

# FLORIDA FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

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## FREE APPLICATION (FOR) FEDERAL STUDENT AID

### COMPARING THE 2 TYPES OF AID

#### FFAA

Opens on October 1st

It is used as an authorization form for Bright Futures and state grants/scholarships.

The application applies you to over 20 state programs INCLUDING the Florida State Assistance Grant, Rosewood Family Scholarship, and the Critical Teacher Shortage Reimbursement Program.

Students who meet the requirements of the Bright Futures award AND complete the FFAA, will be awarded the scholarship. YOU HAVE UNTIL GRADUATION TO MEET REQUIREMENTS.

If you meet Bright Futures requirements BUT do not fill out the FFAA you will not be awarded the Scholarship.

Application closes August 31st AFTER graduation to complete the FFAA.

#### FAFSA

Opens on October 1st

It is used for Federal Financial Aid purposes. You should fill it out EVEN if you do not expect to receive federal aid.

It is best to complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after Oct. 1st. Families are expected to use the IRS Data Retrieval system. If you complete the FAFSA without using the IRS Data retrieval system you will be chosen for verification.

**BEWARE OF SCAMS!** – There are websites that have similar addresses that will charge a fee to complete the FAFSA. Remember the first “F” in FAFSA stands for FREE. or lesson.

The student and one parent must request an FSA ID for online applications. This ID is used as the electronic signature for both parties.

Many colleges and universities require the FAFSA to be completed to be considered for scholarships.