



## Important Financial Aid Information for Seniors and Their Parents

#1 **Seniors:** to be eligible for the Bright Futures Scholarship you must complete the Initial Student Florida Financial Aid Application online prior to graduation on June 6<sup>th</sup> or you will forfeit all future eligibility for a Bright Futures Scholarship.

The application gives the Florida Department of Education permission to evaluate your high school transcript and test scores for eligibility for state scholarships and grants, including a Bright Futures Scholarship.

The website is: [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org). Select “State Grants, Scholarships & Applications” and click on “Apply Here”.

If you have difficulty with the online process, you may see Ms. Midgley, our computer operator, for assistance. Her office is opposite the faculty mailboxes downstairs.

#2 **Parents:** if this is your first child to attend college and you anticipate applying for grants and loans, your first step is to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, referred to as the FAFSA. By completing this application (online is faster and preferred) your student will be considered for Pell Grants, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, the Federal Work Study Program, Perkins loans and Stafford Loans and Plus Loans.

The FAFSA is tied directly to the income tax form so the sooner you can get your income tax information together, the easier it will be to fill out the FAFSA.

There is a “FAFSA on the Web Worksheet” that you may complete before you actually go online to fill out the FAFSA. The worksheet is available in the Guidance Office and online. The FAFSA paper copy will also be available for pick up at the end of January in the Guidance Office. Online applications are much faster than paper applications.

The FAFSA website is: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

To print the worksheet, go to the above website where you’ll see three columns. In the first, blue column titled “Before Beginning a FAFSA”, click on “FAFSA on the web worksheet”. Select either the color or black & white version of the **2010-2011**.