



# BigFuture Scholarships

## How to Earn Scholarships by Completing Small Steps



BigFuture Ambassadors

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# BigFuture Scholarships: Two \$40,000 scholarships and hundreds of \$500 scholarships every month to students who use BigFuture



May 2022: Lin from New York



May 2022: Will from Illinois



June 2022: Adriana from New Jersey



June 2022: Cecilia from Pennsylvania



July 2022: Abigail from Indiana



August 2022: Carrington from Texas

## Introducing BigFuture Scholarships for 10th and 11th Graders

10th and 11th graders are now eligible for chances at \$40,000 and \$500 scholarships on BigFuture.





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# Watch as Zoe is surprised at her school!



A senior at our school could be surprised with \$40,000 next!

# BigFuture Rewards Students For Completing Simple Actions

- Get rewarded for taking simple steps to prepare for life after high school.
- You are automatically entered for scholarship drawings when you complete a step.
- Every month 2 students will win \$40,000 and hundreds more will win \$500.
- There are no GPA, SAT, or citizenship requirements.
- The more steps you complete, earlier you begin, the more chances you have to win!



# BigFuture: Your Own, Free Guide to Life after High School

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Days

Hours

Minutes

Seconds

Until we announce this month's  
BigFuture Scholarship winners

 [Get a reminder](#)

## Vince's Plan for College

Start here with simple steps you can take today to stay on track for college. New steps will unlock and be added to your dashboard throughout the year, so keep checking back.

✓ Done

\$ Entry Earned

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Colleges Added

**Build Your College List**

Find the right college for you.

Find Colleges

🔒 Unlocked

Win \$40k

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Colleges on Your List

Reach 1 2 3

Match 1 2

Safety 1

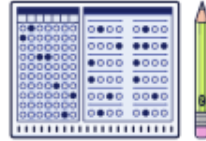
**Strengthen Your College List**

A mix of reach, match, and safety schools will help you find the right college for you.

Update Your College List

🔒 Unlocked

Win \$40K



**Practice for the SAT**

Take a timed mini section or a diagnostic quiz to boost your score.

