



# SENIOR NIGHT

Graduation Requirements, College Applications,  
and Financial Aid

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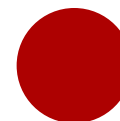
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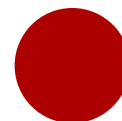
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# GRADUATION

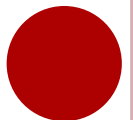
- Date/Time TBD
- Florida State Fairgrounds
- We want you to be there!





# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

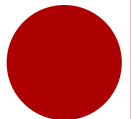
- 24 Credits
- Passing Scores on:
  - FSA Reading
  - Algebra 1 EOC
- Unweighted (State) GPA- minimum 2.0





# CREDIT BREAKDOWN

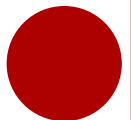
- 4 English
- 4 Math
  - Including Algebra 1 and Geometry
- 3 Science
  - Including Biology
- 3 Social Studies
  - World History, US History, US Government, Economics
- 1 Practical Art/Performing Fine Art
- 1 HOPE
- 8 Electives
  - At least one course must be completed online





# CREDIT RECOVERY/FLVS

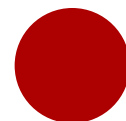
○ May 3<sup>rd</sup> Deadline





# ACT/SAT CONCORDANT SCORES

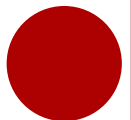
- FSA Retakes – September/October 2020
- Seniors who have not yet passed the FSA can use the SAT or ACT
- Current Concordant Scores:
  - SAT – 430 Reading or 24 on Reading Sub-Scale
  - ACT – 19 Reading or 18 average Reading and English
- Seniors who have not yet passed the Algebra 1 EOC may take the PERT, PSAT, SAT, or ACT
  - PERT – 97 Math
  - SAT – 420 Math
  - ACT – 16 Math
  - PSAT – 430 Math





# SAT/ACT: HOW DO I REGISTER?

- ACT
  - [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- SAT
  - [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- Links to both websites on the BSHS Guidance page
  - [Bloomingtonguidance.org](http://Bloomingtonguidance.org)
- Fee Waivers
  - Students who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch are eligible for two fee waivers for the SAT and two fee waivers for the ACT
  - Access SAT fee waivers on your Collegeboard account
  - ACT fee waivers can be picked up in the guidance office

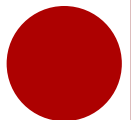






# COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TIMELINE

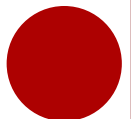
- If you haven't already, sign up for the SAT and/or ACT
- Continue researching colleges and organize a list of schools to which you plan to apply
- Begin application process as soon as possible
  - Many schools have deadlines around November 1st
- Complete career interest inventories if unsure of college major
- Complete FAFSA and Bright Futures applications as soon as possible after October 1<sup>st</sup>





# COLLEGE APPLICATIONS: WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- Student demographic data
  - Name, address, date of birth, etc.
- Student essay/writing sample
- Supplemental forms
  - Official transcript or SSAR
  - SAT/ACT scores
  - School report/counselor rec.
  - Teacher recommendation
  - Mid-year school report
  - Final transcript
- Application fee
  - Application fee waivers
    - Students who are eligible for SAT fee waivers will also receive college application fee waivers on their Collegeboard accounts



# COLLEGE APPLICATIONS: WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- Letters of Recommendation
  - Minimum 2 weeks notice
  - Provide a resume or brag sheet
- Interviews
  - Know the location, time, and date
  - Who will be conducting the interview?
- Recommendation letters and interviews are less common at public, in-state universities. Private and highly selective out-of-state schools may require letters and/or interviews





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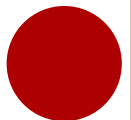
- Apply online through each schools website
  
- Fill out one application and send it to multiple schools
  - Common App
    - [www.commonapp.com](http://www.commonapp.com)
  - Coalition Application
    - [www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org](http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org)





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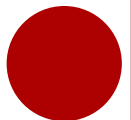
- Prior to starting the process
  - Get a copy of the permanent record summary sheet from Guidance
  - Have a copy of full senior schedule
  - Prepare a resume of activities and awards from 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade (Brag Sheet or Resume)
- Apply early
  - Many applications are due in early November, some as early as late October.
  - Proofread your information for typos and errors. Avoid text lingo.
  - Submit your application by the deadline, even without test scores.





