

Florida State Financial Aid Programs

Florida programs require that you complete the Florida Residency Affidavit

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

Initial Eligibility Requirements to Receive Funding

The student will:

- Be a Florida resident and a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Not owe a repayment or be in default under any state or federal grant, loan, or scholarship program unless satisfactory arrangements to repay have been made.
- Meet specific coursework and minimum grade point average (GPA) and test score requirements which are outlined on the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) website www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/bf/acadrequire.htm.
- Complete and submit the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA). The FAFSA does not have to indicate financial need; however, must be complete and processed error free prior to a student's first disbursement of the 2011-12 academic year.

Applying for an Award

For Initial Eligibility the student will:

- Submit a fully completed error free [Initial Student Florida Financial Aid Application](#) during the last year in high school (after December 1 and prior to graduation).
- Apply during the last year in high school, before graduation, or **forfeit** all future eligibility for a Bright Futures Scholarship.

Florida Student Assistance Grant Program

Who can apply?

Undergraduates: All A.A. and B.A. seeking students

Eligibility Requirements

- Be a Florida resident
- U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen. A student's residency and citizenship status are determined by the postsecondary institution. Questions regarding such status should be directed to the financial aid office or admissions office of the institution the student plans to attend.
- Not owe a repayment or be in default under any state or federal grant, loan, or scholarship program unless satisfactory arrangements to repay have been made.
- Not have previously received a baccalaureate degree.
- Enroll for a minimum of 12 credit hours per term, or the equivalent, in an associate or baccalaureate degree program.

How to apply:

Complete [FAFSA](#) error-free by deadline.

José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant Fund

Deadlines

- For undergraduate degrees, applicants must apply during senior year of high school.
 - [Initial Student Florida Financial Aid Application](#) completed by April 1, and [FAFSA](#) (demonstrating financial need) on or before May 15.
- Graduate students may apply (priority given to graduating seniors).
 - [Initial Student Florida Financial Aid Application](#) completed by April 1, and [FAFSA](#) (demonstrating financial need) on or before May 15.

Eligibility Requirements

- Be Florida resident
- US citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Be of Hispanic culture (born in or having a natural parent who was born in either Mexico, or a Hispanic country of the Caribbean, Central or South America, regardless of race).
- GPA requirements:
 - Undergraduate scholarships: Have earned 3.0 minimum unweighted cumulative GPA by fall semester of senior year in high school.
 - Graduate level scholarship: 3.0 institutional cumulative GPA for undergraduate college work.
- Enroll as a degree-seeking:
 - Undergraduate: for a minimum of 12 credit hours of study each term.
 - Graduate: for a minimum of 9 credit hours of study each term.
- Not owe a repayment or be in default under any state or federal grant, loan, or scholarship program unless satisfactory arrangements to repay have been made.

Scholarships for Children/Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans

Applying for an Award

The student will:

- Submit a fully completed error free [Initial Student Florida Financial Aid Application](#) by April 1.
- Ensure that the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs certifies the applicant's eligibility by April 1.

Initial Eligibility Requirements to Receive Funding

The veteran or service member will:

- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Be a Florida resident for one year immediately preceding time of death, determination of 100% disability, or prisoner of war/missing in action classification.
- Have died as a result of a service-connected disability(ies) sustained while on active duty.
- Have been certified by the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs as having a service-connected 100% permanent and total disability.
- Have been classified as a prisoner of war or missing in action by the Armed Forces of the United States or as civilian personnel captured while serving with the consent or authorization of the United States Government during wartime service for a dependent child to receive scholarship funding.

The child or spouse will:

- Be a Florida resident and a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Not owe a repayment or be in default under any state or federal grant, loan, or scholarship program unless satisfactory arrangements to repay have been made.
- Not have previously received a baccalaureate degree.
- Enroll in an undergraduate degree or certificate program for a minimum of six credit hours, 180 clock hours, or the equivalent, per term.

There may be further requirements. Please contact the Financial Aid Office to get more information on the financial aid programs that apply to you.