

The background of the slide features a dark blue gradient. In the upper half, several graduation caps (mortarboards) are shown in various orientations, appearing to be tossed into the air. In the lower half, a dense crowd of silhouetted figures is depicted with their arms raised in celebration. Some figures are holding up diplomas or certificates. The overall scene conveys a sense of achievement and joy.

Class of 2024 Senior Presentations

October 2023

Your School Counselors

A - F:

Mr. Swann

G - M:

Mrs.
Durshimer

N - V:

Mrs. Lawlor

W - Z:

Ms. Bilak



Something to keep in mind . . .

7 Classes

X 2 Semesters

X 4 Years

=

56 Grades per Student

X 414 Students in the Senior Class =

23,184 Grades

(excluding any grades earned during middle school or
through FLVS or Edgenuity)

23,184 Grades divided amongst 4 Counselors
=

**5,796 Grades per
Counselor**

Even at a 1% error margin, that means
57 grades
could be accidentally overlooked.

**It only takes one missing credit for your diploma to be
in jeopardy.**

PLEASE review your courses carefully and talk to your
counselor about any concerns you may have.

Earning a High School Diploma

"Start where you are.
Use what you have.
Do what you can."

—Arthur Ashe



What are my graduation requirements?

- An unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher
- 24 credits in specific content areas
- A passing score on the Grade 10 FAST ELA and a passing score on the Algebra 1 EOC or appropriate concordant score(s)

Note: Participation in EOCs for Geometry, Biology, and US History will count as 30% of the final grade for each course.



What are the required 24 credits?

For High School Graduation:

- 4 credits in English
- 4 credits in Math (including Algebra I and Geometry)
- 3 credits in Equally Rigorous Science (including Biology)
- 3 credits in Social Studies
- HOPE or (2+ years of ROTC or 2+ years of JV/Varsity sport)
- 1 credit in a Fine Art
- 8 credits in Electives

Not Required but Strongly Recommended

- Two consecutive years of a Foreign Language
- Algebra II or other higher level Math courses
- ACT or SAT Tests
- Community Service Hours

Grade 10 FAST ELA Requirement

Students who entered high school in the 2020-2021 school year are required to pass the Grade 10 FAST ELA assessment.

Students may also earn a concordant score on either the ACT, SAT or CLT (Classic Learning Test) to meet this requirement.

What scores meet this requirement?

Test Name	Required Score
FAST ELA	350 (Level 3)
ACT	Average of 18 on ACT English and Reading
SAT	480 in Reading/Writing
CLT	36 Verbal Reasoning and Grammar

Algebra 1 EOC Requirement

Students who entered high school in the 2020-2021 school year are required to pass the Algebra 1 EOC assessment.

Students may use a concordant score on the Geometry EOC, ACT, PSAT, SAT or CLT (Classic Learning Test) to meet this requirement.

What scores meet this requirement?

Test Name	Required Score
Algebra 1 EOC	497 (Level 3)
ACT	16 in Math
PSAT	430 in Math
SAT	420 in Math
Geometry EOC	499 (Level 3)
CLT	Quantitative Reasoning (11)

Diploma Designations

Scholar Diploma

In addition to earning the standard 24 credits,
a student must also:

- Pass the Geometry EOC
- Earn a credit in Algebra 2
- Earn 1 credit in Statistics or another equally rigorous math course
- Pass the Biology EOC
- Earn 1 credit in Physics or Chemistry
- Earn 1 credit in a course equally rigorous to Physics or Chemistry
- Pass the US History EOC
- Earn 2 credits in a Foreign Language
- Earn at least 1 credit in an AP, IB, AICE, or DE class

Merit Diploma

In addition to meeting the
standard high school
diploma requirements, a
student must also:

Attain one or more industry
certifications from the list
established by the Florida
Department of Education





Online Resources

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School Counseling

Welcome to the School Counseling Department. We are located in Student Services and the office is open 7:25-2:55 daily. Appointments may be set up by contacting Mrs. Pandelo at 751-8230 x31019.



Students are assigned to a counselor by their last name. Our counselors for this year are...

