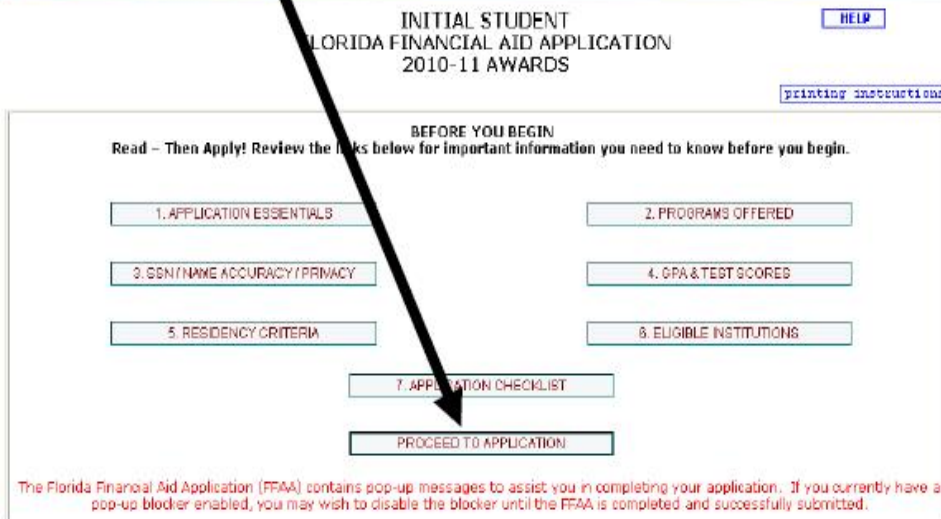# Completing the Bright Futures Application

This application covers Bright Futures and all other state funded scholarship programs. Please see the information below. This application should take no more than 15 minutes to complete.

1. Go to website www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org

2. Click on **State Grants, Scholarships & Applications**

3. Click on **Student Application**

4. Click on **PROCEED TO APPLICATION**

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1-888-827-2004

Common Issues/Mistakes:

- o **Social Security #** Must match name and DOB on record
- o **Date of Birth** Must match SSN and name on record
- o **First Name** Must match SSN and DOB on record
- o **Middle Initial** Must match SSN and DOB on record
- o **Last Name** Must match SSN and DOB on record
- o **Florida County** Seminole
- o **Email address**: make sure it's correct in order to receive official communications
- o **Identify your school type**: Public
- o **Identify Florida County where you attended High School**: Seminole
- o **Select Florida HS last attended:** Oviedo High School
- o **High School Graduation Date**: 05/23/2016 (NOT your date of birth)
- o **In the Fall of 2016, I will be classified as**: Freshman First Time In College student – even if you completed AP/IB/Dual Enrollment
- o **Postsecondary institution you are planning to attend** – response doesn't affect result
- o **Unweighted GPA** Estimate or look at transcript; response doesn't affect result
- o **Weighted GPA** Estimate or look at transcript; response doesn't affect result
- o **College GPA** Only if you have Dual Enrollment
- o **Was your family affected by the Rosewood incident in Florida in the 1920's?**
- o **You authorize the release of all the following available information: transcripts/GPA, test scores to the FDOE, and OSFA**. Check YES
- o **TAKE THE TIME TO READ and ANSWER THIS QUESTION CORRECTLY** – it's hard to correct if you put the incorrect answer. *"Have you ever Been Convicted?"*

<u>**After submitting the application:**</u>
- Notice of "duplicate social security number" or similar error message, print page and give to your counselor asap.
- Otherwise don't print the application or results
- Watch for official e-mail or hardcopy acknowledgement communications, which provides each student with a USER ID and PIN to access the web and check and/or update application status.

Please see the Florida Student Scholarship and Grant Programs website for Scholarship Requirements and other important information at http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/.

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Students are **<u>encouraged</u>** to submit a complete, **<u>error-free FAFSA</u>** for Pell Grants, the Florida Student Assistance Grant, the Access to Better Learning and Education Grant, the Florida Work Study Program, and the Jose Marti Challenge Grant.

Begin applying January 1, 2016

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