Welcome
Seniors

Senior Team

Mrs. Eyster

College & Career Specialist

Senior Sponsor

Mrs. Perkey & Mrs. Carroll

Senior Counselors

Graduation Status Self Reflection

Courses:

- ❑ 4 English
  - ❑ English 1 or _____
  - ❑ English 2 or _____
  - ❑ English 3 or _____
  - ❑ English 4 or _____
- ❑ 4 Math
  - ❑ Algebra 1
  - ❑ Geometry
  - ❑ Math 3 _____
  - ❑ Math 4 _____
- ❑ 3 Science
  - ❑ Biology
  - ❑ Science 2 _____
  - ❑ Science 3 _____
- ❑ 3 Social Studies
  - ❑ US History
  - ❑ World History
  - ❑ Government/Economics
- ❑ 1 Fine/Performing Arts
- ❑ HOPE
- ❑ 7 Electives
  - ❑ _____
  - ❑ _____
  - ❑ _____
  - ❑ _____
  - ❑ _____
  - ❑ _____
  - ❑ _____

Testing:

- ❑ Algebra 1 EOC
- ❑ 10th Grade FSA ELA

Q.1

You have 3 paths after high school.

What are they?

Which way are you going?
FUTURE
ENROLLED
Find a school that's right for you and apply. Remember to fill out your FAFSA! Keep up your GPA, and practice for college placement tests.
FUTURE
EMPLOYED
Earn a career certificate and get to work. Look for apprenticeships or employers who offer tuition reimbursement.
FUTURE
ENLISTED
Military or government service can be a great start. Look for opportunities to learn advanced skills and earn college tuition.

Q.2

What if I don’t know what I want to do?

Xello

Florida's Designated College and Career Readiness Platform

What is Xello?

- Take interests & skills surveys
- Explore careers
- Decide which path fits your career goal
- Find colleges and majors that align with the career path you choose.
- Search scholarships and apply

Q.3

When is the deadline for applications?

Where do I APPLY?

List all schools you want to apply to, how to apply, and by when.

Ways to apply:

Institutional Application

common app

COALITION for COLLEGE

What is Common App?

State University System Admissions Matrix

ALL seniors are Freshman First Time In College (FTIC)

Early Decision vs. Early Action or Priority vs. Regular Decision

Early Decision

Apps typically due around Nov.
Decisions sent out in Dec.

PROS

- An early acceptance letter means the stressful process is over sooner!
- Schools know your commitment, so your chances can be (slightly) increased.

CONS

- An acceptance is binding, and you must withdraw applications from other schools.
- Beware of senioritis: don't let your grades slip just because you got in early!

DO THIS IF...

You have one dream school

Early Action or Priority

Apps due sometime in fall
Decisions sent out Dec. - Feb.

PROS

- You'll get an early decision, but it's not binding
- You don't need to withdraw your other applications if you're accepted

CONS

- You still have to prepare your other applications, just in case– the Regular Decision deadline falls right after decisions are mailed out.

DO THIS IF...

You love one particular school, but still want to keep your options open

Regular Decision

Apps due between Jan. 1 - Feb. 1
Decision dates vary

PROS

- Later deadlines mean you have longer to perfect your applications
- You aren't committed to any school, so it's perfect if you want to keep your options open

CONS

- A large, general applicant pool means stiff competition
- You won't receive a decision until later, so you'll be on pins and needles for longer!

DO THIS IF...

You like a lot of schools, and want to weigh all of your options

How can I pay for it though?

According to FCAN estimates,
high school graduates in Florida leave behind over
$100 million in Pell Grants each year
because they do not complete the FAFSA form.

Grants

Financial aid that's typically based on need and doesn't typically have to be repaid

Learn About Grants

Scholarships

Free money that is based on academic or other achievements, or on financial need, to help pay for school

Learn About Scholarships

Work-Study Jobs

A way to earn money to help you pay for school

Learn About Work-Study

Loans

Money you borrow to pay for college or career school; you must repay your loans and the interest that accrues

Learn About Loans

Types of Student Aid

Things to keep in mind:

Letters of Recommendation

- Only send them if they are needed.
- Ask recommenders EARLY
- Let your recommender know if it is for a school or scholarship.

Self-reported Student Academic Record (SSAR)

- Get a print out of your transcript to help you.
- You will complete it once then add the schools on that require it.

Florida Residency

- Use PARENT/GUARDIAN information. They claim FL residency, not you.

Essay Importance

- This is your chance to show who YOU are.
- Separates you from the others with same GPA and test scores.

Local Scholarship Applications

When do I apply?

-Many local applications and foundations open up after winter break.

How do I find them?

-In the Career Center

-On my website: tinyurl.com/cncready

-Sent over Remind/Xello

How do I get an application?

-Career Center

-Apply online through links sent on Remind or on website

How do I submit an application?

-Turn completed applications in to Mrs. Eyster in the Career Center or via email by the end of the day on date specified!