Go to Khan Academy

## Resources

### College Search

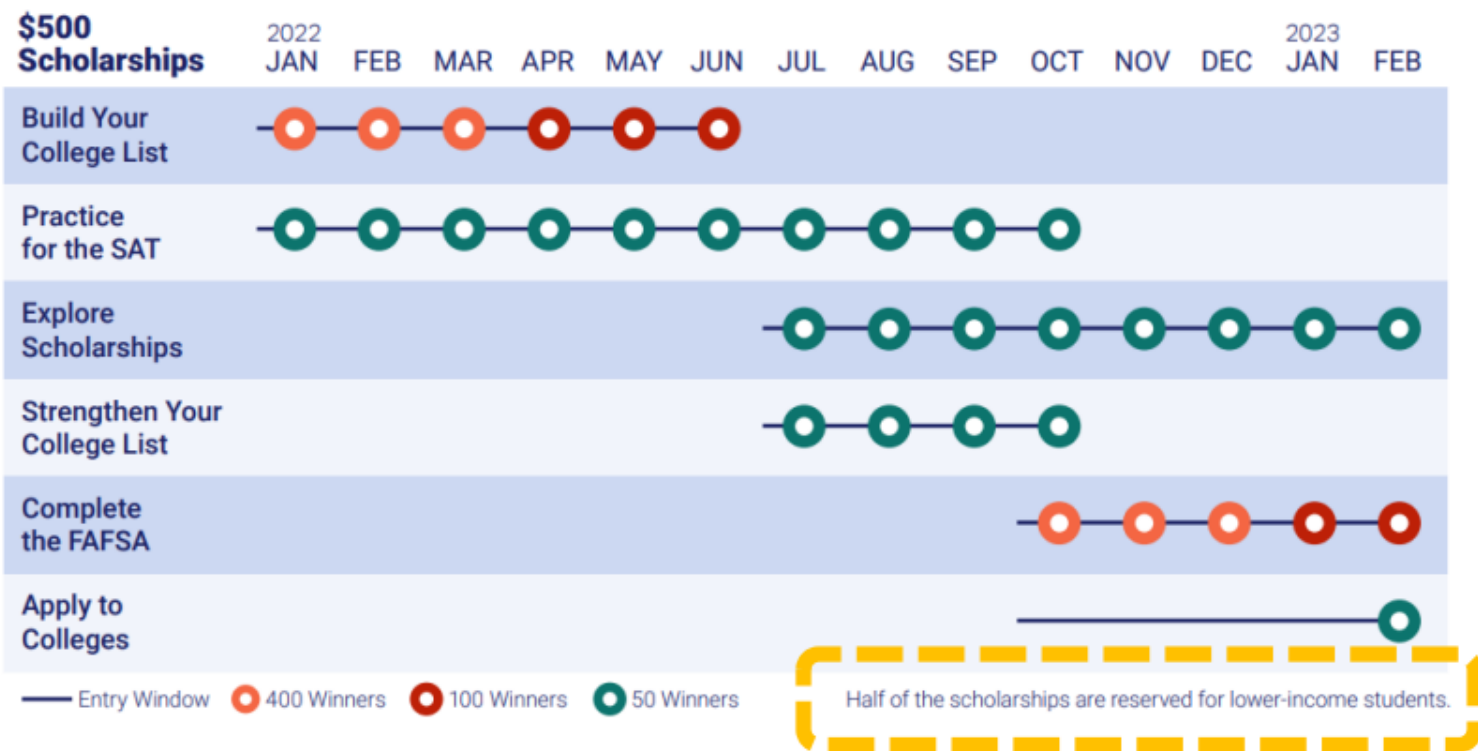
Choosing the Right College for You

The Real Role of Tests in Your College Application

SAT Practice



# Class of 2023: If you do these actions now, you will be entered into next month's drawing and all the drawings after that!



**Every month...**  
**\$40,000:** Two winners  
**\$500:** Hundreds of winners

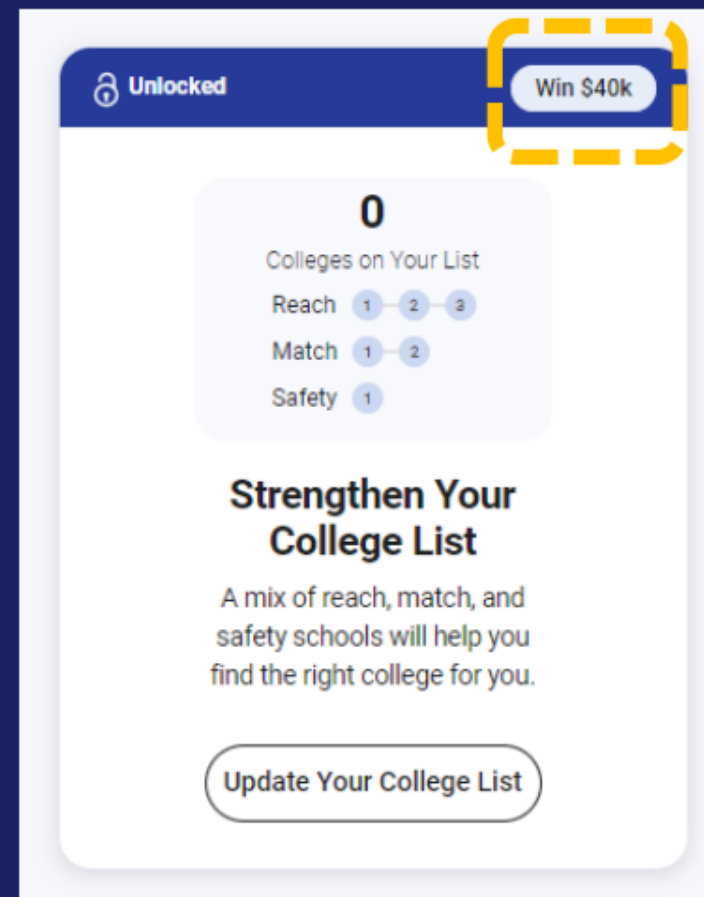


"It was the easiest thing to do. I would encourage every student to try and take a chance to try to earn a scholarship."  
*Aliyah from New York*  
*Class of 2022 Winner (Practice for the SAT)*



# Next Steps

- Login to BigFuture.org
  - If you do not have an account you can create one, it's very simple
- Complete all steps that are unlocked and say "Win \$40k"
- Track your progress on the dashboard and complete other steps when they're unlocked



## 's Dashboard: Explore Careers

Find the career path that's right for you. Follow these steps and check back later as more unlock and appear.