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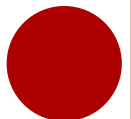
- Seniors should sign up to take or retake the SAT/ACT
  - Any student on free/reduced lunch qualifies for 2 fee waivers for SAT and 2 for the ACT
  - Also eligible for college application fee waivers
  - Most colleges will have a testing deadline posted on their website
  - Bright Futures will accept test scores through June of 2021



# COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

## ○ Sending Transcripts

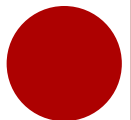
- Request transcripts online at [www.sdhc.scriborder.com](http://www.sdhc.scriborder.com)
  - Submit online order, we will send an electronic copy of your transcript to the college(s) you list.
  - It can take several days for colleges to receive transcripts, so send them early and verify receipt.
- More schools have moved to the SSAR instead of a traditional transcript
  - Student enters grades for courses they have taken or will take in high school
  - Grades for courses that are awarded 1.0 credit should be entered twice
    - Many dual enrollment grades show up as 1 whole credit. You'll enter the same grade twice as a half credit.
  - Students should obtain a copy of their credit summary from guidance prior to completing the SSAR





# CAREER & TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

- Hillsborough County has four technical colleges
  - Erwin Tech
  - Aparicio-Levy
  - Brewster
  - Leary
- Offer various career programs that can be completed in about 1 year
- Programs include:
  - Nursing
  - Carpentry
  - Firefighting
  - Many others
- More info at [www.sdhc.k12.fl.us](http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us)
  - Search for “Technical Colleges”

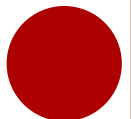






# MILITARY OPPORTUNITIES

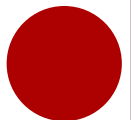
- Recruiters from each branch are available in the cafeteria during all lunches each month throughout the year
- ASVAB will be given at Bloomington in November and March. Check Canvas for sign up info
- More information is available online
  - [www.airforce.com](http://www.airforce.com)
  - [www.goarmy.com](http://www.goarmy.com)
  - [www.uscg.mil](http://www.uscg.mil)
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# APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

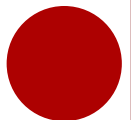
- First step is to complete the **FAFSA**
  - Free Application for Federal Student Aid
  - [www.FAFSA.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov)
  - FAFSA collects financial information from the family and, through a mathematical formula, determines what the family is expected to be able to contribute toward education expenses. Once the FAFSA is complete, you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR), which lists your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC is the same at all schools.
  - 2021-2022 FAFSA opens **October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**





# 2021-2022 FAFSA

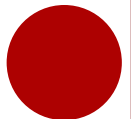
- FAFSA opens on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020
- 2021-2022 FAFSA will use information from the 2019 tax year
- For many Florida colleges, the FAFSA must be submitted by December 1<sup>st</sup>
- Completing the FAFSA as early as possible gives you the best opportunity to qualify for the most financial aid possible





# FSA ID

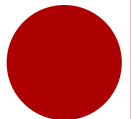
- The FSA ID is a username and password used by students and parents to:
  - Log in to DOE websites
  - Electronically sign documents
- Students and parents will each create their own FSA IDs at [www.studentaid.gov/fsaid](http://www.studentaid.gov/fsaid).
  - This can be done prior to the FAFSA opening on October 1<sup>st</sup>
- This will save time and allow you to submit your FAFSA electronically.





# WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

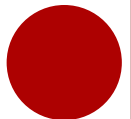
- Once the FAFSA has been submitted, print the confirmation page for your records.
- FAFSA will send an email within 3-5 days allowing you to access your Student Aid Report, which contains your EFC.
- Colleges that were listed on the FAFSA will access your Student Aid Report and will send a financial aid letter detailing the amount of aid you are eligible to receive.
  - Note that some schools may require a separate financial aid application.
  - Financial aid letters are usually sent in the spring





# TYPES OF AID

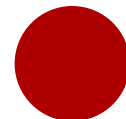
- Grants (not paid back)
  - Pell Grant (need based)
  - FRAG (private colleges)
  - FSAG (need based)
- Loans (paid back)
  - Stafford Subsidized (need based)
  - Stafford Unsubsidized (non-need based)
  - Perkins Loans
  - Additional parent loans available (PLUS Loan)
- Scholarships
  - Bloomington HS website
  - Free online scholarship searches
  - Florida's Office of Student Financial Assistance
  - Florida's Bright Futures Scholarship Program
- Federal Work Study
  - Working on campus to earn money towards tuition
- Can accept all, part, or none of the aid package.





# SCHOLARSHIPS

- Can be based on any criteria, including need, academic, artistic, or athletic merit.
- Free online search engines
  - Fastweb.com, scholarships.com, myscholly.com, etc.
- BSHS scholarship blog
- Hillsborough County Schools scholarship matrix
- Scholarship Apps (Scholly, Cappex, Chegg, etc.)
- Specific college's website
- No limit to the amount of scholarship money a student can earn.
  - Students can receive a refund if they have more scholarship money than the cost of attendance.