-Submit online application through the online platform they use.

When do I find out if I won?

-Some will contact you.

-Some tell me and want it to be a surprise at the awards ceremony in May

CHS Scholarship Application

Look at the Student Guide for guidance.

ALL ITEMS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED TO MRS. EYSTER BY FEB. 3RD

1) **Online** Scholarship Application

   will open after 1st semester grades are posted
   FAFSA EFC number needed

2) A **ONE PAGE** student resume' typed and printed or emailed to Mrs. Eyster.

3) Student personal essay (following the format)

4) **Two** unsealed staff letters of recommendation printed or emailed to Mrs. Eyster

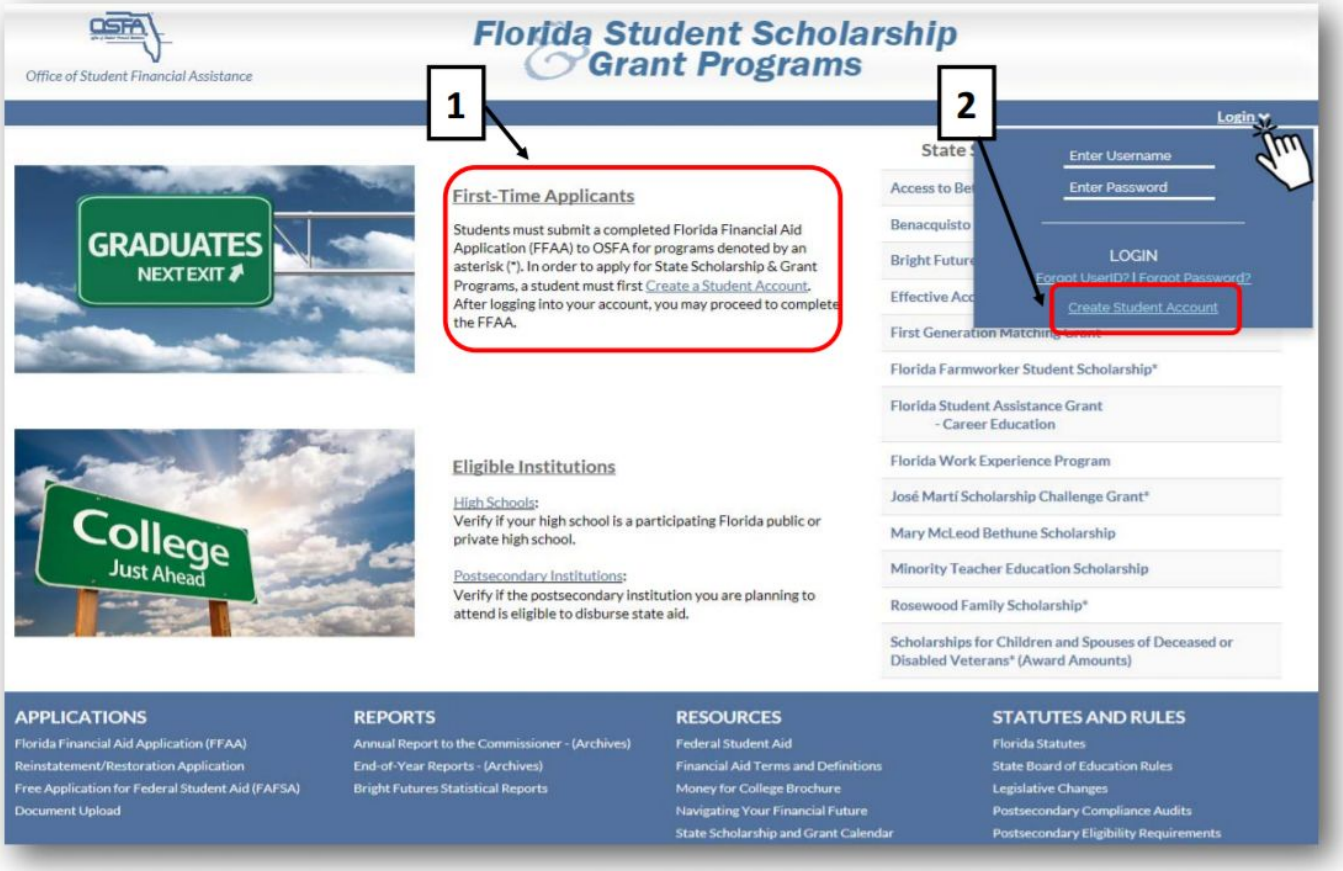
5) **One** unsealed community letter of recommendation printed or emailed to Mrs. Eyster

How to use Xello to help

- ***Every senior needs to create a plan.***
  - Log in to Xello
  - Click “My Goals and Plans”
  - Click “Add Plan”
  - Title it “Senior Plan”
  - Pick your option in step 2 then continue.
  - Keep or change the choices in step 3 then click done.
  - Add a career to this plan.
  - That’s it! All done! Go back to the home page.

