

FEDERAL

The Free Application for Student Aid, or FAFSA, can be completed on-line.

You will be required to establish an account with a PIN # when applying for the FAFSA

Students and parents must complete the FAFSA to qualify for state/federal aid and/or scholarships.

The FAFSA cannot be submitted prior to October 1, 2016.

An on-line tutorial is also available; the link is in your handout, and is titled "7 Easy Steps to Complete the FAFSA."

STATE OF FLORIDA

The Office of Student Financial Aid, or OSFA, which includes Bright Futures, includes numerous financial aid packages in one on-line application.

In December our guidance team will meet with seniors to discuss state financial aid opportunities and assist you in registering for Bright Futures.

COLLEGE

Once colleges receive FAFSA documentation, seniors will automatically be entered into a search for different types of financial aid packages.

Applying early will increase the likelihood of receiving information on potential financial aid packages, scholarships, grants, etc. with the award letter

It is a good idea to establish rapport with an individual in the financial aid office of the college or colleges your senior is interested in so you have a "Point of Contact" to answer questions.

ADDITIONAL SOURCES

E-mail Tshontikidis.Spero@Brevardschools.org for a copy of this presentation as well as a packet titled "Financial Aid & Scholarship Websites" for an extensive list of resources.

Additional information can be found on the West Shore website as well as the Guidance Bulletin which is on the website.

The Guidance Bulletin is also available in printed form in the Guidance Office.

Schools that you apply to are also a valuable resource; you can contact their Financial Aid offices to seek answers to questions.

Applying for Scholarships

Parents:

Does your workplace or civic organizations that you are affiliated with offer scholarships?

Online:

www.tuitionfundingsources.com

Tuition Funding Sources is a free, online, scholarship database totaling more than 41 billion dollars in award opportunities

More Online:

**Go to the Brevard Public Schools website,
Click "Parents and Students,"
Click "College and Career Guidance,"
And scroll down to "General Scholarships"**

College:

**Speak with the financial aid office of the college you'll be attending to see if they can help
Most schools have numerous scholarship opportunities that you may be eligible for**

**7 EASY STEPS TO COMPLETE THE
FAFSA:**

www.finaid.ucsb.edu/FAFSASimplification/index.html

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE AN ELECTRONIC COPY,
PLEASE E-MAIL YOUR REQUEST TO:**

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FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES

FAFSA®
Free Application for Federal Student Aid

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>

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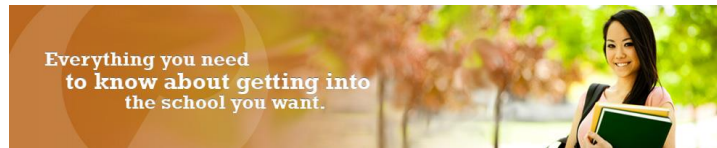
Scholarship search engine and other useful information

<http://www.edupass.org/finaid>

The best just got better.

Fastweb - scholarship search engine

<http://www.fastweb.monster.com>



Peterson's Guide - all inclusive college listings, testing info, scholarship info

<http://www.petersons.com/>



Financial Aid Calculators
and Programs

Go College – articles on financial aid

<http://www.gocollege.com>



CollegeNET – financial aid information and scholarship search

<http://www.collegenet.com>



Collegeboard.com – all inclusive college information site

<http://www.collegeboard.com/splash>



Bright Futures Scholarship Information

<http://www.myfloridaeducation.com/brfuture>



U.S. Department of Education

Government source for general information and financial aid

<http://www.ed.gov>

<http://www.finaid.org/>
Aid estimator and scholarship search

www.fastweb.com
Database of private-sector scholarships, grants, and loans

www.collegenet.com/mach25
Database contains over 600,000 awards totaling over 1.6 billion dollars

www.collegeboard.org
Scholarship search and financial planning resource

www.excite.com
Top jobs, resume tips, and career forecast

www.collegequest.com
Financial aid and scholarships; apply to over 1299 colleges

www.collegeview.com
Comparative college information from College View

www.collegeboard.org/fundfinder/html/ssrchttop.html
2000 scholarships, internships, and loan programs

www.collegescholarships.com
A list of scholarships from around the country

www.sciencewise.com/molis
Minority Online Information Services

www.coca-colacompany.com
Scholarships sponsored by the Coca-Cola Company

www.gmsp.org
The Gates Millennium Scholars Program

www.nasfaa.org
Information from NASFAA about applying for grants and loans

www.uncf.org
Financial aid from the United Negro College Fund