

How to Apply for Florida Bright Futures

This application should only take you 15 minutes or less to complete. You should apply even if you are not close to the requirements as this is the application not only for Bright Futures but also for any State of Florida Financial Aid you may qualify for. You may either have a qualifying SAT or ACT score at this time or not. You can keep testing to get the score until **June 30, 2021**. Even if you are planning to attend college out of state, please fill in the form as the scholarship will be put on hold for the next two years. **All AICE Diploma recipients MUST fill out the form.** Follow the steps below to apply:

Using Internet Explorer Only –

Step 1. Access the website: www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org

Step 2. Click on *State Grants, Scholarships, and Applications* (choice 2) in the dark blue bar on the left side of the page

Step 3. Under *Applicant Quick Links* click on *Student Application*.

Step 4. You may wish to read all the information provided. If not, then click on the last box that says *Proceed to Application*.

Step 5. Fill out the application completely. Only items in red are mandatory. Pay close attention to these items:

Note: Items 1-7 must match exactly the information that the school has on file for you. You may want to check with Mrs. Seguire in Records, Ms. Marcus, Ms. Meyer, or Ms. Clarke to make sure all names, spellings, SS#, etc. match up. If you have no social security number on file with us or the one we have is incorrect, it will hamper your procedure so please check it.

#1- Make sure to input your number correctly with the number that the school has on file for you. If you do not have a social security number at all, a temporary ID number will be issued to you. Write that number down to be able to check status later.

#14- Only the zip code is required. The “plus 4” is not required and not necessary.

#22- Graduation date is **05/__/2021 (This is NOT your birthday)**

#23- Freshman 1st time in college (If you have Dual Enrolled, list Freshman with college)

#24- Give your best estimate of where you will be attending school. You will have an opportunity later on in the year to finalize or change this.

#25- Skip

#26- GPA – approximate, does not have to be exact. State will verify with transcript.

#27- HPA if available but this question is optional. State will verify with transcript.

#28- Skip

#30- Hispanic Origin- Brazilian is not considered Hispanic for this question.

#32- No, unless African American. Then check with your family to verify ancestor name.

#33- Yes.

#34- Have you been found guilty of a felony? For most of you, the answer is “NO”.

(If you answer YES, you will be INELIGIBLE for Bright Futures)

Step 6. Submit and Print as confirmation.

Step 7. Click OK if you did not provide a Social Security number in Item 1. Write down the pseudo-social security number they assign to you.

THAT’S IT! CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK!

Do not expect a quick answer. Your transcript will be uploaded to the State 3 times over the next several months. The first upload will be in early February. You can check your status online afterward to see if you have received the scholarship. (Same website, see Check My Status) Remember that you still have until Graduation to either make the grades, get the test score required, or complete your community service hours. Consider retesting if necessary. You will automatically get the highest scholarship you qualify for. There is nothing else you need to do at this time regarding the Bright Futures.