- Search career opportunities.
- Research steps to take
- Find scholarships: Local, Foundations, CHS Application, & FFAA
  - Click “College Planning”
  - Click “Local Scholarships”

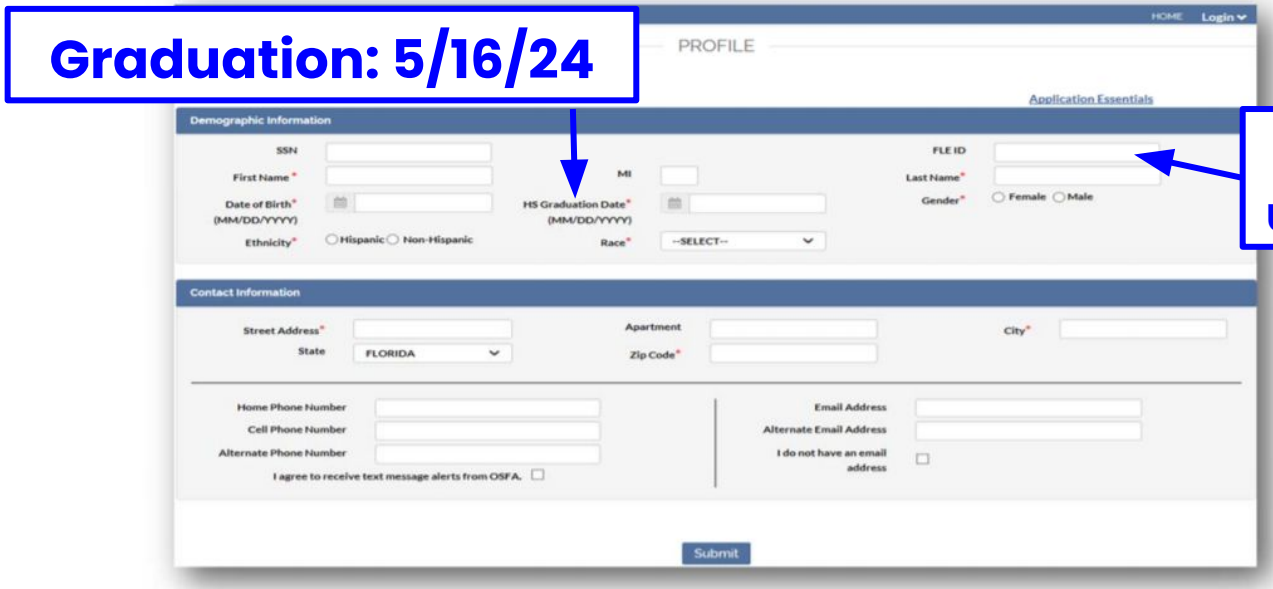
Step 1: Create Student Account



A Student Account is required to access and submit the FFAA. A user may create a Student Account, in one of two ways: (1) Select **Create a Student Account** within the **First-Time Applicant** section, or (2) Within the **Login** drop-down menu, select **Create Student Account.**

Profile Screen

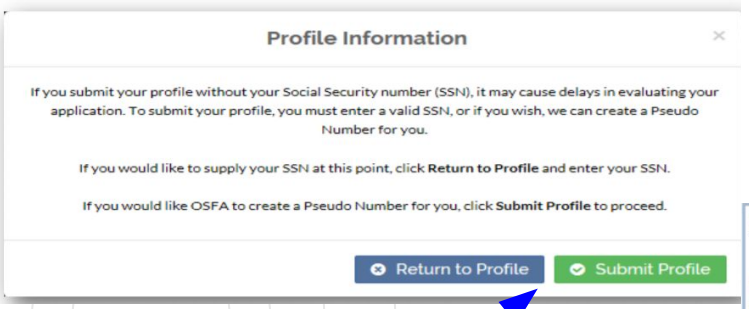
The first step is to create a Student Account (Profile). Information submitted on the **Profile** screen will be reflected on the FFAA in the **Demographic Information** section.



Fields denoted with an asterisk on the Profile are required. OSFA strongly encourages students to provide data that is optional, especially a student's correct Social Security number (SSN). This is helpful when retrieving login credentials in the future.

In addition, the first communication sent by OSFA will contain the student's temporary login credentials. After the first communication is sent to the student via email, OSFA will post all official/award notifications to the student's online account. If a student does not provide an email address on the Profile, OSFA will display the student's login credentials on-screen (see page 7).

As a reminder, data entered on the Profile must be the same as it appears on the student's high school transcript and test registration for matching purposes.



A student may submit a Profile without a SSN; however, it may cause delays in evaluating their application. If a SSN is used, it is critical a student verifies the accuracy of their SSN before submitting their Profile.

Profile Success and Login Credentials

When the Profile is successfully submitted, students will receive the following message: **Successfully submitted Profile data**.