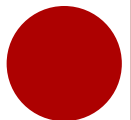




# BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP

## ○ Academic Scholars

- Award covers 100% of tuition and applicable fees at a Florida Public College, plus \$300 per semester for books, expenses.
- Private Colleges - \$211 per credit hour at a 4-year college, \$104 per credit hour at a 2-year college
- 3.5 weighted academic GPA is required.
  - GPA is recalculated using only academic classes (English, math, science, social studies, foreign language)
- Community service requirement – 100 hours
- 1330 SAT (R+M) or 29 ACT composite







# BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP

## ○ Medallion Scholars

- Award covers 75% of tuition and applicable fees at a Florida Public College
- Private Colleges - \$158 per credit hour at a 4-year college, \$78 per credit hour at a 2-year college.
- 3.0 weighted academic GPA is required.
  - GPA is recalculated using only academic classes (English, math, science, social studies, foreign language)
- Community service requirement – 75 hours
- 1210 SAT (R+M) or 25 ACT composite

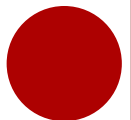




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## ○ Gold Seal Vocational

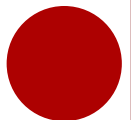
- Award amount depends on type of program
  - Career Certificate - \$39 per credit hour
  - Applied Technology Diploma - \$39 per credit hour
  - Technical Degree - \$48 per credit hour
- Minimum GPA is a weighted 3.0 in non-elective graduation requirements
- Must take three credits in a single vocational program and maintain an unweighted 3.5 in those classes
- SAT – 24 R, 25 W, 24 M
- ACT – 17 E, 19 R, 19 M
- PERT – 106 R, 103 W, 114M
- Gold Seal can only be used for a career education or certificate program
  - Does not pay for a bachelor's degree or an AA degree





# WEIGHTED ACADEMIC GPA

- The GPA Bright Futures will use to determine eligibility is different from the weighted GPA on a student's transcript.
- Bright Futures will recalculate a student's GPA using only the grades in their academic classes.
- Bright Futures awards an extra .5 point for weighted classes.





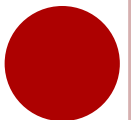
# WEIGHTED ACADEMIC GPA

- Bright Futures will use the grades in the following credits to calculate GPA:
  - Four best English
  - Four best math
  - Three best science
  - Three best social studies
  - Two best foreign language
- Bright Futures can use up to two extra credits in any of the academic areas if they help a student's GPA.



# BRIGHT FUTURES APPLICATION

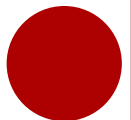
- Seniors must complete the Bright Futures Application online to receive the scholarship
- Application opens October 1st
- [www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org)
- On campus students will complete the application in class with the College and Career Counselor
- Students can complete the application prior to completing all Bright Futures requirements





# COMMUNITY SERVICE - PROFFERFISH

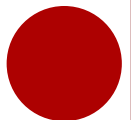
- [www.Profferfish.com](http://www.Profferfish.com) - New online community service tracking system that has replaced old paper forms
- Students create account, view community service opportunities, obtain signatures, and submit hours all on their phones
- Bloomingdale downloads a weekly report of submitted hours and add those to student transcripts





# FLORIDA PRE-PAID COLLEGE PLANS

- Florida pre-paid savings plans can usually be used in conjunction with other scholarships.
  - In most cases, scholarship funds are applied first, and then pre-paid funds go towards remaining account balance.
  - If the value of scholarship funds and pre-paid account is greater than the cost of attendance, pre-paid money can be refunded.
    - Check with your pre-paid program for details.

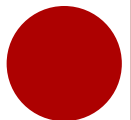




# BLOOMINGDALE EVENTS

- College Visits – posted on the Bloomingtondale Guidance website, will be done virtually
  - On Campus students – sign up in guidance
  - eLearning students – sign up on Canvas
- HCC Rep – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month during all three lunches in the CCC office
  - Virtual visits with HCC admissions
- ASVAB – will be scheduled in November and March
  - Sign up info will be posted soon
- College Application Day – November 5<sup>th</sup> during the school day
- College Application Wednesdays – Every Wednesday, all three lunches in the CCC office
- UT Instant Decision Day – TBA
  - Complete University of Tampa application prior to decision day, meet with UT admissions reps at Bloomingtondale, and get your admissions decision in one day

**\*\*\*More events may be added....keep your eyes and ears open!!!\*\*\***







# COMMUNICATION

- Bloomingdale High School Counseling Department Website
  - <http://bloomingdaleguidance.org/>
- Bloomingdale High School Resources page on Canvas
  - Guidance Resource Module
- Rolling announcements on T.V.'s around the school
- Twitter – follow us @bdaleguidance
- Weekly newsletter
- Canvas messages
- Listen to morning show/afternoon announcements
- Flyers posted
- Very important announcements via parent link calls and/or the marquee





# QUESTIONS?

- Contact your counselor or the College and Career Counselor with any questions.

