

## How to Apply for Florida Bright Futures

This application should only take you 15 minutes or less to complete. 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 2009. Follow the steps below to apply:

**Step 1:** Access the website, [www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org)

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

**Step 3:** In the blue bar at the top of the page, select *Apply here* and then click on *Initial Student Application*

**Step 4:** Proceed to application

**Step 5:** Fill out the application completely and 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 Ms. Reichenbach to make sure all spelling is correct.

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

22. Graduation date is **05/08/2009**

23. Freshman 1<sup>st</sup> time in 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 this.

25. Skip

26. GPA – approximate, does not have to be exact. State will verify.

28. Skip

30. Yes, Yes

31. Hispanic Origin – Brazilian is not considered Hispanic for this question

33. No, unless African American. Then check with your family

35. Yes

36. Yes

37. Yes

38. Have you been found guilty of a felony? The answer is No (I hope). A yes answer will eliminate you from receiving the Bright Futures.

**Step 6:** Submit and print

**Step 7:** Click OK if you did not provide a Social Security number in item 1

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. You will eventually receive a letter stating the level of scholarship you have earned. You still have until Graduation to either make the grades or get the test score required. Consider retesting if necessary (see Ms. Reichenbach for registration). You will automatically get the scholarship if you qualify. There is nothing else you need to do at this time regarding the Bright Futures. Be Patient!