🔓 Unlocked



### Explore Careers

Get suggestions based on your interests.

Search Careers

✓ Done



### Take the Career Quiz

Get personalized career recommendations based on your likes and dislikes.

Retake the Quiz

✓ Done

\$ Entry Earned



Careers Added

### Start Your Career List

Find careers that match your interests.

Find Careers

## Resources

### Career Search

5 Ways to Find Career Ideas

Career Colleges

Guide to Choosing a College Major

# Questions?

Talk to me! If I don't  
have the answer, I'll  
find it for you



# Senior Info sneak peek

- What should you be doing RIGHT NOW to make your senior year go smoother?
- There will be a Junior Night, where juniors and their parents are invited to attend. Much of this info will be discussed there, though some other things will be discussed as well. This Junior Night occurs on one of the two conference nights of the second semester, in the auditorium. Be on the look out for announcements!

# 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
- Complete career interest inventories if unsure of college major
- Complete FAFSA as soon as possible starting Oct. 1st!

# 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 Bloomingdale Guidance website
- Fee Waivers (free/reduced lunch? 2 SAT waivers: should be in your collegeboard account & 4 ACT waivers)
- Request waivers via the SAT & ACT Waivers Form found in the Guidance module of your Bloomingdale high school resources class or at [bloomingdaleguidance.org](http://bloomingdaleguidance.org) under the “request forms” tab



# Major and Career Searches

- MyCareerShines – [www.floridashines.org](http://www.floridashines.org)
- O\*Net Online – [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org)
- Collegeboard's BigFuture major and career browser – [www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org)
- ACT Profile – [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- MyMajors – [www.mymajors.com](http://www.mymajors.com)

# College Search

- College search websites:
  - [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
  - <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator>
  - [www.floridashines.org](http://www.floridashines.org)
  - [www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)
  - Many others available
- College visits at BSHS (fall semester)
- College nights (school/district: Fall/Spring)
- On campus visits (offered virtually & in person)

# Scholarships

- Bloomingdaleguidance.org
  - BSHS Guidance Scholarship Blog (local/national)
  - BSHS Guidance Scholarship matrix (local/national)
- Raise.me (follow & add accomplishments ASAP...due dates vary by college)
- Collegeboard Opportunity Scholarships (now...monthly opportunities)
- Hillsborough Education Foundation Scholarships (11/1-1/31)
- [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.floridashines.org](http://www.floridashines.org)
- [www.raise.me](http://www.raise.me)
- [www.myscholly.com](http://www.myscholly.com)
- Many others available



# College Admissions

- 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)
  - Common Black College App
    - [www.commonblackcollegeapp.com](http://www.commonblackcollegeapp.com)
    - HBCUs

# College Admissions

- Getting Organized

- Compare relevant information side by side

- Look for the freshman application checklist

- Use a calendar or planner to keep track of deadlines

(online calendars are an amazing tool to help keep you on track...make it a habit of putting all important dates in there as soon as you know them...include personal, work, school, extra currics, etc...)

# College Applications: What to Expect

- Student data
- Student essay
- Supplemental forms
  - Official transcript
  - SAT/ACT scores
  - School report/counselor rec.
  - Teacher rec.
  - Mid-year school report
  - Final transcript (this won't be due as part of the application...you won't even request these until April)
- Application fee (fee waivers-collegeboard, ACT, & NACAC)

# College Applications

- Letters of Recommendation
  - Minimum 2 weeks notice
  - Resume or info sheet
  - Teacher, counselor, coach, or mentor (think about your major, ie: STEM major? Should ask a math or science teacher)
- Transcripts
  - Sdhc.scriborder.com
  - Send electronically through Commonapp, Coalition App, or SendEdu
- Interviews
  - Location, time, date
  - Who will be conducting the interview?

