

Bright Futures Application Helpful Hints – St. Johns County Public School Students Graduating Class of 2023

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/Profile** at the following link: <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/>. Click on State Grants, Scholarships & Applications. Click on **Create a Student Account**. Students will receive an email with their User ID and temporary password. After creating a **Profile**, students will have the option to continue directly to the FFAA.

Applications are available October 1, 2022.

1. **Social Security Number** – needs to match school records.
2. **FLE ID** – You can skip this question
3. **First Name** – needs to match school records
4. **Middle Initial**
5. **Last Name** – needs to match school records
6. **Date of Birth** – 4-digit number
7. **High School Graduation Date** – 05/23/2023
8. **Gender** – male or female
9. **Ethnicity** – choose Hispanic or Non-Hispanic
10. **Race** – select one
11. **Street Address** - # and street name (no commas or hyphens)
12. **Apartment** – skip is none
13. **City** – Spell out the entire city name (Example – Ponte Vedra)
14. **State** – Florida
15. **Zip Code** – 5-digit zip code
16. **Phone Number** – (at least one phone number is required)
17. **Email Address** - *REQUIRED* this is the only way you will be able to reset your username and password
18. **VERIFY THAT YOU HAVE TYPED EVERYTHING IN CORRECTLY**
19. **Press Submit**
20. **Press Close**
21. **Write down or take a picture of your User ID and Password**
22. **Click to continue to complete your Florida Financial Aid Application**
23. **Verify demographic information is correct**
24. **Is Florida your state of legal residence?** - Yes
25. **Citizenship Status** – Do you have a green card? You are an Eligible Non-Citizen
26. **Guilty of a felony charge** - SAY NO UNLESS YOU WERE CONVICTED OF AN ADULT FELONY
27. **Dependent child or spouse of a veteran who has been classified as deceased or 100% disabled, POW or MIA** – you will need the veteran’s information if answered yes
28. **Family affected Rosewood incident** – you will need information on that ancestor if answered yes
29. **Hispanic American** – you will need information about country of Hispanic origin if answered yes
30. **Farmworker** – you will need information on eligibility if answered yes
31. **Click next**
32. **Will you graduate or have graduated from a Florida high school, Home School, or with a GED?** – Yes
33. **Select your Florida high school graduation option** – Public
34. **Identify the Florida county where you attended school** – St. John’s
35. **Select the Florida high school you attended** – use drop down menu to select your high school
36. **Have you or will you have earned a baccalaureate degree prior to the fall term of the 2023-2024 academic year?** – no
37. **What is the location and name of the primary postsecondary institution you are planning to attend?**
– Please select school within the State of Florida (even if you think you’re going out of state)
38. **Select the Postsecondary location and institution you plan to attend** – using the 5 drop down menus, put any state school you’re interested in right now, but make sure to update by June to reflect where you will go – this will where they will send the \$\$\$.
39. **Press Next**
40. **If you answered YES to any of the Veteran, Rosewood, Hispanic American, or Farmworker questions, you would need to enter more information in this section. If you answered no, this does not apply to you**
41. **Read the information carefully**
42. **Click SUBMIT**
43. **Press Close**

NOTE: TCHS will upload a transcript to Bright Futures. YOU need to make sure that your community service hours are submitted to your counselor. Test scores must be submitted to *at least one* State University for Bright Futures to receive your scores.