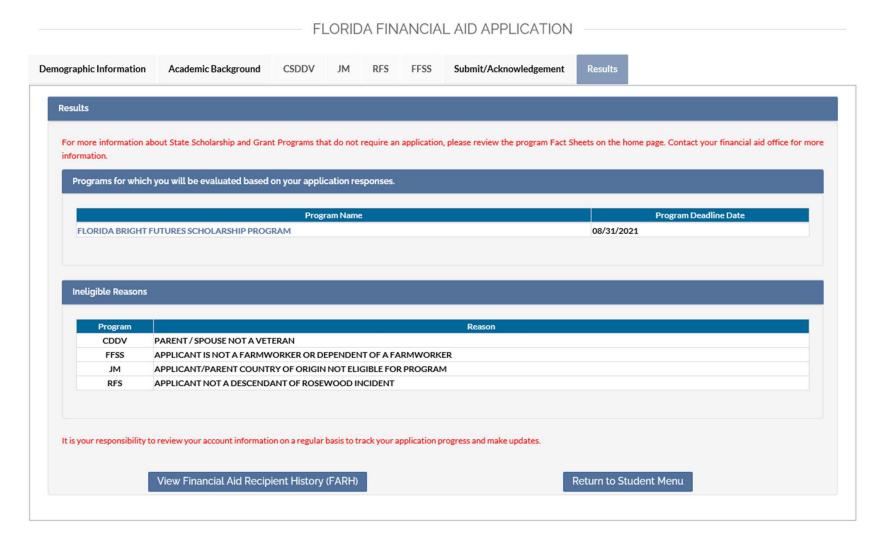


Successful Submission





Results





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- Contact Customer Service 888-827-2004
- Email <u>OSFA@fldoe.org</u>
- www.FloridaStudentFinancailAid.org/FASTER/
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