Dear Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) High School Seniors and Parents,

Are you ready to get a head start on completing your FAFSA? Now's your chance! Bridge 2 Life, in collaboration with BCPS, Broward Education Foundation, the University of Miami, Florida Atlantic University, and Broward College, has been granted early access to the 2025-2026 FAFSA on October 1, 2024. We are one of only six organizations nationwide to receive this early access opportunity.

To benefit from the early application process, two steps are required:

- High school seniors, their parents or guardians, and first-time FAFSA applicants MUST create FSA IDs by September 20<sup>th</sup> to access the FAFSA application on October 1<sup>st</sup>. You must attend an FSA ID Prep Session online via ZOOM on September 19 at 6 p.m. where this process will be explained further. To join the Zoom FSA ID session, please register here.
- **Submit FLDOE FAFSA Interest Form**: After creation of your student and contributor FSA ID, please make sure to fill out the FLDOE FAFSA Interest Form. This form is essential for participation in the Beta window starting October 1. You can access the FLDOE FAFSA Interest Form <a href="here">here</a>.
- Attendance is also required at an in-person FAFSA workshop on **October 1, 2024, from 6-8 pm** taking place at:

Stranahan High School 1800 Southwest 5th Place Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

At this session, hosted by college financial aid expert, Daniel Barkowitz from the University of Miami, you'll receive assistance on how to complete your FAFSA. Dinner will be provided, and support in Spanish and Creole will be available. Seats are limited to please register early <u>here</u>. Students who complete their FASFA will receive a \$20 Amazon e-gift card (1 per family).

Please join us and help get BCPS students and families engaged with the college financial aid process as early as possible this year. For more information, visit <a href="mailto:Bridge2Life.">Bridge2Life.</a>

Thank you.

## **Attachments:**



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