

# 1st Annual Southside Classic

*"Winning with Education"*

## Financial Aid Resource Guide



Baby Killers



**Bragg Stadium**  
**Friday, October 17, 2008**  
**7 P.M.**

## *Message from the Host*



Greetings,

Welcome to the Southside Classic. Your presence, spirit and support indicates your excitement and anticipation of the football game between Tallahassee's two Southside high schools – Rickards High School and Florida A&M DRS.

The outcome of tonight's football contest in no way suggests what the future holds for either student body. The future of every student is what they prepare to make of it. This is why the pages dedicated to educational resources are being made available in this booklet. Please keep this book and use it as a guide to assist you in securing financial help in pursuing higher education opportunities.

I wish to thank Superintendent Pons, the District Office, Dr. Michelle Gayle, principal of Rickards and Dr. Ronald Holmes, Superintendent of FAMU DRS for their support of the Southside Classic wealth of activities. And to our Corporate Sponsors and individual supporters, we are appreciative for what they have contributed.

The Southside Classic of Leon County had a very bright future so long as its youngest residents prepare in earnest to become productive citizens who care about themselves and others.

Enjoy the information presented and may we long cherish the memories of the two great high schools – Rickards and FAMU DRS.

Sincerely,

Bill Proctor  
President  
Southside Classic, Inc.

## Financial Aid Resource Guide

The Southside Classic, Inc. was established to bring awareness about educational and career opportunities to the residents of south Leon County, with a focus on students in grades 6 through 12. Numerous studies have shown that people who pursue some form of higher education will earn significantly more during their lifetime than someone with a high school diploma. In today's competitive market, higher education is no longer a luxury, but a necessity to survive in this global economy.

The following scholarships and grants are only available to students who complete and submit the appropriate applications by the deadlines. All students are encouraged to file **the Florida Application for Financial Aid (FFAA)** to apply for state grants and scholarship and the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** to apply for federal financial assistance. The links to these online applications as well as their deadlines on listed on the following page.



*Financial Aid...*

*The Key that unlocks the door to higher education.*

## Federal Student Aid Programs

Last year the federal government awarded over \$90 billion in financial aid to millions of qualified students pursuing their educational dreams. The chart on the following page lists the federal financial aid programs that are available.

For more information about the eligibility requirements for the federal financial aid programs visit the U.S. Department of Education website at <http://studentaid.ed.gov>.



### **IMPORTANT!**

To apply for federal financial aid you **MUST** file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You can access the online application at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

## Federal Student Aid Programs

Grants	2008-09 Award Amounts*
Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program	Up to \$4,000
Federal Pell Grant	Up to \$4,731
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)	\$100 - \$4,000
The Academic Competitiveness Grant	\$750 – 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Students \$1,300 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Students
The National Science & Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant (National SMART Grant)	Up to \$4,000 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Year Students
Loans	2008-09 Award Amounts*
Federal Perkins Loan	Up to \$4,000 per year
Stafford Loans (Subsidized & Unsubsidized)	\$5,500 (1 <sup>st</sup> Year), \$10,500 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Year), 12,500 (3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> year), \$20,500 (graduate students)
Plus Loans	Up to the Institution's Cost of Attendance (COA)**
PLUS Loans for Graduate and Professional Degree Students	Up to the Institution's Cost of Attendance (COA)**
Work Study	2008-09 Award Amounts*
Federal Work-Study (FWS)	Current federal minimum wage or higher

\*Individual student awards vary depending on need, the cost to attend school and whether the student is enrolled full-time or part-time.

## State of Florida Scholarships & Grant Programs

For more information about the eligibility requirements for the state grants and scholarships visit the Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance (OFSA) website at [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org). Select *State Grants, Scholarships and Application*, and then *Programs Offered*. The application to apply for the 2009-10 academic year opens **December 1, 2008**.



### **IMPORTANT!**

To apply for state financial aid in Florida, such as Florida Bright Futures and Rosewood Family Scholarship programs, you **MUST** submit an error-free Florida Financial Aid Application. To apply online visit the Office of Student Financial Assistance's website listed above and select *State Grants, Scholarships and Application*, and then "Apply Here." See the list of program deadlines on page 7.