# College Admissions Decision Models

- Regular Decision (seats fill up...be careful)
  - Set application deadline in the Fall
  - Not happy with test scores? Should I still apply now? Test optional?
  - Notified of decision by a specified date – usually in March or April
- Rolling Admission
  - No set deadline. Once the school receives all of your application material, they will notify you within a matter of days or weeks.



# College Admissions Decision Models

- Early Decision
  - Apply early (usually by October or November)
  - Receive admissions decision well in advance of the usual notification date
  - Early decision plans are “binding”, meaning if you apply early decision, you agree to attend the college if they accept you
  - You can only apply to one college early decision, but you may apply to other colleges regular decision
  - If you’re accepted under early decision, you must withdraw all other applications

# College Admissions Decision Models

- Should you apply Early Decision?
  - Yes, if:
    - You are very sure of the college you want to attend
    - Your stats (GPA, test scores, etc.) match or almost match those of the average accepted student
    - Financial aid is not a concern
  - No, if:
    - You plan to weigh financial aid offers from multiple schools
    - You're considering several colleges

# College Admissions Decision Models

- Early Action
  - Application is due early and you get an admission decision in the winter or early spring
  - Non-binding
  - You can apply early action to multiple schools, or apply to one school early action and other schools regular decision

# Bright Futures Scholarship

- Bright Futures awards four different scholarships:
  - Academic
  - Medallion
  - Gold Seal
  - CAPE
- GPAs are recalculated using only your academic courses
  - 4 English, 4 Math, 3 Science, 3 Social Studies, 2 Foreign Language
- Add .5 points for weighted classes

# Bright Futures Scholarship

- Academic Scholars (100% tuition paid)
  - 1330 SAT or 29 ACT
  - 100 cs hrs or 100 paid work hrs (profferfish.com for CS hrs / keep pay stubs for paid work hrs )
  - 3.5 weighted GPA
- Medallion Scholars (75% tuition paid)
  - 1210 SAT or 25 ACT
  - 75 cs hrs or 100 paid work hrs (profferfish.com for CS hrs / keep pay stubs for paid work hrs)
  - 3.0 weighted GPA



# ALERT!!! NEW BF Legislation

- Paid hours NOW COUNT for the Bright Futures scholarship! If you have have a job or get a job, any paid hours, from July 1<sup>st</sup> and after, can count.  
  
\*\*\*Work hours CANNOT be submitted on Profferfish. When you have accumulated 100 work hours, you MUST fill out the paper form (can be found in the Guidance module of your Bloomingdale high school Resources class on Canvas, or at [bloomingdaleguidance.org](http://bloomingdaleguidance.org), under the community service tab) and submit your form to Mrs. Fugate (Guidance secretary). Work hours will be entered and WILL show up on transcripts (but not on student summaries).
- Important NOTE: community service and paid work hours CANNOT be combined to qualify for the Bright Futures scholarship. You MUST meet that qualification with EITHER paid work hours OR community service, so for the top Bright Futures award you need EITHER 100 community service hours OR 100 paid work hours (you actually need 100 paid work hours for each BF tier, if you decide to go the work hours route).
- \*\*\*BF no longer calls it community service, it is now volunteering, which means that you can volunteer at church or any other business...it does NOT have to be a non-profit!

# Bright Futures Status

- Check your Bright Futures eligibility on your BF report you will receive twice a year (Sept. & Feb.)
- Displays your academic GPA, highest test scores, and community service once hours have been submitted

# Communication...pay attention!!!

- [Bloomingdaleguidance.org](http://Bloomingdaleguidance.org)
- Bloomingdale high school resources
- Morning show
- Twitter: @bdaleguidance
- The weekly bulletin (you receive via email)
- Guidance bulletin board (to the left of lunchroom)
- Flyers/posters in Guidance Office