

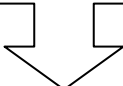




# Senior Newsletter



 <p><b>Parent Financial Aid Night</b></p> <p>January 30, 2012 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p align="center">FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES...</p>
<p><b>Counselor Corner Updates</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA):</b></p> <p>To apply for the <b>Bright Futures Scholarship</b> and all state of Florida grants and scholarships, you must complete the FFAA. The website opened for the Class of 2012 on December 1, 2011.</p> <p>Seniors apply today at <a href="http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org">www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Select State Grants, Scholarships &amp; Applications</li> <li>✓ Student must be in grade 12 (not grade 11)</li> <li>✓ 2011-2012 Cheat Sheet attached (helpful hints) </li> </ul>
<p align="center"></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Tuesday/Thursday (4 lunches)</li> <li>* Special Guests</li> <li>* Schedule Appointments</li> <li>* SAT/ACT Info Registration/Prep Materials</li> <li>* College Magazines</li> <li>* Transcript Requests</li> <li>* Scholarship Bulletins</li> <li>* Ask a Counselor...</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>2012 FREE APPLICATION FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Available January 1 (<a href="http://www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov">www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov</a>) <b>MUST BE COMPLETED IF ELIGIBLE FOR BRIGHT FUTURES!</b></li> <li>✚ <b>FAFSA PIN</b> required for parent &amp; student to sign the FAFSA (Apply today at <a href="http://www.pin.ed.gov">www.pin.ed.gov</a>)</li> </ul>
	<p align="center"><b>Beware of Scholarship Scams:</b></p> <p><b><u>Scam Warning Signs</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Fee required &amp; money-back offers or guarantees</li> <li>❖ Credit card or bank account information required</li> <li>❖ <b>“Phishing”</b> – Unsolicited emails that bear the logo of your bank or credit card; appear legitimate, but are traps to lure you into giving out personal or account information</li> <li>❖ <b>“Pharming”</b> – Unsolicited emails that encourage you to visit a website or click on suspicious links</li> </ul> <p><b>Scholarship Search</b> – <a href="http://www.fastweb.com">www.fastweb.com</a> &amp; <a href="http://www.finaid.org">www.finaid.org</a></p>



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## **FFAA/Bright Futures Application Cheat Sheet (2011-2012)**

1. **Social Security Number** – needs to match school records
2. **Date of Birth** – 4 digit year
3. **First Name**- needs to match school records
4. **Middle Initial**
5. **Last Name** – needs to match school records
6. **Are you Hispanic/Latino?** – scholarship funds may be available; you pick one or more races
7. **Gender** – male or female
8. **Phone Number** (at least one phone number is requested)
9. **Mailing Address** – no commas or hyphens
10. **Apartment Number (if applicable)**
11. **City** – Jacksonville
12. **State**- Florida
13. **Florida County** – Duval
14. **Zip Code**- just need the 5 digit number
15. **E-mail address** – OSFA will post all official/award notifications to your online record
16. **Is Florida your state of legal residence?**- (not sure) - blue drop down menu gives more information
17. **Citizenship Status** - have a green card? You are an Eligible Non-Citizen, use the blue drop down box
18. **Will you graduate or have graduated from a Florida high school, Home School, or with a GED?** – Yes
19. **If Yes, identify your school type**- Public
20. **Identify the Florida county where you attended school** – Duval
21. **Select the Florida high school you attended**- use drop down menu to select your school
22. **High School Graduation Date** – **06/07/2012** (last date for county)
23. **In the fall of 2012, I will be classified as** – Freshman, first time in college
24. **Select the Postsecondary location and institution you plan to attend**- put any state school right now, but make sure to update by June to reflect where you will go- this is where they will send the \$\$\$\$
25. **Select the last postsecondary location and institution you attended** – SKIP THIS QUESTION
26. **Un-weighted High School GPA**– must enter at least a 2.75 to be evaluated for Bright Futures
27. **Weighted High School GPA** – no penalty for guessing here (enter 3.0 or higher)
28. **College GPA** – SKIP THIS QUESTION
29. **Some State of Florida financial aid programs require test scores. Report all tests that you have taken or plan to take. OSFA will verify scores through the appropriate test agency.** –check ACT, SAT, CPT
30. **Hispanic American** use the drop down menu to designate your country
31. **Dependent child or spouse of a veteran who has been classified as deceased or 100% disabled, POW or MIA**- you will need the veteran's information
32. **Family affected Rosewood incident**- you will need information on that ancestor
33. **Authorize release of records and test scores** - SAY YES IF YOU WANT BRIGHT FUTURES
34. **Guilty of a felony charge**- SAY I DO NOT AGREE UNLESS YOU WERE CONVICTED OF AN ADULT FELONY

**Click SUBMIT/PRINT MY APPLICATION; the “Saved Results” page is your receipt of application submission and contains your User ID & PIN - KEEP A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS!**