## State of Florida Scholarships & Grant Programs

Scholarship / Grant Programs	2007-08 Average Award Amount
Access to Better Learning and Education Grant Program	\$910
Florida Bright Futures	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic Top Scholarship</li> </ul>	\$3,531
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Florida Academic Scholarship</li> </ul>	\$3,531
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Florida Medallion Scholarship</li> </ul>	\$2,023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship</li> </ul>	\$1,481
Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program (federally funded)	\$1,438
Scholarships for Children/Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans	\$2,309
Ethics in Business Scholarship Program	\$1,229
First Generation Matching Grant Program	\$1,402
Florida Resident Access Grant Program	\$2,597
Florida Student Assistance Grant (FSA G)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Career Education</li> </ul>	\$613
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Postsecondary</li> </ul>	\$912
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Private</li> </ul>	\$1,270
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public</li> </ul>	\$1,203
Florida Work Experience Program	\$1,971
José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant	\$1,964
Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship Program	\$2,776
Rosewood Family Scholarship Program	\$2,533

Source: Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance 2007-08 End of Year Report

## Important Dates & Deadlines

**December 1, 2008:** State Application becomes available online at [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org) for 2009-10 academic year.

**January 1, 2009:** Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) becomes available online at [www.FASFA.ed.gov](http://www.FASFA.ed.gov) for the 2009-10 academic year.

### State Application Deadlines

#### April 1, 2009

José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant  
Rosewood Family Scholarship Fund  
Scholarship for Children/Spouses of Deceased/  
Disabled Veterans

#### April 15, 2009

Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program

#### High School Graduation

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

### Federal Application (FAFSA) Deadlines

The FAFSA is required for all State need-based programs.

#### May 15, 2009

José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant Program  
Rosewood Family Scholarship Program

FAFSA deadlines for other Need-based programs are set by participating institutions. ***However, it is important to file the FAFSA as early as possible to ensure optimum funding.***

## Financial Aid Resources on the Internet

A comprehensive Internet search will lead you to a wealth of information both factual and subjective. It's up to you to weigh the value of what you learn.

### General Information:

[www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)  
[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)  
[www.collegeview.com](http://www.collegeview.com)  
[www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com)  
[www.mapping-your-future.org](http://www.mapping-your-future.org)



### Resources:

[www.students.gov/](http://www.students.gov/)  
[www.scholarships-free-colleges-grants-minorities.com](http://www.scholarships-free-colleges-grants-minorities.com)  
*(this site is a portal to a large listing of scholarship sites for everyone, not just minorities as the name implies)*  
[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)  
[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)  
[www.wiredscholar.com](http://www.wiredscholar.com)  
[www.collegescholarships.com](http://www.collegescholarships.com)  
[www.coca-colascholars.org/cokeWeb/jsp/scholars/  
Index.jsp](http://www.coca-colascholars.org/cokeWeb/jsp/scholars/Index.jsp)  
[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)  
[www.yahoo.com/education/financial\\_aid/  
scholarship\\_programs](http://www.yahoo.com/education/financial_aid/scholarship_programs)  
[www.finaid.org/scholarships/common.phtml](http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/common.phtml)

**Financial Aid Resources on the Internet**  
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Minorities

[www.nabj.org/](http://www.nabj.org/)  
<http://www.myblackinfo.com/minorityscholarship.html>  
(over 100 minority scholarships & links)

Women

[www.aauw.org/education/fga/scholarships.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/education/fga/scholarships.cfm)  
[www.civil.mtu.edu/~glhein/womensch.html](http://www.civil.mtu.edu/~glhein/womensch.html)

Armed Forces

[www.afas.org](http://www.afas.org)  
[www.rotc.monroe.army.mil](http://www.rotc.monroe.army.mil)  
[www.usma.edu](http://www.usma.edu)  
[www.usafa.af.mil](http://www.usafa.af.mil)  
[www.nadn.navy.mil](http://www.nadn.navy.mil)  
[www.troa.org/](http://www.troa.org/)  
[www.afcea.org](http://www.afcea.org)

Scams

[www.finaid.org/scholarships/scams.html](http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/scams.html)



Source: Florida State University Financial Aid Office



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