



SENIOR NIGHT

Graduation Requirements, College Applications,
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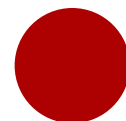
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GRADUATION

- Wednesday, May 24th, 12:00 pm
- Florida State Fairgrounds
- We want you to be there!





GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

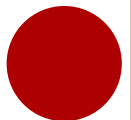
- 24 Credits
- Passing Scores on:
 - FSA Reading
 - Algebra 1 EOC
- Unweighted (State) GPA- minimum 2.0





CREDIT BREAKDOWN

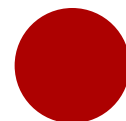
- 4 English
- 4 Math
 - Including Algebra 1 and Geometry
- 3 Science
 - Including Biology
- 3 Social Studies
 - World History, US History, US Government, Economics
- 1 Practical Art/Performing Fine Art
- 1 HOPE
- 8 Electives
 - At least one course must be completed online





CREDIT RECOVERY/FLVS

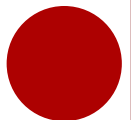
○ May 5th Deadline





ACT/SAT CONCORDANT SCORES

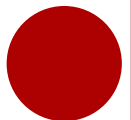
- FSA Retakes – September 2022
- Seniors who have not yet passed the FSA can use the SAT or ACT
- Current Concordant Scores:
 - SAT – 480 Reading
 - ACT – Average of 18 Reading and English
- Seniors who have not yet passed the Algebra 1 EOC may take the PSAT, SAT, or ACT
 - SAT – 420 Math
 - ACT – 16 Math
 - PSAT – 430 Math





SAT/ACT: HOW DO I REGISTER?

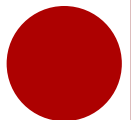
- ACT
 - www.actstudent.org
- SAT
 - www.collegeboard.org
- Links to both websites on the BSHS Guidance page
 - Bloomingtonguidance.org
- Fee Waivers
 - Students who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch are eligible for two fee waivers for the SAT and four fee waivers for the ACT
 - Access SAT fee waivers on your Collegeboard account
 - ACT fee waivers can be requested on the Bloomington High School Resources page on Canvas or on the Bloomingtondale Guidance website





COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TIMELINE

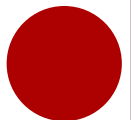
- If you haven't already, sign up for the SAT and/or ACT
- Continue researching colleges and organize a list of schools to which you plan to apply
- Begin application process as soon as possible
 - Many schools have deadlines around November 1st
 - FSU's first deadline is October 15th
- Research majors and careers
 - Collegeboard's Big Future
 - ACT's MyACT
 - MyMajors.com
- Complete FAFSA and Bright Futures applications as soon as possible after October 1st





COLLEGE APPLICATIONS: WHAT YOU WILL NEED

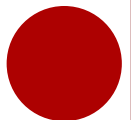
- Student demographic data
 - Name, address, date of birth, etc.
- Student essay/writing sample
- Supplemental forms
 - Official transcript or SSAR
 - SAT/ACT scores
 - School report/counselor rec.
 - Teacher recommendation (at some schools)
 - Mid-year school report
 - Final transcript
- Application 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. Scholarships, private, and highly selective out-of-state schools may require letters and/or interviews





COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

- Apply online through each school's website

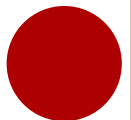
- Fill out one application and send it to multiple schools
 - Common App
 - www.commonapp.com
 - Coalition Application
 - www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org





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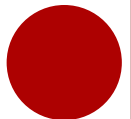
- Prior to starting the process
 - Get a copy of the permanent record summary sheet from Guidance
 - Have a copy of full senior schedule
 - Prepare a resume of activities and awards from 9-12th grade (Brag Sheet or Resume)
- Apply early
 - Many applications are due in early November, some as early as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





COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

- 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 4 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 2023

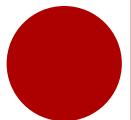




COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

○ Sending Transcripts

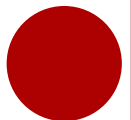
- Request transcripts online at www.sdhc.scriborder.com
 - Submit online order, we will send an electronic copy of your transcript to the college(s) you list.
 - It can take several days for colleges to receive transcripts, so send them early and verify receipt.





COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

- More schools have moved to the SSAR instead of a traditional transcript
 - **Self-reported Student Academic Record**
 - Student enters grades for courses they have taken or will take in high school
 - Students should obtain a copy of their credit summary from guidance prior to completing the SSAR
 - Once SSAR is completed, link your SSAR to your application through application status portal





CAREER & TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

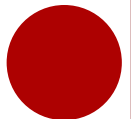
- Hillsborough County has four technical colleges
 - Erwin Tech
 - Aparicio-Levy
 - Brewster
 - Learey
- Offer various career programs that can be completed in about 1 year
- Programs include:
 - Nursing
 - Carpentry
 - Firefighting
 - Many others
- More info at www.hillsboroughschools.org
 - Click “schools” tab, then “technical/adult”





MILITARY OPPORTUNITIES

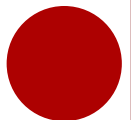
- Recruiters from each branch are available in the cafeteria during all lunches each month throughout the year
- ASVAB will be given at Bloomington in October, January, and April. Check Canvas for sign up info
- More information is available online
 - www.airforce.com
 - www.goarmy.com
 - www.uscg.mil
 - www.marines.com
 - www.navy.com





APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

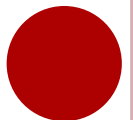
- First step is to complete the **FAFSA**
 - Free Application for Federal Student Aid
 - www.FAFSA.gov
 - FAFSA collects financial information and, through a mathematical formula, determines the expected family contribution. Once the FAFSA is complete, you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR), which lists your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC is the same at all schools.
 - 2023-2024 FAFSA opens **October 1st, 2022**





2022-2023 FAFSA

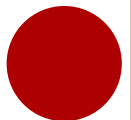
- FAFSA opens on October 1st, 2022
- 2023-2024 FAFSA will use information from the 2021 tax year
- For many Florida colleges, the FAFSA must be submitted by December 1st
- Completing the FAFSA as early as possible gives you the best opportunity to qualify for the most financial aid possible





FSA ID

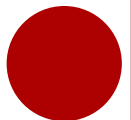
- The FSA ID is a username and password used by students and parents to:
 - Log in to DOE websites
 - Electronically sign documents
- Students and parents will each create their own FSA IDs at www.studentaid.gov/fsaid.
 - This can be done prior to the FAFSA opening on October 1st
- This will save time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





WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

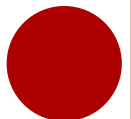
- Once the FAFSA has been submitted, print the confirmation page for your records.
- FAFSA will send an email within 3-5 days allowing you to access your Student Aid Report, which contains your EFC.
- Colleges that were listed on the FAFSA will access your Student Aid Report and will send a financial 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

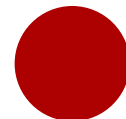
- Grants – Free money
 - Pell Grant (need based)
 - FRAG (private colleges)
 - FSAG (need based)
- Loans – Must be paid back
 - Stafford Subsidized (need based)
 - Stafford Unsubsidized (non-need based)
 - Perkins Loans
 - Additional parent loans available (PLUS Loan)
- Scholarships – More free money
 - Bloomingdale 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





SCHOLARSHIPS

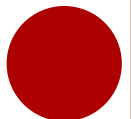
- Can be based on any criteria, including need, academic, artistic, or athletic merit.
- Free online search engines
 - Fastweb.com, scholarships.com, myscholly.com, etc.
- BSHS scholarship blog
- Hillsborough County Schools scholarship matrix
- Scholarship Apps (Scholly, Cappex, Chegg, etc.)
- Specific 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 SCHOLARSHIPS - UPDATES