Students in Grades 10-12 Last Names A-F

Kevin Swann swannk@manateeschools.net x31029

All students can request to meet with Mr. Swann by completing the form at this link: [Click Here!](#)

Students in Grades 10-12 Last Names G-M

Meg Durshimer durshimerm@manateeschools.net x31101

All students can request to meet with Mrs. Durshimer by completing the form at this link: [Click Here!](#)

Students in Grades 10-12 Last Names N-V

Kirsten Lawlor lawlork@manateeschools.net x31004

All students can request to meet with Ms. Lawlor by completing the form at this link: [Click Here!](#)

Students in Grades 10-12 Last Names W-Z & ALL STUDENTS IN 9th GRADE

Kelsey Bilak bilakk@manateeschools.net x31157

All students can request to meet with Ms. Bilak by completing the form at this link: [Click Here!](#)

Other resources include graduation requirements and individual or family assistance.

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How do I send transcripts to colleges?


- Visit the BRHS website to complete a Transcript Request Form.
- Electronic copies are \$3.00.
- It is the **student's responsibility** to contact the Admissions Office directly to ensure that the transcript was received.
- Paper copies are not available through the school.
- One final transcript is free and will be sent to the college of your choice after graduation.

The screenshot displays the 'COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS' page. It features a list of links: 'Applying to College Handout', 'Resume Builder', 'Requesting Transcripts', and 'Community Service'. A blue arrow points to 'Requesting Transcripts'. Below this, a section titled 'STUDENT RECORDS REQUESTS' provides information about transcript availability and includes three yellow buttons: 'Click to order your student records online. →', 'Click to track your order. →', and 'Click to validate student records. →'. A large blue arrow points down from the 'Requesting Transcripts' link to the 'STUDENT RECORDS REQUESTS' section.

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STUDENT RECORDS REQUESTS

Student Records are available if you attended a public school in the School District of Manatee County. If you attended a Charter school or Private school, please contact them directly for your records. If the school you attended has closed, please contact our office.



[Click to order your student records online. →](#)

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How do I document my community service hours?



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Community Service

Before you start a community service project, make sure you've read and understand the new policy. Check out these helpful pages if you missed them before.

[New Community Service Requirements](#)

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[Activities that DON'T count...](#)

Step 1 - Sign up for updates!

Join our community service group on [Remind101](#) and I'll let you know when your project is approved and you can begin work. The community service class code is **Coming Soon**.

Step 2 - Complete the pre-approval process.

Download the Service Approval Request Form.

Turn in the application to **Mrs. Hedgepeth** in Student Services. Please allow 24 hours for processing.

If your project takes place over the summer, please bring the form to the front office during business hours. You may also email your form to hedgepethv@manateeschools.net. **Do not begin your project until it has been approved, or your hours will not count toward Bright Futures.**

Step 3 - Log your hours and complete the evaluation.

Download the Service Log & Evaluation Form.

Bring the completed form to **Mrs. Hedgepeth** in Student Services at the conclusion of your project.

Remember, the evaluation has to be filled out in order to receive Bright Futures hours.

"But WAIT! I'm doing community service as part of a group. What should I do?"

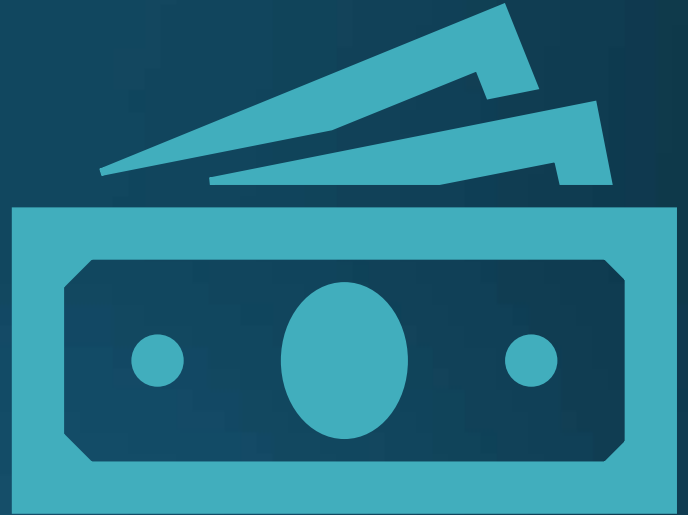
Your sponsor will turn in an approval request for the entire group. The project will be assigned a number. Check with your sponsor for the group code and put it on the top of your log / evaluation sheet.