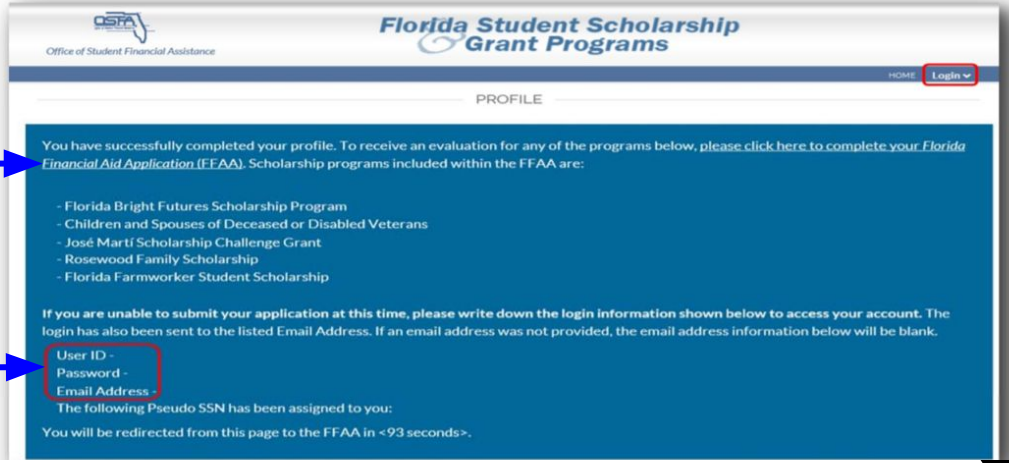
Upon successful submission of the Profile, login credentials will be displayed temporarily (on the screen illustrated below) and emailed to the email address supplied on the Profile screen. If necessary, students are able to retrieve their login credentials using the links provided within the Login menu.

Students will have the opportunity to immediately complete and submit the FFAA or make note of their User ID and Password and complete the FFAA at a later date. **OSFA strongly encourages students to complete the FFAA immediately following the submission of their Profile.**

TAKE A PICTURE OF THIS!
Then, click here.

2nd

1st



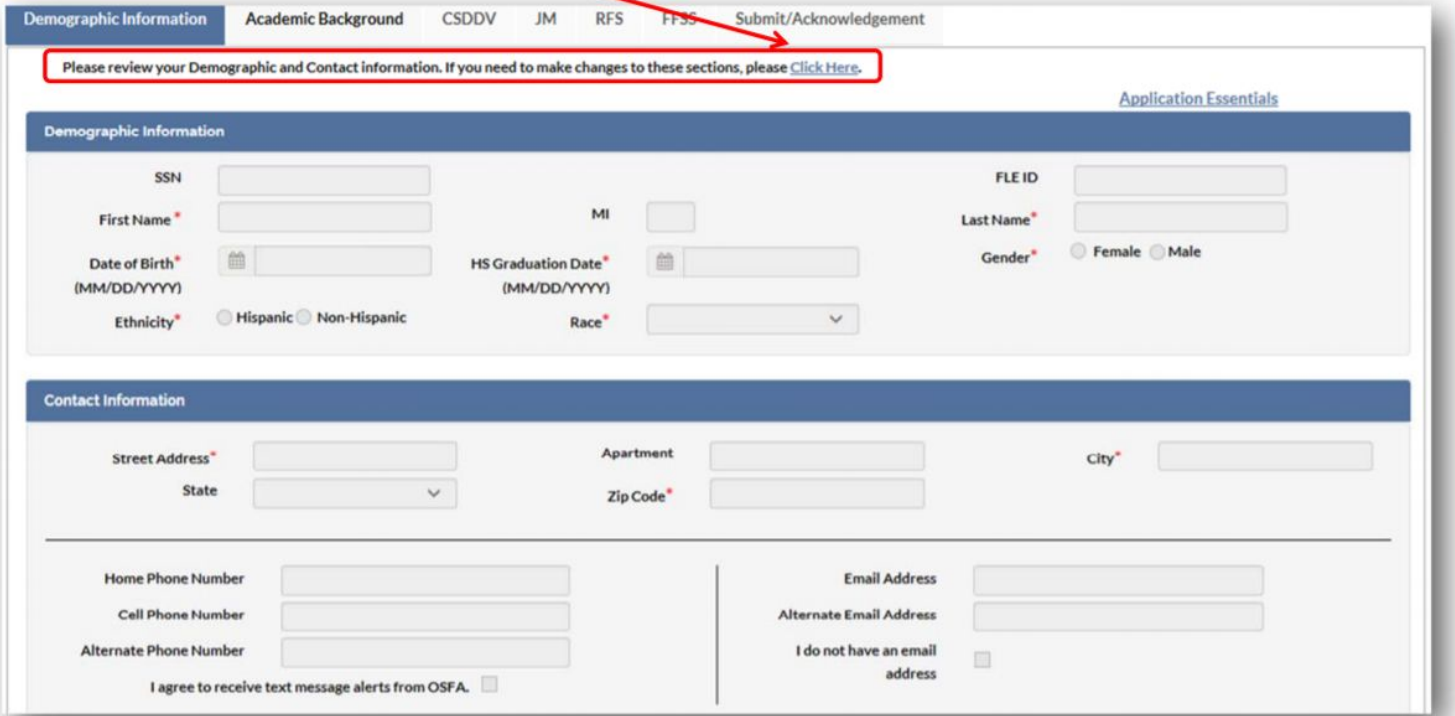
Demographic Information

Questions denoted by a red asterisk are required questions and must be answered in order to submit the FFAA.

