



State Scholarships and Grants Update

Florida Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
Fall 2017 Regional Workshop
Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA)



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Agenda

- Legislative Activity
- 2017-18 Fiscal Year Appropriation
- Website and Resources
- Calendar Events



Legislative Activity

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2017 Legislative Activity

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship – Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)

- Changes the FAS award amount to cover 100% of tuition and applicable fees at a public institution or comparable amount at a nonpublic institution.
- Provides FAS recipients an additional \$300 for textbooks and college-related expenses (fall and spring).
- Provides 2018 summer funding for FAS award recipients.

2017 Legislative Activity (Continued)

Minority Teacher Education Scholars Program

- Allows a student to receive funds who is enrolled in one of Florida's private colleges.
- Requires the student to be admitted into a teacher education program before having earned more than 18 credit hours of upper-division-level courses in education.
- Allows a student to use the scholarship to pursue a graduate degree with a major in education, leading to initial certification.

Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc.

Removes the following requirements:

- New scholarships must be granted to students who are in their junior year; and
- Renewal scholarships be granted to rising seniors.

2017 Legislative Activity (Continued)

Student Loan Debt

- Requires a postsecondary institution that disburses state financial aid to annually provide each student receiving student loans with the following up-to-date information:
 - An estimate of the student's total amount of borrowed student loans.
 - An estimate of the student's total potential loan repayment amount.
 - An estimate of the student's monthly loan repayment amount.
 - The percentage of the borrowing limit that the student has reached.
- Provides that an institution does not incur liability for providing the specified information.



2017-18 Fiscal Year Appropriation

Ch. 2017-70, L.O.F.

Appropriation: Three-Year Comparison

Program	2015-16 Appropriation	2016-17 Appropriation	2017-18 Appropriation
ABLE	\$5.67	\$5.01	\$6.83
Benacquisto	\$8.38	\$12.92	\$14.28
Bright Futures	\$239.80	\$217.30	\$397.28
FRAG	\$115.27	\$115.26	\$125.45
FSAG	\$148.74	\$148.44	\$269.39

* Amounts shown in millions.

2017 Award Amounts

Access to Better Learning and Education (ABLE) Florida Resident Access Grant (FRAG)

Type	Maximum
ABLE	\$2,500
FRAG	\$3,300

2017 Award Amounts

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)

Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)

Institution Type	FAS (Semester)	FMS (Semester)
4 Year	100% tuition/fees \$300 fall/spring textbooks, college- related expenses	\$77
2 Year	Same as 4 Year	\$63
College - BA	Same as 4 Year	\$53
Career/ Technical Centers	Same as 4 Year	\$39

2017 Award Amounts

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

Gold Seal CAPE Scholars(GSC)

Gold Seal Vocational Scholars(GSV)

Program Type	GSC	GSV (Semester)	GSV (Clock Hours)
PSAV	\$39	\$39	\$1.30
ATD	\$39	\$39	\$1.30
AS, AAS, CCC	\$48	\$48	\$1.60
Bachelor Science Program	\$48	N/A	N/A
Bachelor Applied Science Program	\$48	N/A	N/A

2017 Award Amounts

Florida Student Assistance Grant (FSAG)

Type	Minimum Award	Maximum Award	Expected Family Contribution (EFC) Maximum
Public	\$200	\$2,610	5273
Private	\$200	\$2,610	6080
Postsecondary	\$200	\$2,610	5542
Career Education	\$200	\$2,610	N/A



What You Need to Know

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What You Need to Know

Financial Aid Applications

- Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) opens on October 1
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opens on October 1

What You Need to Know

FFAA Deadline

Submit a completed FFAA online by August 31 after high school graduation for Bright Futures and by April 1 for:

- José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant
- Rosewood Family Scholarship Program
- Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans

What You Need to Know

FAFSA State Deadline

Complete and submit the FAFSA online and be processed error-free on or before May 15 for:

- Rosewood Family Scholarship Program
- José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant

What You Need to Know

State Calendar

Term 1 Disbursement – Reported on the DER 30 days after last day of drop/add

Term 1 Reconciliation – Refunds/ reconciliation due to OSFA within 60 days after last day drop/add

Bright Futures Refunds – Dropped/withdrawn (D04) funds are due within 30 days of last day of each term

Report 'Otherwise Eligible' Students (C99) – FSAG

What You Need to Know

Database Security

Login Module

- Requiring stronger password
- New password requirements include:
 - 8-30 characters in length
 - One uppercase letter
 - One lowercase letter
 - One number
 - One special character (e.g., !, @, #, \$, etc.)

