

## Helpful Hints When Applying for Bright Futures and Other Florida Grants and Scholarships

**You will be completing the Florida Financial Aid Application. This is DIFFERENT than FAFSA. This application should only be submitted once. You will need your Social Security number, this is how the colleges find you in their system©**

FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

- GO TO: [www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org)
- ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE PAGE, CLICK ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> BOX
- ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE PAGE, CLICK ON THE "STUDENT APPLICATION" LINK
- ON THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE, CLICK ON "PROCEED TO APPLICATION"

YOU SHOULD SEE THE APPLICATION!

- BEFORE BEGINNING THE APPLICATION, PLEASE READ EVERYTHING! ALL QUESTIONS WRITTEN IN RED MUST BE ANSWERED.
- THE FOLLOWING BULLETS ARE HELPFUL HINTS WHILE COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION.
  - #14- You need to complete the zip code BUT NOT +4
  - #18- Mark YES
  - #22- May 28, 2017
  - #23- ALL STUDENTS, REGARDLESS OF DE CREDITS, please mark: FRESHMAN, FIRST TIME IN COLLEGE (This makes things much easier for everyone)
  - #24- Please mark: In-State and select a school in Florida. (if you change you mind later, no worries. Remember, schools will find your money by your social security number)
  - #26- Your GPA needs to be your BEST guess. If it is not exact, don't worry, their system "talks" to our system when it updates in February.
  - #33- Please mark YES
  - #34- Be sure to answer this question very carefully for obvious reasons.
  - VERY, VERY Important... Only click the SUBMIT button ONCE. When you press "Submit" please give your computer time to load the next page. Be patient, it may take a while.

Congratulations, you have now just completed your application, which could qualify you for Bright Futures.

Please note: All applications must be completed by graduation, as well as your community service hours. There is an exception for SAT and ACT testing. You may use the June test dates to qualify you for your award. If you have questions regarding your status, please stop in or call 1-888-827-2004.

**STUDENTS WILL NOT BE NOTIFIED OF AWARD UNTIL LATE JULY, 2017.**