SENIORS ONLY!
BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP 2018-2019

To be considered for a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship students must:

- Complete the Bright Futures Application on or after **October 1, 2018**.
  - ➢ Go to www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org
  - ➢ See specific instructions on reverse side.

- Earn a Florida standard high school diploma or its equivalent.

- Not have been found guilty of, or pled no contest to, a felony charge or 1st degree misdemeanor.

- Meet the Academic Requirements for one of the award levels:

Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)	3.5 GPA*	1290 SAT (R & M)/ 29 ACT (composite)	100 hrs community service
Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)	3.0 GPA*	1170 SAT (R & M)/ 26 ACT (composite)	75 hrs community service
Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV)	3.0 GPA*	College Ready Test Scores	30 hrs community service

*Bright Futures will recalculate the GPA using ONLY 16 specific core courses.

- Award notifications are posted to students' online Bright Futures accounts. No email or hardcopy notifications will be sent. You MUST view your application status and award history online to receive your Bright Futures award.
  - ➢ Go to www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/home/Applicationstatus.htm
  - ➢ Click on Financial Aid Recipient History under the Application Status & Award History link.
  - ➢ Log in by using your assigned User ID and PASWORD which was given to you when completed your Bright Futures application.

PLEASE NOTE:

*Students can register for Bright Futures prior to completing the FASFA.

*Students can register for Bright Futures even if they currently do not have the required GPA, Test Score, or Community Service Hours.

*Students need to meet and submit all academic requirements (GPA, Test Scores, Community Service Hours) by July 1, 2019.

When completing the Bright Futures application, **all** *fields with a red asterisk are mandatory* **while the black fields are optional. Complete the application CAREFULLY. Make sure that you type all information accurately, especially your legal name, date, and social security number as these are used to track your scholarship.**

TO APPLY:
➢ Go to the website **www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org.**
➢ Click on *CREAT A STUDENT ACCOUNT* under *First-Time Applicants*.
➢ Under *PROFILE* complete all *Demographic* and *Contact* information.
  • Including your SSN is strongly suggested or input your FLE ID (50+student number)
  • *High School Graduation Date- 5/20/2019* (not official, the actual date has not been released)
  • Provide the email address that is best for receiving official communication from *Office of Student Financial Assistance* (*OSFA*). You may provide an alternate email address as well.
➢ Click *SUBMIT* to proceed.
➢ Once submitted, you will receive a personal *USER ID* & *PASSWORD* (take a picture or write down information).
➢ Click on *Complete FFAA* promptly or log-in using **USER ID** & *PASSWORD*.
  • When initially logging-in you will be prompted to create a new *PASSWORD*.

Use the following information to help you complete the *FFAA Application*- which must be complete as part of the Bright Futures Application.

FFAA Application
➢ *Demographic* & *Contact* information listed at the top.
➢ *Florida Legal Residence-* Click *YES*
➢ *U.S. Citizenship- YES or NO*
➢ *Convicted of a Crime-* BE CAREFUL! Click *NO,* unless you have been convicted of a felony or 1st degree misdemeanor.
➢ *Deceased or Disabled Veteran-* Click *NO*, unless you have a parent who was a Military Veteran and is deceased or disabled.
➢ *Rosewood* is a scholarship for minority black students who are descendants of the Rosewood incident of January 1923. Only answer *YES* if you are sure this applies to you.
➢ If you or one of your natural parents is *Hispanic-American* answer *YES*.
➢ *Florida Farmworker-* Only answer *YES* if you have a parent who is a Florida Farmworker.
➢ Click *NEXT*
➢ Click *YES*
➢ Click on *Public*
➢ From drop down menu click *Palm Beach*.
➢ From drop down menu click *Palm Beach Gardens Community High School*.
Academic Background Post-Secondary Plans
➢ Click *NO*
➢ Indicate whether you plan on going to a college/university *Out-of-State or In-State.*
➢ Use the drop down menu to indicate *In-State colleges/universities.*
➢ Click *NEXT*

After completing all required sections, you will need to select the "Submit" button on this page in order for the application to be submitted to OSFA.

The next page lists the scholarships for which you have applied unless you indicated "no". If do not see your results on the next page, you must immediately call 1-888-827-2004.