

Scholarships available through Financial AID

The Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA), administers a variety of state-funded grants and scholarships to assist Florida residents with the cost of their postsecondary education. Below is a list of grant and scholarship programs administered by OSFA. **Best results date: August 14th, 2015**

1. Complete all steps on [Apply for Financial Aid](#)- this includes submitting a [FAFSA](#) and all necessary paperwork to complete your file.
2. Register for your classes- At least half time (9 credit hours) enrollment is required.
3. Make sure you are admitted to the University in a [degree or certificate program of study](#).
4. Complete the [online scholarship application](#).

Please remember: You must have at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA and be passing [Standards of Academic Progress \(SAP\)](#) in order to be eligible. Please make sure you enter your correct personal information when filling out the application.

[Access to Better Learning and Education \(ABLE\) Grant](#)

The student will meet the application procedures established by the participating institution. Applications may be obtained at the ***financial aid offices of eligible Florida colleges and universities***.

[Bright Futures Scholarship](#)

Students must APPLY for the scholarship by submitting the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) beginning December 1 of their senior year and by no later than August 31 after high school graduation. If a student does not apply for the scholarship by the deadline, a student cannot receive the scholarship! All eligibility requirements must be met by high school graduation, but scores of ACT®/SAT®/P.E.R.T. tests taken through June 30 are accepted for evaluation purposes. Complete the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) no later than **August 31** after high school graduation.

[Florida Student Assistance Grant \(FSAG\)](#)

The Florida Student Assistance Grant (FSAG) Program is a need-based grant program available to degree-seeking, resident, undergraduate students who demonstrate substantial financial need and are enrolled in participating postsecondary institutions. The student will demonstrate financial need by

completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in time to be processed error free by the ***deadline specified by the institution.***

[José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant](#)

The José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant Fund is a need-based merit scholarship that provides financial assistance to eligible students of Hispanic origin who will attend Florida public or eligible private institutions. The online Florida Financial Aid Application is available **December 1** each year and must be completed error-free by **April 1** to be considered for an initial award. Applicants will be ranked by their application submission date, if necessary

[Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans](#)

The Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans (CSDDV) provides funding for tuition and registration fees at an eligible public postsecondary institution to dependent children or unremarried spouses of qualified Florida veterans. Students who attend an eligible private postsecondary institution will received a fixed award amount by using the average matriculation and fee calculation for full-time attendance at a public postsecondary education institution at the comparable level. Students will submit a completed Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) by **April 1**. NOTE: Questions 31a-g of the FFAA must be answered with information related to the veteran by **April 1** so that the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs can certify that the veteran qualifies.

[Award Amounts](#)

Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant

Deadline: Varies

Website: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/types/grants-scholarships/iraq-afghanistan-service>

Scholarship Amount: Up to \$5,311.71

Description: The Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant is awarded to a student whose parent or guardian died as a result of performing military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after September 11, 2001 and the student is not receiving a Federal Pell Grant only because of that program's need requirement, but meet the remaining Federal Pell Grant eligibility requirements. The grant is not based on financial need nor is it considered estimated financial assistance that reduces the amount of any other Federal student aid that the student may also qualify for. The grant award is equal to the amount of a maximum Pell Grant for the award year, not to exceed the cost of attendance for that award year. Applicants should be under 24 years old or should be studying in college at least part-time at the time of the parent's or guardian's death. For the 2014-15 academic year, the duration of a student's eligibility to receive an Iraq and Afghanistan Service

Grant is limited to a total of 12 semesters (or its equivalent). Awards: Up to \$5,311.71. Contact your Financial Aid Office.

TEACH Grant

The U.S. Department of Education's Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant (TEACH Grant) Program provides funds to students who are completing or who plan to complete coursework that is required to begin a career in teaching, and who agree to teach full-time for at least four years. The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant (TEACH Grant) Web site enables you to complete:

- TEACH Grant Initial and Subsequent Counseling

and

- A TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve (ATS)

so that you may receive one or more TEACH Grants to pay for your education.

You must complete TEACH Grant Initial and Subsequent Counseling before completing your ATS.

To learn more, read [What to Expect](#) and the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#)

You will be required to use your FSA ID to complete an ATS.

<https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/studentHome.action>