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- ODistrict Financial Aid Website-
  - www.pcsb.org/financialaid
    - Monthly Opportunities
    - Bright Futures information
    - Pinellas Education Foundation
    - Financial Aid Seminars
    - Financial Aid Acronyms







## www.pcsb.org/financialaid

#### Financial Aid and Scholarships

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#### Financial Aid & Scholarships

Listing of current scholarships that are available

- Scholarship Opportunities -Updated 9/18/2015
- · Search for scholarships with the U.S. Department of Labor's free scholarship search tool

General information regarding the Bright Futures Scholarship Program

- Florida Bright Futures website
- · Bright Futures Community Service Component and Requirements for Pinellas Students
- Review your Bright Futures evaluation at <u>FloridaShines</u>
   Click on Pay for College under the Go to College link, then click on the link under Bright Futures
   Scholarships.

State of Florida Grant and Scholarship Programs administered by the Office of Student Financial Assistance

State of Florida Grant and Scholarship Programs

Pinellas Education Foundation

- Pinellas Education Foundation Website
- Traditional High School Senior Scholarships

Link to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid

FAFSA

Links to Financial Aid Seminars, FASFA Nights, Talented 20 and more

- Financial Aid Events Information & Additional Links
- Presentations from 2014-15 Financial Aid Seminars

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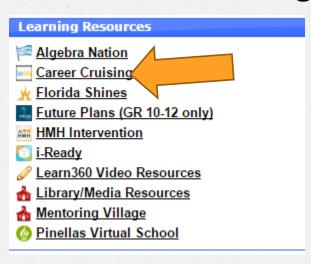
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# Where can I find Information about financial aid?

- Career Cruising is available for PCS students and has a scholarship search as well as local scholarships
- Students can access Career Cruising through their Focus account under Learning Resources







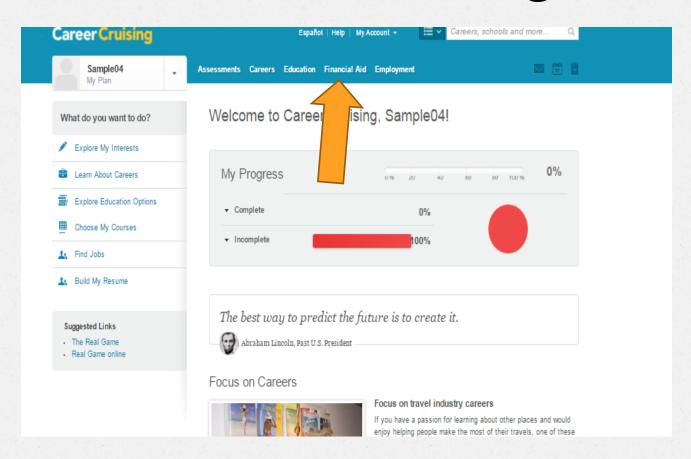
## Career Cruising

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Learn more about: Career Cruising Products								