The **Demographic Information** tab consists of three sections:

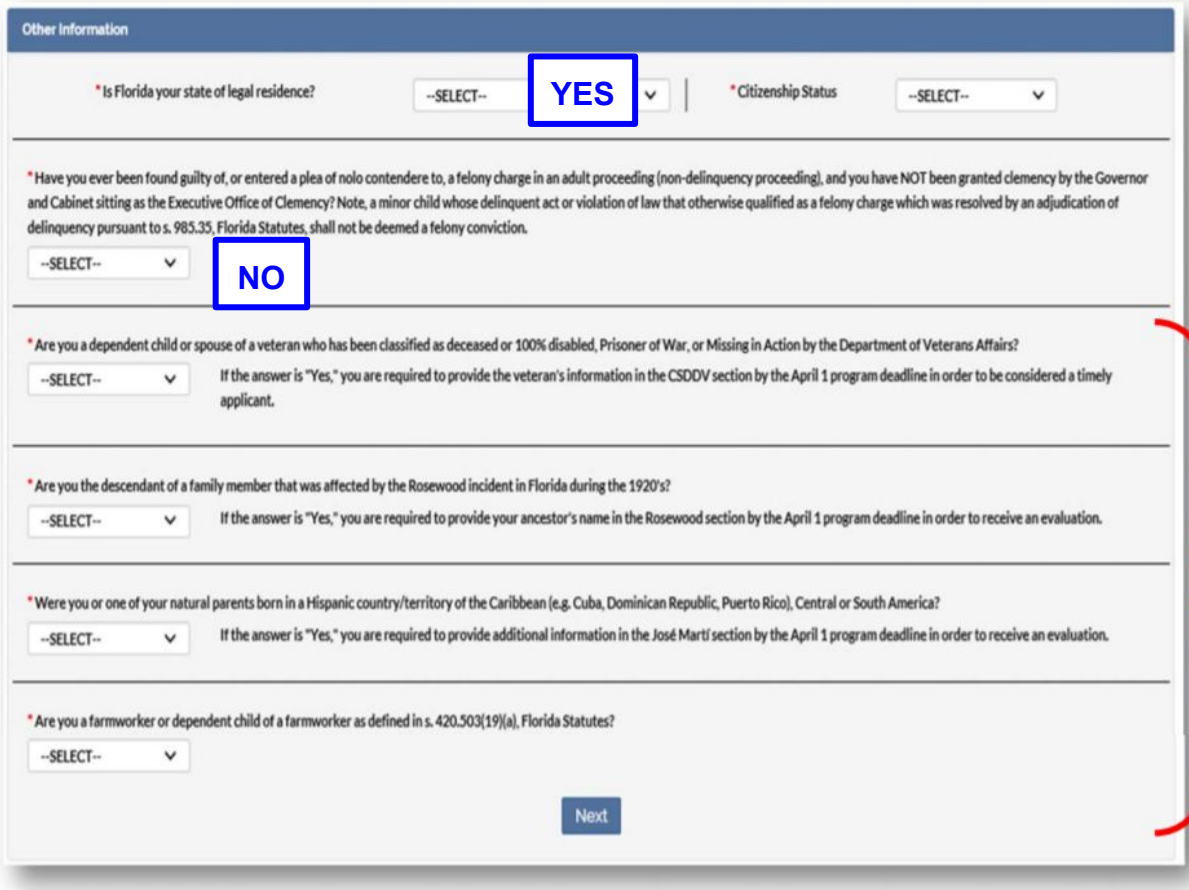
- Demographic Information;
- Contact Information; and
- Other Information.

The **Demographic Information** and **Contact Information** sections are prefilled with information entered on the Profile screen. These sections may be updated by selecting the **Click Here** link above the **Demographic Information** section.



Other Information

In the Other Information section within the **Demographic Information** tab, all questions are required to be answered.



If an applicant answers **Yes** to any of these questions, the corresponding tab(s) (CSDDV, JM, RFS and FFSS) will be made available and the student will be required to answer all questions within the tab(s).

