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Florida Financial Aid Application

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FLORIDA FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

CONDITIONS

IMPORTANT: RETAIN THESE CONDITIONS FOR YOUR RECORDS.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- The *Florida Financial Aid Application* (FFAA) applies **only** to scholarships and grants administered by the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA). This application does not apply to scholarships and grants offered by private organizations or other entities in the State of Florida. Students are to complete the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) in order to be considered for federal scholarship, grant, or loan programs and certain state-funded scholarships and grants.
- All applicants must meet deadlines and requirements for each program to become eligible.
- Students may apply for the programs listed below by the designated deadlines through the *Florida Financial Aid Application*. This one application applies the student to all of the programs listed below:
 - Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program – August 31
 - José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant Fund – April 1
 - Rosewood Family Scholarship Program – April 1
 - Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans – April 1
- It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure all required certifications and additional documentation are submitted to OSFA on or before the program deadline. Detailed program information is available on the OSFA website at www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/home/uamain.htm or by calling OSFA Customer Service at 888-827-2004.

AWARD AND DENIAL NOTIFICATIONS AND DISBURSEMENT PROCEDURES

- Following official evaluation of your high school transcripts for program eligibility, a Bright Futures award or denial notification will be posted to your Financial Aid Recipient History screen.
- Award or denial notifications from other state scholarships and grants are posted in June for:
 - José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant Fund
 - Rosewood Family Scholarship Program
 - Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans
- All funds are sent directly to eligible Florida postsecondary institutions for awarded students. Each postsecondary institution has its own disbursement process. Check with your institution to find out when and how you will receive your scholarship and grant funds.

CHANGES IN INFORMATION/TRANSFERS BETWEEN INSTITUTIONS

- Changing your postsecondary institution during the application process is allowed; however, **not all state-funded programs can be used at all institutions.** To view a list of eligible institutions visit the website at www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/home/uamain.htm and select "Postsecondary Institutions." Under "Eligible Institution Information," select "By State Program."
- To update your postsecondary institution, choose "State Programs Home." Then, under "Applicant Quick Links," select "Update my Demographics."
- Notify OSFA of a postsecondary institution transfer no later than **August 1** for Term 1 transfers, **December 1** for Term 2 transfers, and **February 15** for Term 3 transfers for a timely disbursement. Notices of transfers received by OSFA after these dates may result in funds not reaching the new institution on time.

APPEALS

- Applicants who believe financial aid has been wrongly denied have certain rights to appeal. Applicants may appeal if they believe the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) erred in determining eligibility or in failing to transfer an award. An FDOE appeal is to be filed **within thirty days** of the date of the notice of ineligibility.
- If aid is denied for failure to meet state academic progress requirements, applicants may appeal the denial to the postsecondary institution by providing proof of illness or other emergency beyond the applicant's control. An institutional academic progress appeal is to be filed **within thirty days** of the denial letter or by the date established by the institution's financial aid office, whichever is later.

USE OF THE APPLICANT'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN)/NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

- The Privacy Act of 1974 requires state agencies to inform applicants of the reasons for requesting their Social Security number (SSN). The FDOE requests an SSN on all applications for student financial assistance in order to correctly identify applicants, match each applicant's financial aid record with the student record at the postsecondary institution the applicant attends, and help coordinate state student aid programs with federal student aid programs.
- An applicant will not be denied financial assistance for failure to disclose the SSN. Without an SSN, correct identification of an applicant's record cannot be assured and may result in an error in the award amount or a delay in the disbursement of an award. However, if you do not have or do not wish to provide an SSN, please leave the "Social Security Number" field blank. Our system will generate a Pseudo Number.
- Pursuant to Section 1000.05, Florida Statutes, state student financial assistance is provided to eligible applicants without discriminating on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, disability, or marital status. Minority status will be considered when required by law as a condition of eligibility or selection.

**STATE OF FLORIDA - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

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APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

By signing and submitting this application:

- I certify that I am the applicant named on this application and to the best of my knowledge and belief; the information contained on this application is true, complete, and correct.
- **I understand it is my responsibility to supply accurate information requested on this application and inform OSFA immediately of any changes.**
- I understand that falsification of information in order to receive state financial aid awards is a misdemeanor of the second degree.
- Retain a completed copy of this application for your records.

Applicant's Signature

Date

NOTICE: If you purposely give false information on this form, you may be subject to fine or imprisonment or both under Section 837.06, Florida Statutes.

SECTION A: Demographic Information

The Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) will initially communicate using the email contact information you supply in this portion of your application. **It is your responsibility to supply accurate information. It is your responsibility to use your login credentials to update your demographic information and keep informed of your application process.** Should your contact information change, please visit www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/home/uamain.htm and select **Update My Demographics within the Applicant Quick Links.**

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

1. *Social Security Number (SSN)
 - -

2. *Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yyyy)
 / /

SSN Disclaimer:
 Financial assistance will not be denied for failure to disclose the SSN. However, without an SSN, correct identification of the applicant's record cannot be assured and may result in an error in the award amount or delay in the disbursement of an award.

3. *First Name

4. MI

5. *Last Name

**SECTION B: Academic Background, Grade Point Averages, and Test Scores
(To be certified by high school/postsecondary institution)**

18. *Will you graduate or have you graduated from a Florida high school, Home-Educated Program, or with a GED?