Community Service Forms

[Step 2: Pre-Approval Form](#)

[Step 3: Log & Evaluation Form](#)

Funding Your Future Education



General Financial Aid Info

Sources of Financial Aid	Application to Complete
Federal Government	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
State Government	Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) (Bright Futures)
Institutional Aid	College or University's Financial Aid Website
Local, State, and National Organizations	BRHS College and Career Website

Get Started on October 1st for Bright Futures. FAFSA Available December 1st



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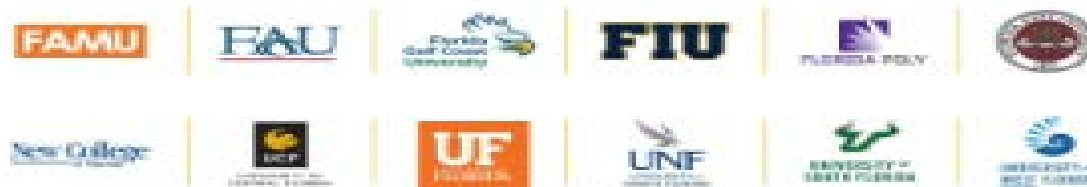
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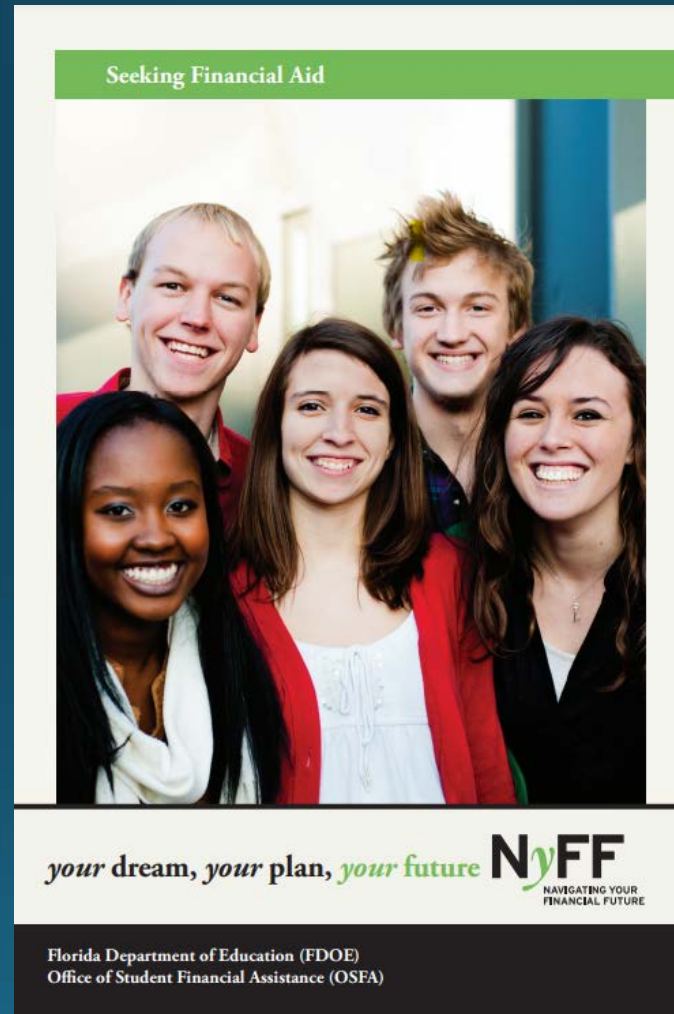
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SAT, ACT and CLT scores must be sent to one of Florida's 12 state universities so that the Bright Futures program can access the report

FAFSA and FFAA Assistance (Bright Futures)



Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)(Bright Futures)



Office of Student Financial Assistance

Florida Student Scholarship & Grant Programs

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State Scholarship and Grant Programs

- Access to Better Learning and Education Grant
- Benaciquisto Scholarship Program (FAQ)
- Bright Futures Scholarship*
- Effective Access to Student Education
- First Generation Matching Grant



First-Time Applicants

Students must submit a completed Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) to OSFA for programs denoted by an asterisk (*). In order to apply for State Scholarship & Grant Programs, a student must first [Create a Student Account](#). After logging into your account, you may proceed to complete the FFAA.



Office of Student Financial Assistance

Florida Student Scholarship & Grant Programs

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Eligible Institutions

High Schools:
Verify if your high school is a public or private high school.

Postsecondary Institutions:
Verify if the postsecondary institution you attend is eligible to disburse state aid.

NOTE: We recommend downloading your preferred browser for the best experience: Firefox, Microsoft Edge, Safari!



