



Financial Aid & Bright Futures

Class of 2025 & 2026

how to get financial aid



YHS

Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Florida Financial Aid (Bright Futures, FFAA)

Institutional Financial Aid

Private Scholarships



What is Financial Aid



GRANTS/Work Study

You do not have to pay
back



Scholarships

You do not have to pay
back



Loans

you DO have to pay back

Can be used for Tuition, Room & Board, books, supplies, etc

FAFSA



Who?

EVERYONE should apply regardless of your parents' income. Many colleges require FAFSA to be on file to receive a scholarship

When?

December 1st of your Senior Year & every year while enrolled in college

This money is FIRST COME FIRST SERVED

What?

Grants
Federal Student Loans
Work-Study

How?

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

Documentation

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Tax Forms
W-2 Forms
Social Security Number
Driver's License
FSA ID

create a FSA ID at
<https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/sign-in/landing>



Florida Financial Aid



Bright Futures

Everyone should apply

Application Opens October 1st

It is the student's responsibility to keep up with their bright futures requirements and application

Where to apply

<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/>

More Information

<https://www.nassau.k12.fl.us/Page/4770>



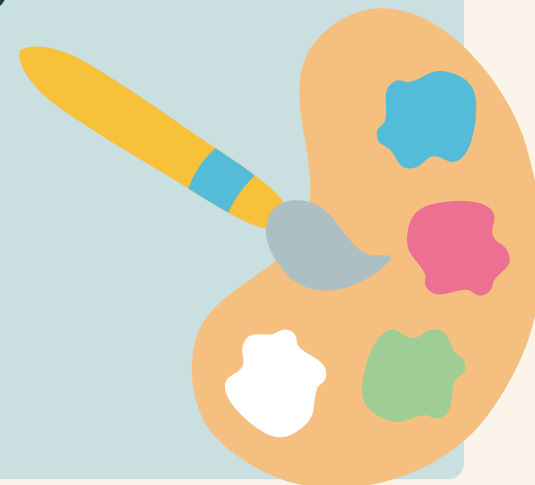
I'M GOING OUT OF STATE/ Not going to college



Apply anyway!

Students who apply and qualify are eligible for up to FIVE years!

You may transfer schools, take a course over the summer, etc.



Reminders

Things can happen in FIVE years. It is better to apply and qualify now than to not have access to funds later

To - Do

APPLY

<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/>



I have FL Prepaid/Another Scholarship



Today's Activities

There is no such thing as TOO many scholarships!

Any extra scholarship money you have after paying for tuition, room & board, books, etc. goes directly back to YOU!

Reminders

You can use extra money to pay for gas, car payments, clothing, etc.

To - Do

Apply
<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/>

Florida Academic & Medallion

Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)

100 % tuition paid

Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)

75 % tuition paid

This is not your YHS GPA

Type	16 High School College-Preparatory Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/CLT®/SAT®)	Volunteer Service Hours ²	Paid Work Hours ²
FAS	4 - English (three must include substantial writing)	3.50	2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340	100 hours	100 hours
	4 - Mathematics (at or above the Algebra I level)		2025-26 Graduates: 29/95/1330		
	3 - Natural Science (two must have substantial laboratory)	3.00	2024-25 Graduates: 25/84/1210	75 hours	100 hours
FMS	3 - Social Science		2025-26 Graduates: 24/82/1190		
	2 - World Language (sequential, in same language)				

Students should aim for 100 hours to qualify for all awards

Your scores must be sent to a FL PUBLIC college/university

Florida Gold Seal Vocational Award



To Qualify

Achieve a required 3.0 weighted GPA in the non-elective high school courses

Take at least 3 full credits in a single Career & Technical Education Program

Achieve a 3.5 GPA in the career courses

Achieve required test scores on ACT, SAT, or PERT

Complete 30 volunteer hours or 100 paid work hours

Test Score Information

<https://www.nassau.k12.fl.us/Page/4770>

How to Use

Associates in Applied Science or
Associates in Science

or

Career Education Certificate Program



Class Weighting

Bright futures gpa is not the same
as your YHS high school gpa

elective courses are not included in the bright futures gpa

Bright futures weighs honors, ap, and dual enrollment
courses equally with 0.5 credit earned - not 1.0 weight



Bright Futures Example



FILE F30047.D29
DISTRICT: NASSAU
SCHOOL: YULEE HIGH SCHOOL

Florida's Bright Futures Scholarship System
Student Evaluation
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL (450231N)
2025 EARLY EVALUATION SYSTEM

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Submit a Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) no later than August 31 of your graduation year.
No FFAA = No Funds

SECTION 1

STUDENT NAME:		SSN:		HS-ID:		POTENTIAL AWARD STATUS: FAS	
EVALUATION DATE: 2024-10-22		DIPLOMA TYPE: Not Graduated		GRADUATION DATE: N/A			
<u>HIGHEST TEST SCORES</u>		<u>MAXIMUM SECTION SCORES</u>				APP (FFAA) SUBMITTED:	YES
ACT COMPOSITE: 32		READING - 34	MATH - 30	ENGLISH - 29	SCIENCE - 33	VOLUNTEER SERVICE:	227
SAT COMBINED: 1220		READING - 570	MATH - 650		PAID WORK HOURS:		0
SAT TESTS:		READING - 30	MATH - 33	WRITING - 27		IB CURRICULUM:	NO
CLT OVERALL SCORE:		VERBAL REASONING -	GRAMMAR/ WRITING -	QUANTITATIVE REASONING -		IB DIPLOMA:	NO
PERT SCORES:		READING -	MATH -	WRITING -		AICE CURRICULUM:	NO
CPT SCORES:		READING -	ALGEBRA -	SENTENCE SKILLS -		AICE DIPLOMA:	NO
						NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR/ FINALIST:	NO
						NATIONAL HISPANIC:	NO
						CAPE CREDITS MET:	NO
<u>Note:</u> Italicized scores are SAT Test Scores that are used for Gold Seal Vocational evaluations.							

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Super Score →

← Did you Apply

Bright Futures Example 2



SECTION 2

Credit shown in SECTION 2 reflects the credit reported on the transcript through various means.

FLORIDA ACADEMIC

FLORIDA MEDALLION

GOLD SEAL VOCATIONAL

GSV CREDITS

EN: 4.00
MA: 4.00
SC: 3.00
FL: 2.00
SS: 3.00

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MA: 4.00
SC: 3.00
FL: 2.00
SS: 3.00

EN: 4.00
A1: 1.00
GE: 1.00
MA: 2.00
BI: 1.00
EQ: 2.00
AG: 0.00
AH: 1.00
EC: 0.00
WH: 1.00
PE: 1.00
PF: 1.00

TOTAL: 17.00
QPTS: 74.00
GPA: 4.35

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TOTAL: 14.00
QPTS: 60.00
GPA: 4.28

VOCATIONAL CREDITS IN PROGRAM

(8106800 AGRITECH)

TOTAL: 1.00
QPTS: 4.00
GPA: 4.00

POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE
FOR FAS

POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE
FOR FMS

MISSING
VOC PROGRAM REQ NOT MET, 0.50
IN AG, 0.50 IN EC

MISSING
VOC PROGRAM REQ NOT MET, 1.00 IN VO

Bright
Futures GPA

Missing Requirements

Scholarships



YHS

YHS has a scholarship binder located in Guidance

There may be scholarships for every grade level but most available in the binder are for seniors.

More scholarship information can be found at
<https://www.nassau.k12.fl.us/Page/1317>

