

# Financial Aid Essentials

1. FFAA	2. FAFSA	3. PROFILE	4. INDIVIDUAL
<i>Florida Financial Aid Application</i> - for all state aid including Bright Futures	<i>Free Application for Federal Student Aid</i> – for any type of federal aid	<i>College Scholarship Service/Financial Aid Profile</i> - for institutional aid required by select private schools	<i>Individual Scholarship Applications</i> – directly from colleges, companies or organizations
<a href="http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/">http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/</a>	<a href="http://www.fafsa.ed.gov">www.fafsa.ed.gov</a>	<a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a>	See individual websites
Free	Free	<b>\$25.00 initial application plus \$16 for each additional school</b>	Free
<b>All seniors</b> are required to complete this application <b>Why?</b> If students apply and decline the award to go out-of- state, they can be eligible if they return to Florida during the first three years. Also, it’s not just for Bright Futures.	<b>All seniors</b> are recommended to complete this application since all federal money and some independent scholarships require the FAFSA. At the very minimum, students can qualify for the unsubsidized Stafford Loan even if they do not demonstrate need. Also, as of June 2011, all students who are eligible for a Bright Futures award <b>MUST</b> also complete a FAFSA.	Only complete this application if applying to a school that requires the Profile. Most ivy league schools, Duke, Stanford, MIT, BC, BU, Wake, Vanderbilt, Chicago, Georgetown, Emory, Davidson, and UNC are among those that require the PROFILE. A complete list is available online.	We recommend students to do at least 2 of the following scholarship searches: <a href="http://www.finaid.org">www.finaid.org</a> <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a> <a href="http://www.sallieMae.com">www.sallieMae.com</a> <a href="http://www.duvalschools.org/static/aboutdcps/departments/acadprog/guidance_services/scholarships.asp">http://www.duvalschools.org/static/aboutdcps/departments/acadprog/guidance_services/scholarships.asp</a> * *applications available in guidance <b>ONLY</b> if they have been announced in the online Senior News.
Early Evaluation Deadline <b>Jan. 31</b>	First priority deadline <b>Feb. 15</b>	First priority deadline <b>Feb. 15</b>	Deadlines vary. Check with schools and organizations.
	Next priority deadline <b>March 1</b>	Check with each institution for their priority filing date.	
Final deadline—date of graduation, BUT money for fall cannot be guaranteed if there are any problems with the application.	The earlier the better (after January 1 of senior year) remember money is awarded on a first come basis.		
75 hours of Community Service are required for the Medallion Award, and 100 hours for the Academic Scholars Award. <b>Hours due Jan 15 for first evaluation or hours due May 15 for final evaluation.</b>			
Online application only	Online application	Online application	Varies-online and paper
Student PIN will be mailed or e-mailed after application is submitted.	Student and parent should secure PIN’s before completing the FAFSA. Apply <a href="http://www.pin.ed.gov">www.pin.ed.gov</a>	Must have a collegeboard.com username and password—part of registration process	
<b>KEEP A COPY OF PIN &amp; APPLICATION FOR YOUR FILES</b>	<b>KEEP A COPY OF PIN &amp; APPLICATION FOR YOUR FILES</b>	<b>KEEP A COPY OF USERNAME, PASSWORD AND APPLICATION FOR YOUR FILES</b>	<b>KEEP A COPY OF ALL APPLICATIONS SENT</b>