- Paid hours can now count for Bright Futures scholarships
 - Any paid hours earned after July 1st, 2022 can count towards Bright Futures
- Currently, a tracking method for work hours has not been established
 - Hold on to paystubs and back-date hours once a tracking method is determined
- Community service and paid work hours cannot be combined to qualify.
 - Students need to complete 100 paid work hours or 100/75 community service hours
- Community service is now volunteering
 - Hours can be completed at any non-profit, business, or church
 - Volunteer sites no longer have to be non-profits





BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIPS

- 3 Award Types
 - Florida Academic Scholarship
 - Florida Medallion Scholarship
 - Florida Gold Seal Scholarship

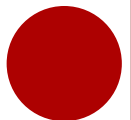




BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP

○ Academic Scholars

- Award covers 100% of tuition and applicable fees at a Florida Public College
- Private Colleges - \$211 per credit hour at a 4-year college, \$105 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)
- 100 volunteer hours or 100 paid work hours
- 1330 SAT (R+M) or 29 ACT composite

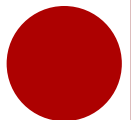




BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP

○ Medallion Scholars

- Award covers 75% of tuition and applicable fees at a Florida Public College
- Private Colleges - \$140 per credit hour at a 4-year college, \$70 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)
- 75 volunteer hours or 100 paid work hours
- 1210 SAT (R+M) or 25 ACT composite





BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP

○ Gold Seal Vocational

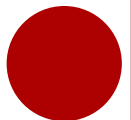
- Award amount depends on type of program
 - Career Certificate - \$39 per credit hour
 - Applied Technology Diploma - \$39 per credit hour
 - Technical Degree - \$48 per credit hour
- Minimum GPA is a weighted 3.0 in non-elective graduation requirements
- Must take three credits in a single vocational program and maintain an unweighted 3.5 in those classes
 - Culinary, Auto Tech, TV Production, etc.
- 30 volunteer hours or 100 paid work hours
- 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

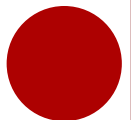
- The GPA Bright Futures will use to determine eligibility is different from the weighted GPA on a student's transcript.
- Bright Futures will recalculate a student's GPA using only the grades in their academic classes.
- Bright Futures awards an extra .5 point for weighted classes.





WEIGHTED ACADEMIC GPA

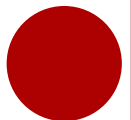
- Bright Futures will use the grades in the following credits to calculate GPA:
 - Four best English
 - Four best math
 - Three best science
 - Three best social studies
 - Two best foreign language
- Bright Futures can use up to two extra credits in any of the academic areas if they help a student's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





BRIGHT FUTURES APPLICATION

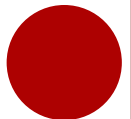
- Seniors must complete the Bright Futures Application online to receive the scholarship
- Application opens October 1st
- www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org
- Students will complete the application in class with the College and Career Counselor
- Students can complete the application prior to completing all Bright Futures requirements





COMMUNITY SERVICE - PROFFERFISH

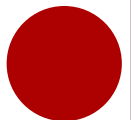
- www.Profferfish.com - Online community service tracking system that has replaced old paper forms
- Students create account, view community service opportunities, obtain signatures, and submit hours all on their phones
- Bloomington downloads a weekly report of submitted hours and add those to student 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.

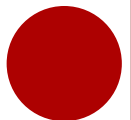




BLOOMINGDALE EVENTS

- College Visits – posted on the Bloomingtondale Guidance website
 - Sign up in the binder in guidance
- HCC Rep – Thursdays during all three lunches in the CCC office
 - Admissions representative from HCC is available to answer questions and help with HCC application.
- ASVAB – October 13th, January 12th, April 6th
 - Sign up on Guidance Resources page on Canvas
- College Application Day – November 2nd during the school day

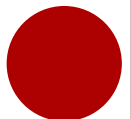
*****More events may be added....keep your eyes and ears open!!!*****





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.

