

# FIRST-YEAR SOAR STUDENT ORIENTATION, ACADEMICS AND RESOURCES

**FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY** 

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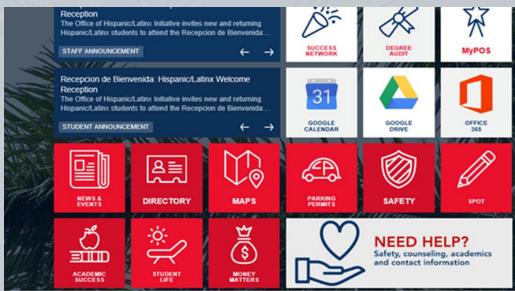
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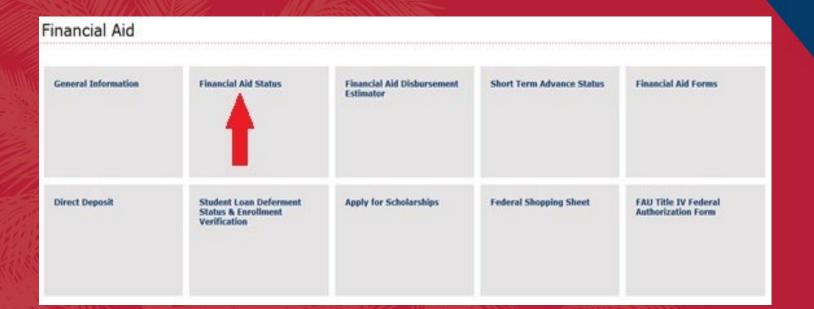








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- Student requirements
- Financial Aid offer
- Academic Progress



## Complete a FAFSA

#### When:

Now! FAFSA opened October 1st each year

Summer: 2021-2022 application

Fall 2021 and on: 2022-2023 application

### Why:

Apply for grants, loans, Work-Study, and to be considered for institutional grants and scholarships... You never know!

#### How:

Online at <u>studentaid.gov</u> StudentAid.gov app



# Understanding your Aid Package

#### Don't see it yet?

All student requirements must be satisfied for a student to be packaged and for aid to disburse

Must meet SAP, enrollment requirement, degree applicability



## Apply for Scholarships



**Step 1:** File your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA®) by visiting **studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa**.



**Step 2:** Review the list of FAU scholarships at fau.edu/finaid/types-of-aid/scholarships.php



**Step 3:** Apply through the myFAU (**myfau.fau.edu**) website and selecting the Money Matters tile.



**Step 4:** Complete any additional steps that may be required for the scholarships you applied for.



## Bright Futures Scholarships

- Inform Bright Futures that you will attend FAU
- Required GPA to renew
  - Florida Academic Scholarship: 3.0 GPA
    - Covers 100% of tuition and applicable fees
  - Florida Medallion Scholarship: 2.75 GPA
    - Covers 75% of tuition and applicable fees
- Must be enrolled in minimum 6 credits and degree seeking
- Available during the Summer!



### Student Loans 101

#### If you need to borrow money for college costs:

Start with federal loans: subsidized vs unsubsidized

Fixed interest rate, income-driven repayment plans, periods of deferment

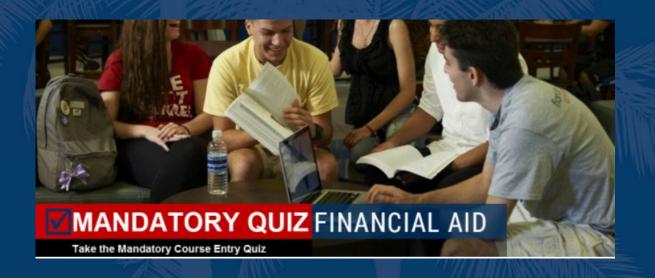
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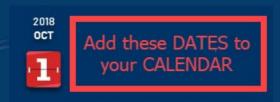
- Be a responsible borrower
  - Research starting salaries in your field
- Understand terms of your loan
- Make payments on time



# My financial aid package is all set...now what?

- Check out the Financial Aid Disbursement
  - Estimator
- Set up Direct Deposit
- Download the Financial Aid Calendar







## Using Financial Aid to pay for Books

Short Term Advance – up to \$750 in your direct deposit

Book Store Line of Credit – up to \$400 at the book store



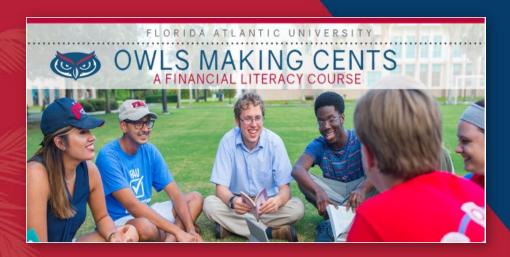




#### Learn more...

....about student loans, budgeting, and making educated financial decisions!

- Available to ALL currently enrolled students
- NO additional cost
- Zero credit hours = NO PASS/FAIL!
- Materials remain fully accessible





## Questions?!

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Contact your Financial Aid Counselor









