

**SENIORS  
IT'S TIME TO APPLY  
FOR THE**

**BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARHIP**

The 2013-14 Student Florida Financial Aid Application is available online December 1, 2012. This application should be completed immediately after December 1 and before January 31<sup>st</sup> for early evaluation.

[You must also complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) after January 1<sup>st</sup> in order to receive funding of your Bright Future Scholarship. A workshop to assist you in completing the FAFSA is scheduled for February 5 at TCA at 6:30PM.]

Your first step is to complete the *Florida Financial Aid Application online (this is the application required to receive a Bright Future Scholarship) by following the steps below*. Please submit the application if you are sure you are eligible or if you believe you are close to being eligible (You may still be waiting on tests' scores or GPAs. You do not have to wait until you have the eligible test scores to apply).

- Log on to [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org)
- Click on 'State Grants, Scholarships, & Application'
- Click on 'Apply Here'
- Click on 'Initial State Student Application'
- You may need to read the information in #1-#6. Then click on 'Proceed to Application'
- Fill out the application (carefully check your SS#, DOB, First Name, Last Name – these must match the information on your high school transcript.) Answer all questions on the application.

Here are some helps for some of the questions.

- Question # 22 – Graduation date is 05/30/2013
- Question #23 – Choose 'FTIC(First Time in College)' (Note: Choose this even if you are a dual enrollment or early admissions student)
- Question #26 & #27 - Just estimate as these will be verified with the state by Mrs. Denton.
- Question #28 – Dual enrollment and early admissions students leave this blank even though you do have a college GPA.
- Question #33 – Answer yes
- Question #34 – Very carefully read and answer this question accurately – most students will answer "I do not agree"
  
- Click on 'Submit and Print My Application' (Printed copy is for your records.) If you have proceeded correctly you will get a page that is headed with 'SAVED RESULTS' Your application has been saved.
- Print a copy of the saved result page. (Very Important: This contains your User ID & PIN# to access your account in the future!)

- ***Resubmit Results and please read the information printed in red. 'It is Your Responsibility'***
- ***Keep all the printed pages for future references and questions you might have.***
- ***If you apply during the month of December & January you will receive notification in the spring of your award from the Florida Department of Education***
- ***The rest of the application process will be completed by the TCA guidance office. Your transcripts and test scores will be submitted by the guidance office.***

**You will NOT be eligible to receive Florida's Bright Future Scholarship without submitting this application.**

**Seventh semester evaluation to determine if you are eligible for Bright Future will be conducted in February and you will be notified in the spring if you have been awarded the scholarship. This *Florida Financial Aid Application* **must be submitted before the evaluation will be conducted** by the Florida Department of Education.**

**(An eight semester evaluation will also be processed after graduation but notification will be delayed until mid-summer.)**

**Please note that you may continue to retake the SAT and/or the ACT all the way through the June tests if you are attempting to qualify or wish to raise your award from a Florida Medallion Scholar (FMS) (previously called the 75%) to a Florida Academic Scholar (FAS) (previously called the 100%).**

**One final note, please go ahead and apply even if you are not yet qualified (i.e. your tests scores or GPA are still low but borderline.)**

By submitting this application you are also automatically applying for the following Florida Department of Education financial aid programs:

- ✓ Florida Bright Futures Scholarship – Deadline by High School Graduation Date
- ✓ Jose Marti Scholarship Challenge Grant – Deadline April 1
- ✓ Rosewood Family Scholarship Program – Deadline April 1
- ✓ Scholarships for Children of Deceased or Disabled Veterans – Deadline April 1