What You Need to Know

Database Security

Login Module (Continued)

- Initially, you will be asked to update your login information
- Enter your existing password and then create a new one
- Enter and then confirm your email address
- Select 2 security questions
- To retrieve a forgotten password, you will answer your security questions

What You Need to Know

Program Administration Reminder

Bright Futures GSV

Gold Seal Vocational Scholars awards may only be used to fund:

- Applied Technology Diploma, up to 60 credit hours or equivalent clock hours
- Technical Degree Education Program, not to exceed 72 hours or equivalent clock hours
- Career Certificate Program, not to exceed 72 credit hours or equivalent clock hours

What You Need to Know

Program Administration Reminder

Bright Futures – Restoration

- Students may only use summer coursework to raise the GPA for a one-time restoration at the end of the first year of funding only
- If the student did not earn the GPA after the first year of funding, restoration is not permitted
- If the student did not earn the hours, regardless of year of funding, restoration is not permitted

What You Need to Know

Program Administration Reminder

Bright Futures – Reinstatement

- Reinstatement is only for students who, although eligible, were not funded in the prior academic year
- Students who did not receive funding in the academic year immediately following high school graduation are required to apply for reinstatement of their award within 2 years of high school graduation
- Students must complete a Reinstatement/Restoration Application available on the OSFA website

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What You Need to Know

Credit Hour Tool

2017 Bright Futures Florida Legislative Changes

Bright Futures Student Handbook:

Chapter 1: Initial Eligibility Requirements


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

Chapter 2: Information to Know Now That You Are Eligible

- Length of the Scholarship Award
- Award Amounts
- Transferring the Scholarship between Institutions

Chapter 3: Renewing Your Award

- Renewal Requirements
- Reinstatement Requirements
- Restoration Requirements
- Institutional Appeal Process



Other Bright Futures Resources:

[Bright Futures Brochure](#)

[Chart of Eligibility and Award Criteria](#)

[Bright Futures Award Amounts \(\[BFFAS Private\]\(#\)\)](#)

[The Out-Of-State Student Guide](#)

[Bright Futures Statistical Reports](#)

[Bright Futures Credit Hour Renewal Requirement Interactive Tool](#)

[Religious and Service Obligation Reporting Form](#)

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Resources and Training

Website Resources

- Postsecondary Institutions/Log in
- Institutional Information
- Publications
- Program Contacts

Training Resources

Contact Hortensia Campbell at hortensia.campbell@fldoe.org



Website and Resources

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Navigating to State Programs

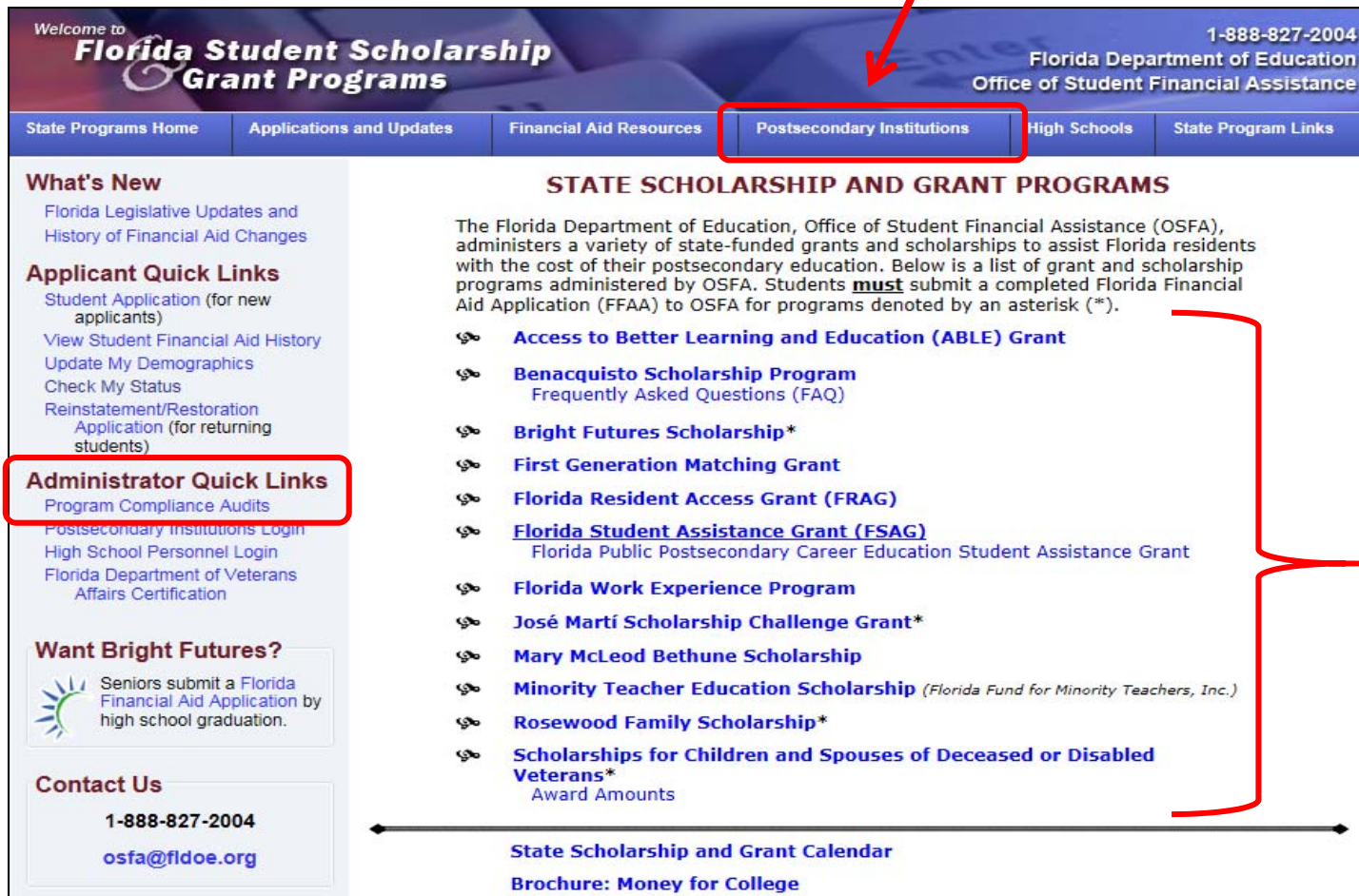
- Visit www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org
- Select **State Grants, Scholarships & Applications**