Demographic Information

SSN	<input type="text"/>	FLE ID	<input type="text"/>
First Name *	<input type="text"/>	MI	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth * (MM/DD/YYYY)	<input type="text"/>	HS Graduation Date * (MM/DD/YYYY)	<input type="text"/>
Ethnicity *	<input type="radio"/> Hispanic <input type="radio"/> Non-Hispanic	Race *	--SELECT--
		Gender *	<input type="radio"/> Female <input type="radio"/> Male

Contact Information

Street Address *	<input type="text"/>	Apartment	<input type="text"/>	City *	<input type="text"/>
State	FLORIDA	Zip Code *	<input type="text"/>		
Home Phone Number	<input type="text"/>	Email Address	<input type="text"/>		
Cell Phone Number	<input type="text"/>	Alternate Email Address	<input type="text"/>		
Alternate Phone Number	<input type="text"/>	I do not have an email address <input type="checkbox"/>			
I agree to receive text message alerts from OSFA. <input type="checkbox"/>					

Submit

Bright Futures Information



Q: When can students apply for the Bright Futures Program?

A: Student can apply as early as October 1st of their senior year but no later than August 31st after their graduation date.

Q: How do students apply for Bright Futures?

A: Students apply online at

<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHome/SAPHome?url=home>

Q: Do students have to meet all the requirements before applying for Bright Futures?

A: No, students can apply even if they do not meet all the requirements. All of the requirements must be met by the time of graduation except for ACT/SAT/CLT test scores.

Q: Why aren't my test scores listed on my Bright Futures report?

A: SAT, ACT and CLT scores must be sent to one of Florida's 12 state universities so that the Bright Futures program can access the report.

Bright Futures Requirements

Type	16 High School College-Preparatory Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/CLT®/SAT®)	Volunteer Service Hours ²	Paid Work Hours ²
FAS	<p>4 - English (three must include substantial writing)</p> <p>4 - Mathematics (at or above the Algebra I level)</p> <p>3 - Natural Science (two must have substantial laboratory)</p>	3.50	<p>2023-24 Graduates: 29/96/1340</p> <p>2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340</p>	100 hours	100 hours
FMS	<p>3 - Social Science</p> <p>2 - World Language (sequential, in same language)</p>	3.00	<p>2023-24 Graduates: 25/84/1210</p> <p>2024-25 Graduates: 25/84/1210</p>	75 hours	100 hours

Additional Information

According to the Bright Futures
Initial Eligibility Handbook:

- Advanced Placement, Honors, and Dual Enrollment are weighted as 0.50 per year in GPA calculation.
- Students may use up to two additional academic courses listed above to raise GPA.
- ACT, SAT or CLT (Classic Learning Test) may be taken an unlimited number of times through August 31st of graduation year.
- If a student does not apply by the deadline, the student **cannot** receive the scholarship!



"After submitting the FFAA, **the student is responsible for tracking application and award status online** and keeping the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) informed of any demographic or institutional changes."

- Bright Futures
Handbook, Chapter One

College Board Opportunity Scholarships Available!

Get started today!!
Register online at
<https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/>

The Scholarships

The more effort you put in, the more opportunities you have to earn a scholarship. Complete all six, and you're eligible to earn \$40,000. Scholarships will be awarded through monthly drawings to students who complete each action.



1. Build Your College List: \$500

Get started by [exploring colleges](#) you're interested in. [Learn More](#)



2. Practice for the SAT: \$1,000

Use [Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy](#) to get ready for test day. [Learn More](#)



3. Improve Your Score: \$2,000

Show how practice pays off by improving your SAT score. [Learn More](#)



4. Strengthen Your College List: \$500

Make sure your college list has a mix of academic safety, match, and reach schools. [Learn More](#)



5. Complete the FAFSA: \$1,000

Fill out the free government form to apply for financial aid. [Learn More](#)



6. Apply to Colleges: \$1,000

Apply to the schools you want to attend. [Learn More](#)



Complete Your Journey: \$40,000

Complete all six scholarship steps to be eligible for a \$40,000 scholarship. [Learn More](#)



REMINDERS:



(1) Individual Meetings with School Counselor:

- Review Senior Letter
- Financial Aid Brochure

(2) FAFSA Workshops: Virtual meetings will be held throughout the year to provide support for completing the federal financial aid form (***See College and Career page for details***).