

Crooms Academy of Information Technology

Student Services

Bright Futures instructions for the class of 2021

The Bright Futures application opens on October 1st. Below are the steps you need to follow to ensure correct and timely processing of your application.

- Go to the website <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org>
- Click on "Create a Student Account" under "First Time Applicants".

Below are some helpful tips for answering some of the questions.

1. **Create Profile.**

- a. Providing a Social Security Number will ensure that, your funds are disbursed efficiently and properly. Check your number for accuracy. You can refuse to reveal your SSN and will be issued a Pseudo-SSN. It is important that you keep a copy of this number, as you have to use it to log into your account later.
- b. The date of birth- Be sure you enter accurately.
- c. **High School Graduation Date:** Enter **05/26/2021**. This is the last day of school for all students. Your actual graduation date will be announced at a later time
- d. You may enter two e-mail addresses, one primary and one as a secondary address. Make sure one is **NOT** your school email. This email will no longer be valid after you graduate from high school.
- e. Complete this section by choosing submit. Your profile will appear in a blue box.
- f. Save your profile. **You will be given a User ID and a password. Keep these, as you will need both in order to update your application as needed.**
- g. Click on "[Please click here to complete your Florida Financial Aid Application](#)" in the top sentence of your profile page.

2. **Florida Financial Aid Application**

- a. Under the **Demographic Information tab**, complete "Other Information". READ EACH QUESTION CAREFULLY!
- b. Under the **Academic Background tab**, choose the following.
 - i. High School Enrollment:
 1. Yes
 2. No
 3. Public
 4. Seminole
 5. Crooms Academy of Information Technology
 6. Leave the Home Education questions "None"
 7. IB- No
 - ii. Academic Background-Postsecondary Plans
 1. No
 2. Freshman (First Time in College). Even if you took a Dual Enrollment courses, pick this choice.
 3. Indicate which college you plan to attend. If unsure, indicate the college you are most likely to attend. You can always adjust this answer once you have decided.
 4. You can indicate up to four schools to which your information will be sent.
 - iii. Select "Next"
- c. Under the Submit/Acknowledgement tab, read carefully and click on submit.

Students should apply prior to graduation to ensure your post-secondary institution receives all information. Volunteer hours must be turned into your counselor by May 1, 2021 to guarantee your hours are added to your transcript. Apply even if you think you are going to college out of state.

Bright Futures phone number if you need help: **1-888-827-2004** (keep this number for your records).

Updating/Changing information: Go to the website <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org> and choose 2nd box on the right "[State Grants, Scholarships & Applications](#)". Click on "Login" in the upper right corner. Login. You will be directed to create a new password and update security questions. Click "Proceed to Login Screen". Choose the appropriate item you want to change/update. (Example: School attending – must actually be the one you will be attending – otherwise, your award goes to the original school entered.)