### Career Cruising





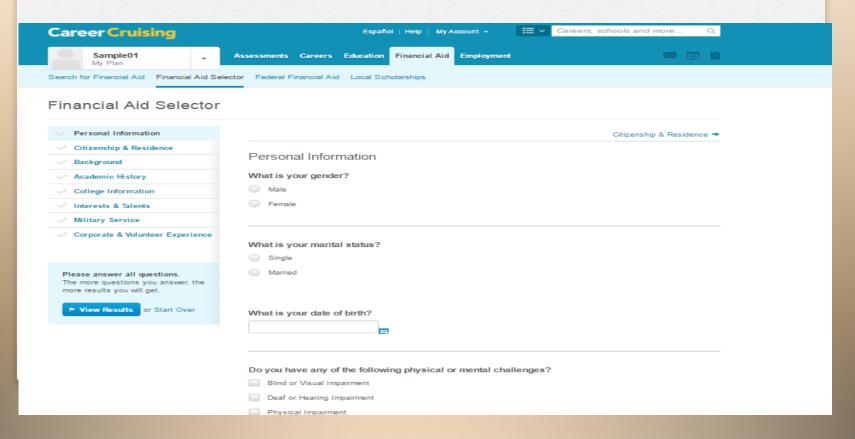


## Career Cruising

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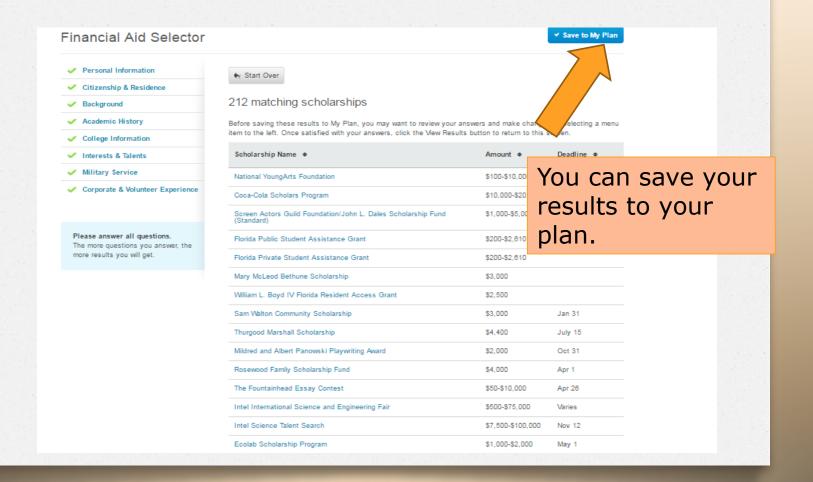
Answer information about yourself and get matched to scholarships.







#### Financial Aid Selector







## Local Scholarships

Local Scholarships									
Filter by Award Criteria	The Local Scholarships section allows you to find scholarship opportunities for students in your area. You can search by keyword, browse the scholarship listings, or use the local scholarship finder.								
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	FAMU George W. Gore (1)	11/30	\$8,000	Merit-Based					
	FAMU George W. Gore (2)	11/30	\$5,000	Merit-Based					
	FAMU Life Gets Better Scholar	11/30	Varies	Merit-Based					
	FAMU Presidential Special Scholar	11/30	Varies	Merit-Based					
	FAMU University Distinguished Scholars Award	11/30	Varies	Merit-Based					
	FAMU University Florida Community College	11/30	Varies	Merit-Based					
	Florida JCI Scholarship	1/13	\$500	Merit-Based					
	Florida P.E.O. Scholarship	1/27	\$1500-2000	Merit-Based					





# Pinellas Education Foundation www.pinellaseducation.org

- Traditional High School Senior Scholarships
  - More than 100 different college scholarships to more than 250 high school seniors throughout Pinellas County
  - Scholarship criteria varies from music & drama to science & math and even sports
  - On line application that includes a required essay
  - Opened in August and deadline is January 17, 2017
- Check website for additional scholarships such as Take Stock in Children & Walker's Rising Stars.





### Where to Find Scholarships

- Colleges/Universities- most common type
  - Check their websites to find out details of how/when to apply
- Outside Scholarships- given by organizations that aren't part of the college or federal government
  - Local Scholarships- might be sponsored by local religious organization, local branches of organizations (Rotary Club), parents' employers, your employer
  - State Scholarships- most states have scholarships and they are usually limited to in-state colleges (Bright Futures)
  - National Scholarships- open to students across the country so more competitive (Gales Millennium Scholars, Coca-Cola Scholars)

# Websites to Check for Scholarships

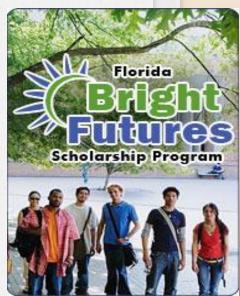
- Internet Searches
  - www.FASTWEB.com
  - www. mycollegedollars.com
  - <u>https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/</u> scholarship-search
  - www.Scholarships.com
  - www.Scholarshipexperts.com



Awarded to every student in the state of Florida who meets the eligibility requirements.