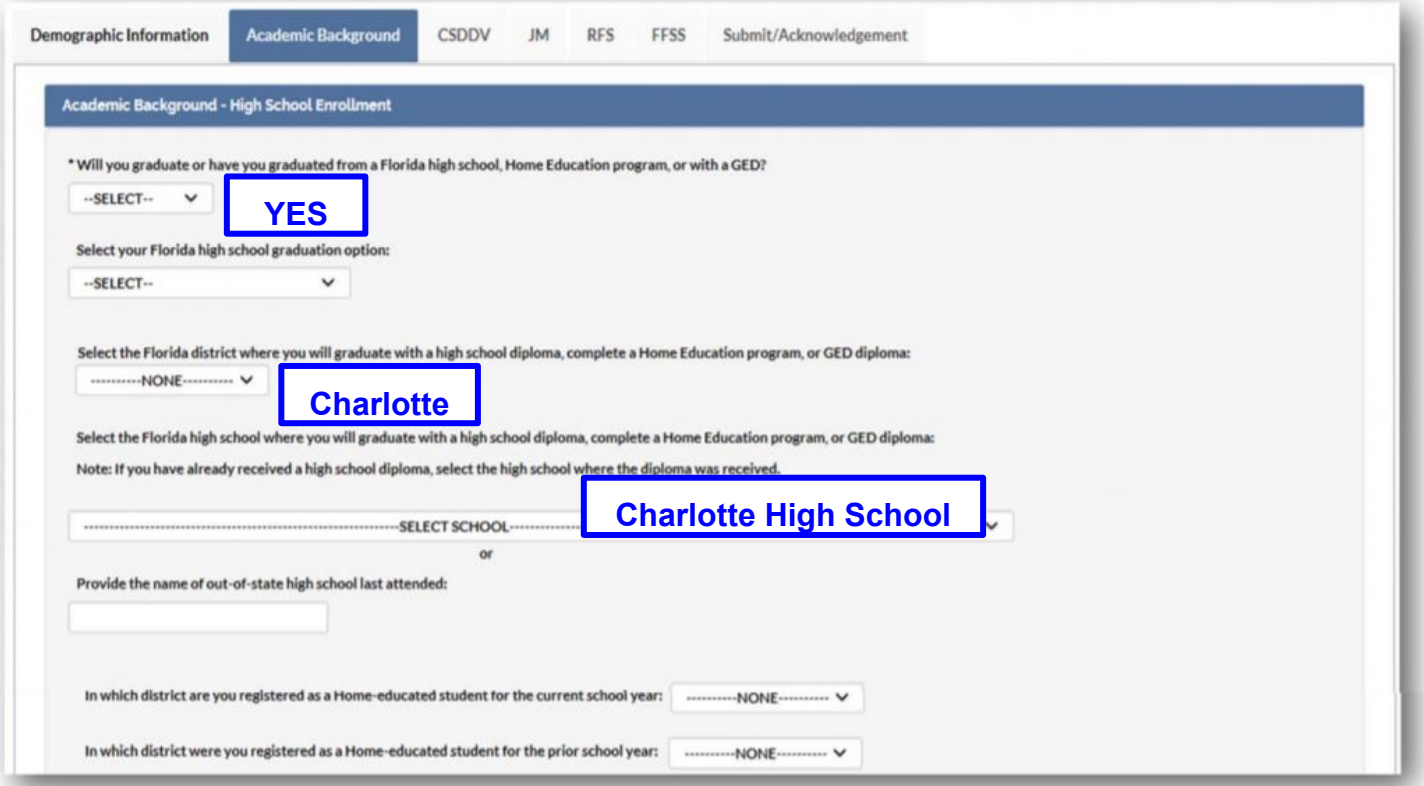
Academic Background - High School Enrollment

All applicants are required to complete the **Academic Background** tab.

Required questions are denoted with an asterisk (*). Answering these questions will dynamically change the questions.

For example: **Will you graduate or have you graduated from a Florida high school, Home Education Program, or with a GED?**

Answering **No** will remove questions pertaining to the student's Florida school and district and require a response for the name of the out-of-state high school last attended.



