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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** District High School Bright Futures Contacts  
Public and Private High School Counselors

**FROM:** Brian Underhill  
Director, State Scholarship and Grant Programs

**DATE:** May 18, 2016

**SUBJECT:** *Florida Financial Aid Application* Opens October 1, 2016 for 2017-18 Funding

The *Florida Financial Aid Application* (FFAA), for students seeking funding for the 2017-18 year, will be available starting October 1, 2016.

As you may be aware, the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) will be available this year beginning in October rather than the usual January. In order to limit confusion and hopefully increase the chances that Florida students will complete **both** applications, our FFAA will be available October 1 as well, instead of December 1 as in previous years. The FFAA for 2017-18 funding will close August 31, 2017.

**This single state application is used to evaluate students for the programs listed below:**

- Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
- José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant
- Rosewood Family Scholarship Program
- Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans

NOTE: Students seeking state scholarship and grant awards for the upcoming 2016-17 postsecondary academic year have until August 31, 2016, to fill out the current state application at [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org).

**Please share this information with all high school counselors in your district.**

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