#### **APPLICATION OPENS ON OCT. 1st**

www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org







### General Requirements

- 1. Be a Florida resident and a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen, as determined by the student's postsecondary institution.
- 2. Complete the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) no later than August 31 after high school graduation.
- 3. Earn a standard Florida high school diploma or its equivalent from a Florida public high school or a registered Florida Department of Education private high school.
- 4. Not have been found guilty of, or pled nolo contendere to, a felony charge, unless the student has been granted clemency by the Governor and Cabinet sitting as the Executive Office of Clemency.
- 5. Be accepted by, enroll in a degree or certificate program, and be funded at an eligible Florida public or independent postsecondary institution within 2 years from the student's year of high school graduation.
- 6. Be enrolled for a least 6 non-remedial semester credit hours (or the equivalent in quarter or clock hours) per term.





## Florida Academic and Medallion Scholars Award- Coursework

- Must meet the following criteria to be eligible for these awards (continued):
  - Complete the required high school coursework:
    - 16 High School Course Credits
    - 4- English
    - 4- Mathematics (at or above the Algebra I level)
    - 3- Natural Sciences (two must have substantial lab)
    - 3- Social Science
    - 2- World Language (sequential, in same language)





## Florida Academic and Medallion Scholars Award- Coursework

- High School Courses
  - Align with required coursework for SUS admission requirements.
  - World Language can be met by demonstrating proficiencies based on scores on Credit-by-Exam Equivalencies





#### Florida Academic and Medallion Scholars Award- **Grade Point Average**

- Must meet the following criteria to be eligible for these awards (continued):
  - Achieve the required minimum high school grade point average (GPA).
    - High School Weighted GPA
      - 3.50- Florida Academic Scholars
      - 3.00- Florida Medallion Scholars
  - Unrounded weighted GPA in the 16 college-prep courses
  - AP, Pre-IB, IB, Honors, Pre-AICE, AICE and academic Dual Enrollment are weighted .25 per semester





#### Florida Academic and Medallion Scholars Award- College Entrance Exams

- Must meet the following criteria to be eligible for these awards (continued):
  - Achieve the required minimum score on either the ACT or SAT college entrance exam
    - College Entrance Exams (ACT/SAT)
      - ACT: 29 or SAT: 1290- Florida Academic Scholars
      - ACT: 26 or SAT :1170- Florida Medallion Scholars
  - OFSA does NOT use the writing section score from either test.





#### Florida Academic and Medallion Scholars Award- College Entrance Exams

- ACT-composite is the average of the 4 subject areas: English, Math, Reading & Science. Composite scored will be rounded up to next whole number.
- SAT composite score is the sum of Critical Reading & Math sections.
- Exams may be taken through June 30 of the student's graduation year (or January 31 for midyear graduates).





## Florida Academic and Medallion Scholars Award-Community Service Hours

- Must meet the following criteria to be eligible for these awards:
  - Community Service Hours
    - 100 hours- Florida Academic Scholars
    - 75 hours- Florida Medallion Scholars
  - Service Hours
    - Students begin by getting a copy of the Community Service Proposal form at the high school and turning it in/getting it approved before they begin.
    - Must be completed by high school graduation.
    - Must be approved by the high school community service designee at the high school





## Other ways to qualify for the Academic & Medallion

- National Merit/National Achievement Finalists & Scholars, National Hispanic Scholars, and AICE (Advanced International Certificate of Education) Diploma
  - o 100 hrs. community service- FAS
  - 75 hrs. community service FMS
- IB (International Baccalaureate) Diploma
  - Florida Academic Scholars
- AICE Curriculum
  - 29 ACT or 1290 SAT & 100 hrs. community service- FAS
  - 26 ACT or 1170 SAT & 75 hrs. community service- FMS
- IB Curriculum
  - 29 ACT or 1290 SAT FAS
  - 26 ACT or 1170 SAT FMS





#### Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award

- Must meet the following criteria to be eligible for GSV
  - Graduate from high school with a Standard Diploma.
  - Achieve the required weighted minimum 3.0 GPA in the non-elective high school courses.
  - Take at least 3 full credits in a single Career & Technical program.
  - Achieve the required minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA in the career education courses.





#### Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award

- Achieve the required minimum score on the ACT, SAT or Florida Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (P.E.R.T.)
  - ACT: English- 17, Reading- 19 Math- 19OR
  - SAT: Critical Reading- 440, Math- 440
     OR
  - PERT: Reading- 106, Writing- 103, Math- 114
- Complete 30 service hours. (Must be completed by graduation and approved by the school district).





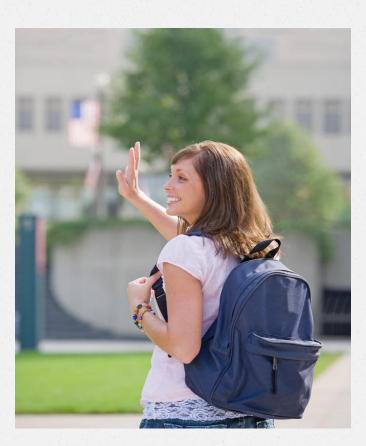
#### Gold Seal CAPE Scholars

- CAPE- Career and Professional Education
- New for the 2016-17 school year
- Meet the General Requirements for Bright Futures;
- Earn a minimum of 5 postsecondary credit hours through CAPE industry certifications which articulate for college credit
- Complete 30 service hours.





#### Additional Information



- Two years from graduation to begin using the award unless an active military
- FAS, FMS, and FGSV are all renewable scholarships
- Renewal is based upon GPA and earned hours requirements:
  - 6 FAS-3.0
  - o FMS- 2.75
  - **o** GSV- 2.75





### Student Responsibilities

- Make sure your transcript has your correct social security number, address and test scores
- 2. Initiate the student authorization process after October 1<sup>st</sup> of your senior year at <a href="https://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org">www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org</a>
- 3. Take the proper tests before the end of June of your senior year
- 4. Complete all other requirements by graduation.
- 5. Know your Username & Password and check back to your account to see your status.
  - Award notifications will not be mailed out—you must check your account





#### How To Find Out Your Award Level Status

- High school guidance counselors provide 12<sup>th</sup> graders with a printed copy of their evaluation in the fall.
- All students can check their evaluation on Florida Virtual Campus (<u>www.floridashines.org</u>)





#### www.floridashines.org







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#### FloridaShines

DISCOVER DEGREE PROGRAMS

KNOW THE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

GET READY FOR COLLEGE

START NOW WITH DUAL ENROLLMENT

GO BACK TO COLLEGE

#### >> PAY FOR COLLEGE

Financial Aid







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#### **Tuition and Fees**

Students who are residents of Florida pay significantly lower tuition at state colleges and universities than students from other states. The average in-state tuition for a state university in Florida is \$6,336 for 30 credit hours. Tuition at state colleges is about two-thirds the amount of tuition at state universities.

To be eligible for in-state tuition, students or their parents must have established and maintained legal residency in Florida for at least 12 consecutive months before the first day of the term. Unless proven otherwise, students who are 24 or older are considered independent and must provide their own documentation to demonstrate residency. Students under the age of 24 are considered dependent on their parents and must provide documentation from their parents to demonstrate residency. Students who are under the age of 24 can demonstrate independence by:

- Providing 50% or more of their own support and filing their taxes as an independent,
- · Being married,
- · Being a veteran of the United States military, or
- . Being a ward of the court.