Yes No

19. *If Yes, identify your school type. Public Private Home Education Program GED

a. In what district were you registered as a Home-Educated student in the 11th grade? _____
 b. In what district were you registered as a Home-Educated student in the 12th grade? _____

20. *If Yes in #18 above, identify the Florida county where you attended high school. _____

21. *Provide the name of the Florida high school where you will graduate with a high school diploma:

Note: If you have already received a high school diploma, provide the name of the Florida high school where the diploma was received.

or

Provide the name of the out-of-state high school last attended: _____

22. *High School Graduation Date: (mm/dd/yyyy) / /

23. *In academic year 2018-19, I will be classified as:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman (First time in college) | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior (No previous bachelor's) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman (With previous college) | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (No previous bachelor's) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore (No previous bachelor's) | <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Student |

24. *Provide the location and name of the primary postsecondary institution you are planning to attend.

In-State School _____
Name of Institution

Out-of-State School _____
Name of Institution

Your FFAA information may be sent to additional in-state institutions. You may select up to four additional institutions that you are considering attending.

In-State School _____
Name of Institution

In-State School _____
Name of Institution

In-State School _____
Name of Institution

In-State School _____
Name of Institution

25. *Provide the location and name of the postsecondary institution you last attended.

In-State School _____
Name of Institution

Out-of-State School _____
Name of Institution

OSFA requests a “self-reported approximate” Grade Point Average (GPA) to begin your evaluation for State of Florida financial aid programs. Your official GPA will be certified by your high school and/or postsecondary institution prior to an eligibility determination.

26. *Unweighted High School GPA (based on a 4.0 scale) .

27. Weighted High School GPA (based on a 4.0 scale) .

28. College GPA (if applicable) .

29. *Some State of Florida financial aid programs require test scores. Report all tests that you have taken or plan to take. OSFA will verify scores through the appropriate test agency. **(Check all that apply)**

- SAT
- ACT
- PERT
- Do Not Plan to Test

SECTION C: Special Interest Questions

30. a. If you or one of your natural parents are **Hispanic-American**, or of Spanish culture, with origins in one of the following countries, please select your country from the choices below.

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Argentina | <input type="checkbox"/> Dominican Republic | <input type="checkbox"/> Panama |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Belize | <input type="checkbox"/> Ecuador | <input type="checkbox"/> Paraguay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bolivia | <input type="checkbox"/> El Salvador | <input type="checkbox"/> Peru |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chile | <input type="checkbox"/> Guatemala | <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rico |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Columbia | <input type="checkbox"/> Honduras | <input type="checkbox"/> Uruguay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Costa Rica | <input type="checkbox"/> Mexico | <input type="checkbox"/> Venezuela |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cuba | <input type="checkbox"/> Nicaragua | <input type="checkbox"/> None |

b. If you are awarded a José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant, do you give the Florida Department of Education permission to release your name, address, phone number, country of origin and postsecondary institution choice to the José Martí Foundation which helps to fund this scholarship?

- Yes No

31. Are you a dependent child or spouse of a veteran who has been classified as deceased or 100% disabled, Prisoner of War, or Missing in Action by the Department of Veterans Affairs?

- Yes, Child
- Yes, Spouse
- No

If the answer is **Yes, Child** or **Yes, Spouse**, you **are required** to answer the following questions by the April 1 program deadline in order to receive an evaluation. **If you select I Do Not Know from the Questions (31. b-f.) below, you must provide the requested information by the April 1 program deadline.**

a. *Enter your qualifying veteran's name:

First Name

MI

Last Name

b. *What is the qualifying veteran's status?

Deceased

100% Disabled

I Do Not Know

Prisoner of War

Missing in Action

c. *What is the qualifying veteran's branch of service?

Army

Coast Guard

Navy

I Do Not Know

Air Force

Marine Corps

National Guard

None

d. *Select the military conflict that was in progress at the time your qualifying veteran was affected.

None

Operation Just Cause in Panama

I Do Not Know

Operation Urgent Fury in Grenada

Korean Conflict

Persian Gulf War

Multinational Peace Keeping Force in Lebanon

USS Stark Attack

Newfoundland Air Tragedy

Vietnam Era

Operation Eagle Claw, Iranian Rescue Mission

WWI

Operation Enduring Freedom

WWII

Operation Iraqi Freedom

e. *What state was your qualifying veteran a resident of when **initially determined** deceased or 100% disabled, Prisoner of War, or Missing in Action?

_____ or I Do Not Know

f. *Enter your qualifying veteran's Social Security number, Veteran's Claim Number, or select I Do Not Know.

Veteran's Social Security number

or

Veteran's Claim Number

I Do Not Know

g. *Has your parent, child, or sibling been awarded the Scholarship for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans in the past?

Yes No I Do Not Know

If **Yes**, provide the name of a parent, child, or sibling who has received this award. _____

Sign (on page 1) and mail this completed application by the program deadline(s) listed in the Conditions section of this application to the address below. Retain a copy of this signed application for your records.

OSFA will enter your Florida Financial Aid Application into the State Student Financial Aid Database upon receipt.

You will receive an email outlining any additional documents or certification needed to complete your application process.

If you do not receive an email, please follow the steps below:

- Access your login credentials by going online to www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/home/uamain.htm, select “Application and Updates,” then “Login Here.”
- Access your FARH by selecting “View Student Financial Aid History” under “Applicant Quick Links.”
- A PDF copy of your correspondence will be available in Section VII – Correspondence History – by selecting the **blue** hyperlink for that letter.
- If you need assistance or are unable to complete these steps, OSFA Customer Service at 888-827-2004.

To update demographics and monitor the status of your application, please follow these steps below:

- Go to www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/home/uamain.htm and select “Update My Demographics” under “Applicant Quick Links.”
- To monitor your status, select “Check My Status” under “Applicant Quick Links.”
- Award status and notifications are posted to your online record!

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