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Website Resources

Your Reporting/Sources



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Want Bright Futures?

Seniors submit a [Florida Financial Aid Application](#) by high school graduation.

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[Florida Public Postsecondary Career Education Student Assistance Grant](#)
- [Florida Work Experience Program](#)
- [José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant*](#)
- [Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship](#)
- [Minority Teacher Education Scholarship](#) (Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc.)
- [Rosewood Family Scholarship*](#)
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Brochure: Money for College

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POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

If your postsecondary institution is interested in participating in state financial aid programs:

- [2017-18 Statutory Institutional requirements for participation](#)
- [Initial application for new institutions](#)

Eligible Institution Information:

- [By State Program](#)
- [By Postsecondary Institution](#)
- [All Florida Eligible Postsecondary Institutions](#)

Auditors:

- [Program Compliance Audits for Private Institutions Forms & Instructions](#)

**PARTICIPATING POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS,
LOGIN HERE FOR:**

- Disbursement Reporting
- Reconciliation Reports
- Eligibility Determination Lists
- Student Certifications
- Allocation/Reallocation Requests
- Institution Information
- Publications

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Eligibility Determination Lists

- View Master Eligibility Lists
- View FSAG/FRAG Institutional Eligibility Determination
- View FRAG Waiting List

Student Certifications

- Initial/Renewal Reporting
- Submit Grade & Hours Report

Allocation/Reallocation Requests

- HDGAP Allocation Request
- FRAG Allocation Request Report
- FSAG Reallocation Request
- FWEP Allocation Request
- MMB Participation and Allocation Request

Institutional Information

- View Institution's Eligibility
- View Fee Details
- Update Contact Information
- Maintain Security User Accounts
 - Reset Password

Publications

- OSFA/State Programs Annual Calendar
- Postsecondary Institution Resources
- State Programs Policy Manual
- Memorandum Directives & Training
- Memorandum Directives & Training Archives

Program Contacts

Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) Form and Directions

**Your
institution's
details**

**HELP is on the
way!**

Statutes, Rules & Reports

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- [Annual Report to the Commissioner](#)
 - [• Prior Year Archives](#)
- [State Programs End-of-Year Reports](#)
 - [• Prior Year Archives](#)
- [Bright Futures Statistical Reports](#)
- [Florida State Financial Assistance Statutes](#)
- [State Board of Education Rules](#)



Calendar Events

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Calendar Events

Month	
July 1	New fiscal year begins for state scholarship and grant programs.
July	Summer Grade and Hours (G&H) report open for Bright Futures (BF).
August	Program funds sent to eligible PSIs for Term 1.
August 31	The current year Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) closes.
September 30	G&H Report deadline for current summer term.
September/ October	Term 1 Disbursement Eligibility Report (DER) is due to OSFA 30 days after the last day of drop/add.
October 1	The 2018-19 Florida Financial Aid Application opens.