Learn more about the Guidelines on Florida Residency for Tuition Purposes (PDF) ».

#### **Bright Futures Scholarships**

Bright Futures Scholarships are awarded, based primarily on academic achievement, to recent Florida high school graduates who are pursuing an undergraduate degree at a public college or university in the state. Scholarship amounts vary based on GPA, scores on college entrance exams, community service hours and other factors.

Check your eligibility for a Bright Futures Scholarship.

#### Florida College Savings and P

Florida offers two convenient options to save for college. allows you to invest in options such as mu you, and earnings withdrawn for qualified ed current pri schedules and defined benefits. For more information of the college of undefined benefits.









There are 30,000 Florida jobs up for grabs with average salaries of \$70,000 or higher.

Click on the link under Bright Futures Scholarships





# SPC FAFSA Nights Dates/Locations

- Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> Northeast
   HS
- Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> SPC
   Midtown Campus
- Tuesday, February 21st Gibbs HS







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#### Financial Aid Overview

Office of Student Financial Assistance





- What is financial aid?
- Where do I find financial aid?
- How do I apply?
- Who can help me?











#### What is Financial Aid?

- Monies received from federal, state, institutional or private resources
  - Monies are categorized as:
    - Gift aid
    - Self help
    - Need-based
    - Merit-based
  - Can cover direct or indirect costs







#### College Costs

- Public 2-year college (tuition and fees, in-state) -\$3,440
- Public 4-year college (tuition and fees, in-state) -\$9,410
- Public 4-year college (tuition and fees, out of state) -

\$23,890

 Private 4-year college (tuition and fees) -\$32,410









# Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- Federal government is largest source of student aid; FAFSA distributed and processed by the U.S. Department of Education
  - Manual or electronic options
- 2017-18 FAFSA opens October 1
  - IRS Data Retrieval Tool opens October 1 and will allow students to import PRIOR PRIOR (2015) year tax data
- Must be completed ANNUALLY (per academic year)







## **FAFSA**







**FAFSA**° Free Application for Federal Student Aid











SEARCH

English | Español

### Get help paying for college

Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



#### New to the FAFSA?

Start A New **FAFSA** 

#### Returning User?

- · Make a correction
- Add a school
- · View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more ...

Login







# Getting Started

- Gather important data
- Monitor priority deadlines
  - State and institutional deadlines vary
- Confirm FAFSA dependency versus independency requirements
  - Dependent students are required to include parental information
  - Independent students are not required to include parental information
- Search for school codes
- Plan to sign and submit online using the Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID and FSA Password









- Provides basic information about federal student aid eligibility
- Received (after you submit the FAFSA) via email within 3-5 days if you provided an email address
  - Received via mail within 7-10 days if you did not provide an email address
- Correct errors, if needed
- Will contain an expected family contribution (EFC)
  - Assists institutions in the financial aid award packaging process









### Additional Information

- Contact institution to determine award disbursement process
- Contact institution for special circumstances or professional judgment needs
- Contact institution to determine what other types of aid applications are available
- Use student loans as a LAST RESORT







# Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)

- The Florida Financial Aid Application opens October 1 of the senior year
  - Apply early must be completed prior to August 31 of high school graduation year
- One application is used for multiple programs, not just the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
  - Must log-in to check status, online notifications and award history









## **NyFF**

# **FFAA**

Welcome to the

### Office of Student Financial Assistance

Student Loans -Information for Students,Parents, Schools & Lenders

State Grants, Scholarships & Applications

> Florida Automated System for Transferring Educational Records

Florida Department of Education

Florida Department of Education







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Commissioner



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#### Florida Student Scholarship Grant Programs

1-888-827-2004 Florida Department of Education Office of Student Financial Assistance

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**Postsecondary Institutions** 

**High Schools** 

State Program Links

#### What's New

Florida Legislative Updates and History of Financial Aid Changes

#### **Applicant Quick Links**

Student Application (for new applicants)

View Student Financial Aid History Update My Demographics

Check My Status

Reinstatement/Restoration Application (for returning students)

#### Administrator Quick Links

Program Compliance Audits
Postsecondary Institutions Login
High School Personnel Login
Florida Department of Veterans
Affairs Certification

#### Want Bright Futures?



Seniors submit a Florida Financial Aid Application by high school graduation.