Academic Background - Postsecondary Plans

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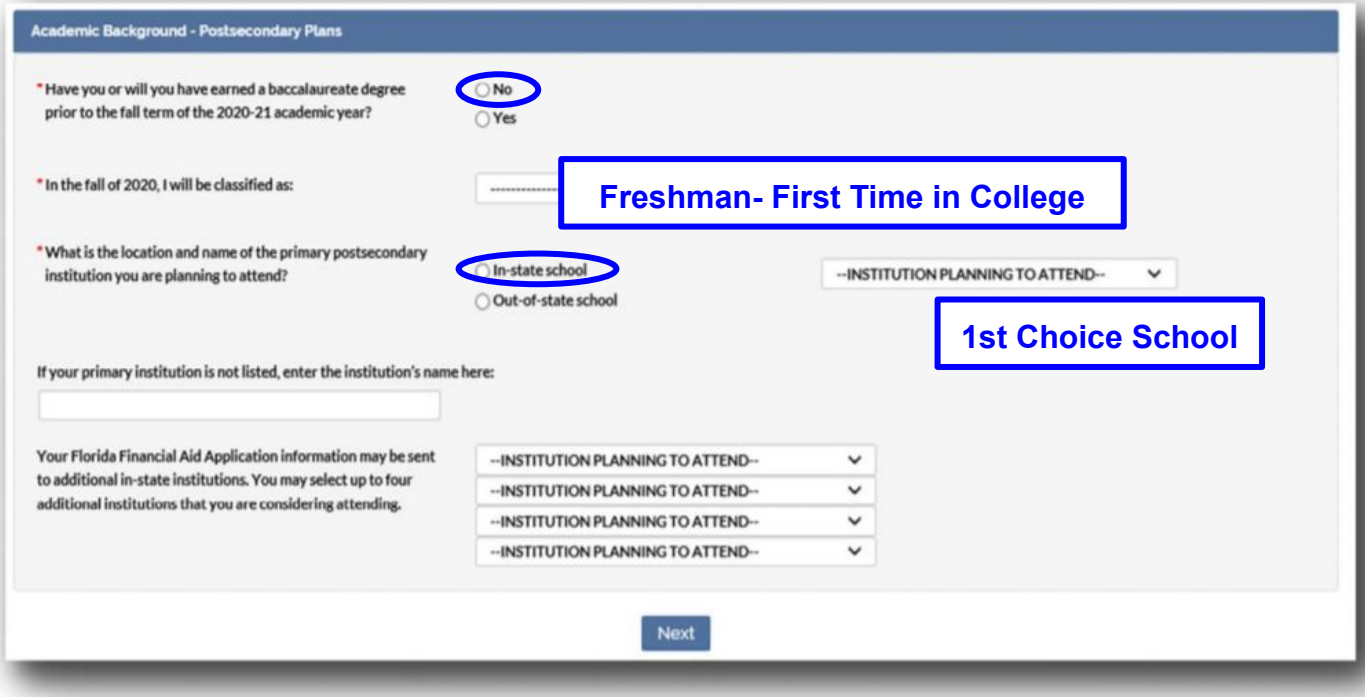
Required questions are denoted with an asterisk (*).

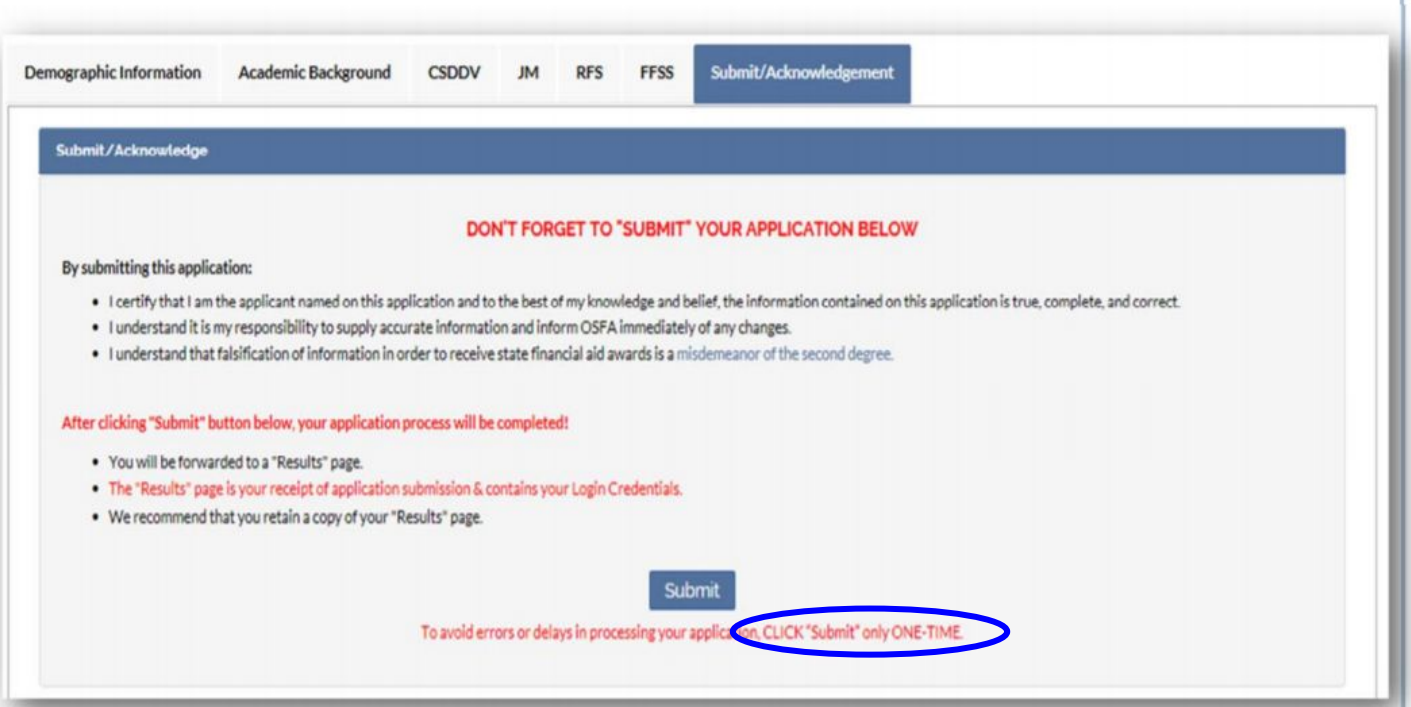


When finished, the student should choose **Next** to proceed in answering questions regarding CSDDV, JM, RFS and/or FFSS, if applicable. Otherwise, the student will be directed to the **Submit/Acknowledgement** tab to complete their application.