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[Institution Renewal Application](#)

[Defaulted State Scholarship and Loan Recipients](#)

Disbursement Reporting

- [Report Disbursements](#)
- [View Batch Log](#)
- [Federal Loan Disbursement Report](#)
- [State of Florida Legislative Reporting Requirement](#)

[Reconciliation of Funds Disbursed to Institutions](#)

- [View Reconciliation Report](#)
- [View Payment Summary](#)
- [FWEP Reconciliation - Annual Financial Summary](#)

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Term Refunds/Reconciliation

- Due within 60 days after the last day of drop/add.
- Reconciliation Report allows you to view your Disbursement Eligibility Report activity by year, term, program, and student.

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RECONCILIATION REPORT MENU

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Questions/Fields marked with an asterisk (*) require a response.

- By clicking on the student SSN, the Financial Aid Recipient History screen can be viewed

Institution Code: Institution Name:

*Academic Year: Selected By:

*Term: *Program: FT/PT: [Search](#) [Layout](#)

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Term Refunds/Reconciliation

- Payment Summary screen displays tracked institutional funds from the state by year, program and term.
- Only by reconciling and checking the “I agree,” box will OSFA know that your institution needs additional funds.

Payment Summary

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PAYMENT SUMMARY

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Questions/Fields marked with an asterisk () require a response.*

Institution Code: Institution Name:

Academic Year:

Term:

Fund:

☐ I agree with OSFA's Payment Summary

☐ I agree that Dropped/Withdrawn (D04) Reporting is Complete.

[Search](#) [Submit](#)

Section I:

Total Current Year Funding from OSFA		\$	702.00
Total Number of Student Awards Funded			1
Net Disbursed to Students		- \$	468.00
Subtotal: Cumulative D00+D01 Disbursed to Students		\$	468.00
Subtotal: Cumulative D04 (Dropped/Withdrawn) Value		\$	0.00
Total Refunds		+ \$	0.00
Subtotal: Cumulative Undisbursed Refunds Received		\$	0.00
Subtotal: Cumulative Dropped/Withdrawn (D04) Refunds Received		\$	0.00
	Amount OSFA Owes Institution:	\$	0.00
	Amount Institution Owes OSFA:	\$	234.00

Payment Summary (Continued)

Section II:

Date	Program Code	Check Number	Warrant Amount	Refund Received	Amount Disbursed to Students	Number of Student Awards Funded
08/18/2015	*FIS	87911	356,286.00	0.00	0.00	0
08/20/2015	*CDDV	93148	168,712.00	0.00	0.00	0
08/24/2015	*BF	99449	17,769,027.00	0.00	0.00	0
08/26/2015	FSAGPU	106498	2,256,387.00	0.00	0.00	0
08/28/2015	*JM	113413	1,234.20	0.00	0.00	0
08/28/2015	*JM	113426	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0
08/28/2015	*JM	113436	265.80	0.00	0.00	0
02/01/2016	*BFFMS		0.00	0.00	3,619.00	4
02/01/2016	*FWEP		0.00	0.00	8,430.49	10
02/01/2016	FSAG		0.00	0.00	4,720.75	4
02/02/2016	*BFFAS		0.00	0.00	9,888.00	8
02/02/2016	FSAG		0.00	0.00	11,245.75	9
02/02/2016	*FGMG		0.00	0.00	3,762.00	3
02/02/2016	*BFFMS		0.00	0.00	31,031.00	34
Totals			40,336,304.45	0.00	41,326,515.36	36,013

Total unduplicated student count for the selected academic year is **18,043**

[Print report](#)

[Refund Transmittal Form](#)
[Student Refund Report](#)
[Reconciliation/Population Report](#)

If you have any questions concerning your Payment Summary e-mail CHERYL MORGAN at
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Program Compliance Audits

- **March 31 – Audits due** from private institutions
- See Memo OSFA-STATE: #17-18:01

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Institutional Renewal

- Institutions required to apply for renewal to participate in state financial aid annually
- Online application opens May 1
- Most data prefilled
- Update any changes
- Private institutions provide term dates, Cost of Attendance and tuition/fees for 2017-18

Bright Futures Drop/Withdrawal Funds

- Students are required to repay the Bright Futures portion of the cost of any courses dropped or withdrawn after the last day of drop/add
- Students repay the institution
- The institution is required to remit funds to OSFA within 30 days of the institution's last day of each term, regardless if the student has repaid the institution

Grade & Hours Report

- Due 30 days after the end of spring term, no later than June 30
- Submit institutional undergraduate cumulative grade point average (GPA) and earned hours for all disbursed students for the fall and spring terms of the academic year
- G&H Report populated with same students you submitted on your DERs at the beginning of each term

Final Reconciliation

- Reconciliation of all monies for the academic year due by June 1
- Same process as reconciliation for end of term
- All monies for the academic year are reconciled
- Carry-over of funds to next academic year not permitted

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