#### Contact Us

1-888-827-2004

osfa@fldoe.org

#### STATE SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT PROGRAMS

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. Students <u>must</u> submit a completed Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) to OSFA for programs denoted by an asterisk (\*).

- Access to Better Learning and Education (ABLE) Grant
- Bright Futures Scholarship\*
- First Generation Matching Grant
- Benacquisto Scholarship Program (formerly Florida Incentive Scholarship Program) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
- Some Florida Fund for Minority Teachers
- Florida Resident Access Grant (FRAG)
- Florida Student Assistance Grant (FSAG) Florida Public Postsecondary Career Education Student Assistance Grant
- Florida Work Experience Program
- José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant\*
- Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship
- Rosewood Family Scholarship\*
- Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans\*

Award Amounts

State Scholarship and Grant Calendar

**Brochure: Money for College** 









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#### APPLICATIONS AND UPDATES

#### STUDENTS

Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) (for new applicants) [2017-18 Printable Blank Application]

RETURNING STUDENTS, **LOGIN HERE TO:** 

- Update an existing Florida Financial Aid Application
- · Submit/Update Reinstatement/Restoration Application
- . Check the status of your application, online notifications, and award history
- . Update demographics, including the institution you currently attend/plan to attend

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### Grants

- Access to Better Learning and Education (ABLE)
- Florida Resident Access (FRAG)
- Florida Student Assistance (FSAG)
- José Martí Scholarship Challenge (JM)









# Scholarships

- Bright Futures (BF)
  - Student Handbook
  - Chart of Eligibility and Award Criteria
- Benacquisto Scholarship (Formerly known as Florida Incentive Scholarship)
- Mary McLeod Bethune (MMB)
- Rosewood Family Scholarship (RFS)
- Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans (CSDDV)









- First Generation Matching Grant (FGMG)
- Minority Teacher Education Program Scholarship (MTES)
- Florida Work Experience Program (FWEP)











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# 2016-17 Award Amounts

- Benacquisto
- BF (FAS)
- BF (FMS)
- BF (GSV)
- CSDDV
- FGMG
- FFMT
- FRAG
- FSAG
- FWEP
- JM
- MMB
- RFS

\$1,500	annually
COA less BF/NMS awards	annually
\$52 to \$103	per CH
\$39 to \$77	per CH
\$39 to \$48	per CH
tuition and registration fees public	annually
flat rate (private)	
determined by need	annually
up to \$4,000	annually
\$3,000	annually
\$2,610 max to \$200 min	annually
determined by need	annually
\$2,000	annually
\$3,000	annually
tuition & fees up to \$6,100	annually







### Fastweb

- 1.5 million scholarships worth 3.4 billion dollars
  - Targeted search
- Other resources
  - College search
  - Career planning
  - And more!









### Other

- www.FinAid.org
- High School or School District
- Protect yourself from scams
  - Report to <u>www.ftc.gov</u>







- Education tax credits (i.e., American Opportunity and Lifetime Learning Credits) can offset the costs of education
  - Subtracted in full from the federal income tax, not just deducted from taxable income











Mapping Your Future is a non-profit organization dedicated to combining person-to-person financial counseling with online resources to help students plan for their future with:

- College preparation
- School selection
- Career exploration
- Money management







# Navigating your Financial Future (NyFF)

- Financing higher education
- Managing day-to-day money
- Career planning
- School/Life management









- Email: osfa@fldoe.org
- Telephone:1-888-827-2004
- OSFA Outreach Team:
   www.NavigatingYourFinancialFuture.org/ContactUs.aspx