Step 3: Review and Submit the FFAA

Submit/Acknowledgement

On the Submit/Acknowledgement tab, select **Submit** to complete your application after all required questions are answered. After selecting **Submit**, applicants will be forwarded to a Results tab. We recommend a copy of the Results tab be printed and saved.



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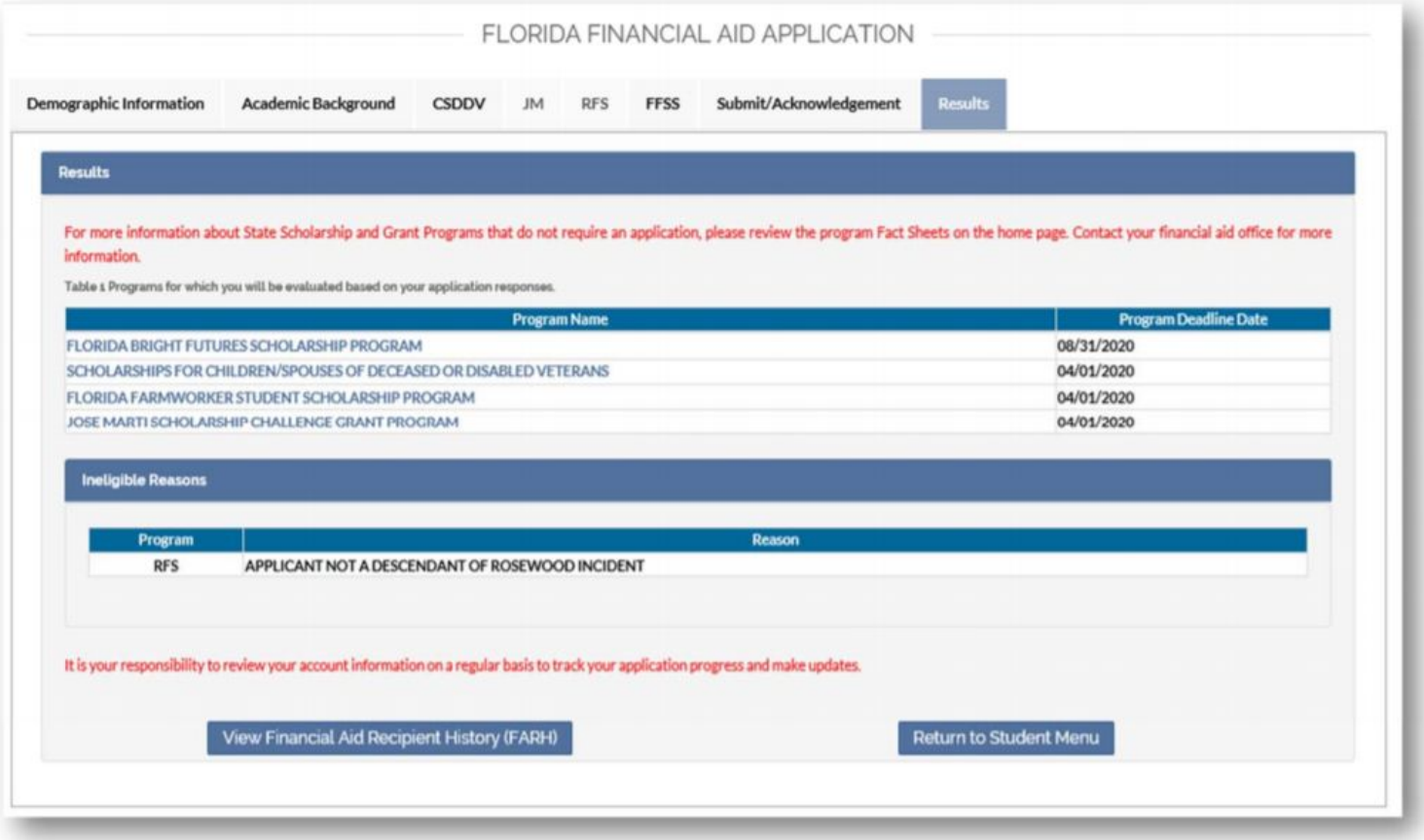
Below is a sample view of the **Results** tab. Programs for which the student will receive an evaluation will be listed in **Table 1**. The **Ineligible Reasons** table indicates the program(s) for which the student will not receive an evaluation.