**Bright Futures Application Helpful Hints – Duval County Public School Students**

**Graduating Class of 2020**

**Create a Student Account/Profile**

* Go tohttp://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/.
* Click **State Grants, Scholarships & Applications**.
* Click **Create a Student Account.**

1. Social Security Number – needs to match school records.
2. FLE ID – You can skip this question
3. First Name – needs to match school records
4. Middle Initial
5. Last Name – needs to match school records
6. Date of Birth – 4-digit number
7. High School Graduation Date – 06/04/2020.
8. Gender – male or female
9. Ethnicity – choose Hispanic or Non-Hispanic
10. Race – select one
11. Street Address - number and street name (no commas or hyphens)
12. Apartment – skip if none
13. City – Spell out entire city name (Example – Jacksonville)
14. State – Florida
15. Zip Code – 5-digit zip code
16. Phone Number – at least one phone number is required
17. Email Address - \*REQUIRED\*
18. VERIFY THAT YOU HAVE TYPED EVERYTHING IN CORRECTLY
19. Press Submit
20. Press Close

* **Write down or take a picture of your User ID and Password** – or – Check your email for your Florida Financial Student Aid User ID and temporary password. Suggestion: Log back in and change your password to your DCPS password.
* **Click Continue to complete your Florida Financial Aid Application**. Use the following information to answer the application questions.
* Verify demographic information is correct
* Is Florida your state of legal residence? - Yes
* Citizenship Status – Do you have a green card? You are an Eligible Non-Citizen
* Guilty of a felony charge - SAY NO UNLESS YOU WERE CONVICTED OF AN ADULT FELONY
* Dependent child or spouse of a veteran who has been classified as deceased or 100% disabled, POW or MIA – you will need the veteran’s information if answered yes
* Family affected Rosewood incident – you will need information on your ancestor if answered yes
* Hispanic American – you will need information about country of Hispanic origin if answered yes
* Farmworker – you will need information on eligibility if answered yes
* Will you graduate or have graduated from a Florida high school, Home School, or with a GED? – Yes
* Select your Florida high school graduation option – Public
* Identify the Florida county where you attended school – Duval
* Select the Florida high school you attended – use drop down menu to select your high school
* Have you or will you have earned a baccalaureate degree prior to the fall term of the 2020-2021 academic year? – no
* What is the location and name of the primary postsecondary institution you are planning to attend? – Please select school within the State of Florida (even if you think you’re going out of state)
* Select the Postsecondary location and institution you plan to attend – using the 5 drop down menus, put any state school you’re interested in right now, but make sure to update by June to reflect where you will go – this will where they will send the $$$.
* Click Next
* If you answered YES to any of the Veteran, Rosewood, Hispanic American, or Farmworker questions, you will need to enter more information in this section. If you answered no, this does not apply to you
* **Read the information carefully**
* **Click SUBMIT**
* **Press Close**

2. **Date of Birth** – 4-digit year

3. **First Name- needs to match school records**

4. **Middle Initial**

5. **Last Name – needs to match school records**

6. **Are you Hispanic/Latino?** – Scholarship funds may be available; indicate one or more races below with which you identify- you pick

7. **Gender** – male or female

8. **Phone Number** (at least one phone number is requested)

9. **Mailing Address** – no commas or hyphens

10. **Apartment Number**

11. **City** – Jacksonville

12. **State**- Florida

13. **Florida County** – Duval

14. **Zip Code**- just need the 5-digit number

15. **E-mail address** – if you enter an email address this is where your logon and password will be sent

16. **Is Florida your state of legal residence?** Blue drop down menu gives more information if you are not sure

17. **Citizenship Status**- Have a green card? You are an Eligible Non-Citizen; use the blue drop down box for more information

18. **Will you graduate or have graduated from a Florida high school, Home School, or with a GED?** – Yes

19. **If Yes, identify your school type-** Public

20. **Identify the Florida County where you attended school** – Duval

21. **Select the Florida high school you attended**- use drop down menu to select your school

**22. High School Graduation Date – 06/03/2019 (last date of school for Duval County)**

23. **In the fall of 2019, I will be classified as** – freshman, first time in college

24. **Select the Postsecondary location and institution you plan to attend**- put any state school right now, but make sure to update by June to reflect where you will go- this is where they will send the $$$$$

25. **Select the last postsecondary location and institution you attended** – **SKIP THIS QUESTION**

26. **Unweighted High School GPA**– must enter at least a **2.75** to be evaluated for Bright Futures

27. **Weighted High School GPA** – no penalty for guessing here

28. **College GPA** – **SKIP THIS QUESTION**

29. **Some State of Florida financial aid programs require test scores. Report all tests that you have taken or plan to take. OSFA will verify scores through the appropriate test agency.** –check ACT, SAT, CPT

30. **Hispanic American**- use the drop down menu to designate if you are from Jose Marti Scholarship country

31. **Dependent child or spouse of a veteran who has been classified as deceased or 100% disabled, POW or MIA**- you will need the veteran’s information

32. **Family affected Rosewood incident**- you will need information on that ancestor

33. **Authorize release of records and test scores** - SAY YES IF YOU WANT BRIGHT FUTURES

34. **Guilty of, or pled no contest to, a felony charge-** SAY NO UNLESS YOU WERE CONVICTED OF AN ADULT FELONY

Click **SUBMIT/PRINT MY APPLICATION** (Please keep a copy for your records).