

The background of the slide features a dark blue gradient. In the lower half, there are silhouettes of a large group of people, likely graduates, with their arms raised in celebration. Above them, numerous graduation caps are shown in mid-air, as if they have just been tossed. The overall scene conveys a sense of achievement and joy.

# Class of 2025 Senior Presentations

September 2024

# Your School Counselors

A - F:

Mr. Swann

G - M:

Mrs. Kelly

N - V:

Mrs. Lawlor

W - Z:

Mrs.  
Lengacher-  
Taylor



# Something to keep in mind . . .

7 Classes

X 2 Semesters

X 4 Years

=

56 Grades per Student

X 405 Students in the Senior Class =

**22,512 Grades**

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

**22,512** Grades divided amongst 4 Counselors  
=

**5,628 Grades per  
Counselor**

Even at a 1% error margin, that means  
almost 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.

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 **2025**



# 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/Practical or Career/Technical 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 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 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](mailto:swannk@manateeschools.net) x. 31029

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**

Ashlee Kelly [kellyA3@manateeschools.net](mailto:kellyA3@manateeschools.net) x.31101

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

## **Students in Grades 10-12 Last Names N-V**

Kirsten Lawlor [lawlork@manateeschools.net](mailto:lawlork@manateeschools.net) x. 31004

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

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


Julie Lengacher-Taylor [lengachertaylorj@manateeschools.net](mailto:lengachertaylorj@manateeschools.net) x.31157

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

*Other resources include graduation requirements and individual or family assistance.*

# BRHS College and Career Center

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## College & Career Center (Inc. Scholarships)

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College and Career Advisor: Lauren Schrier-Simmons

### Contact Information

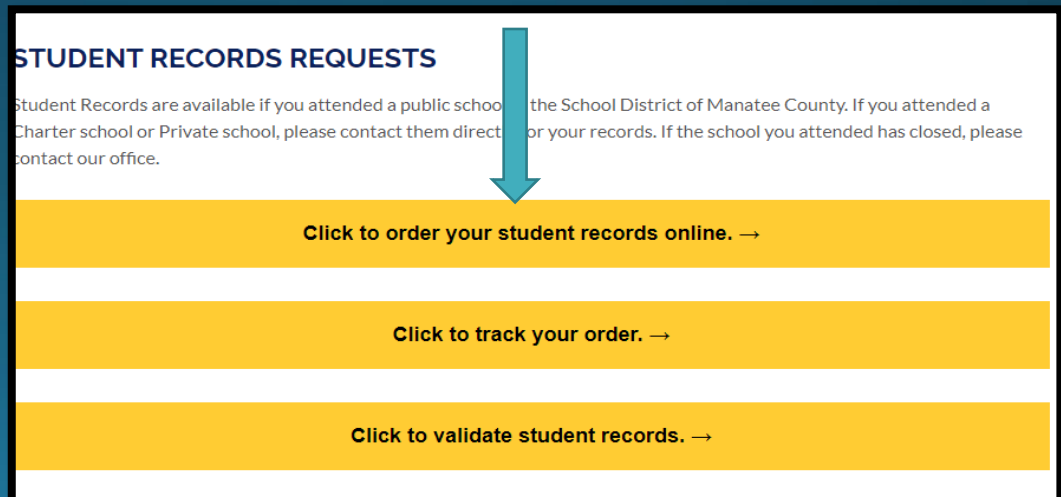
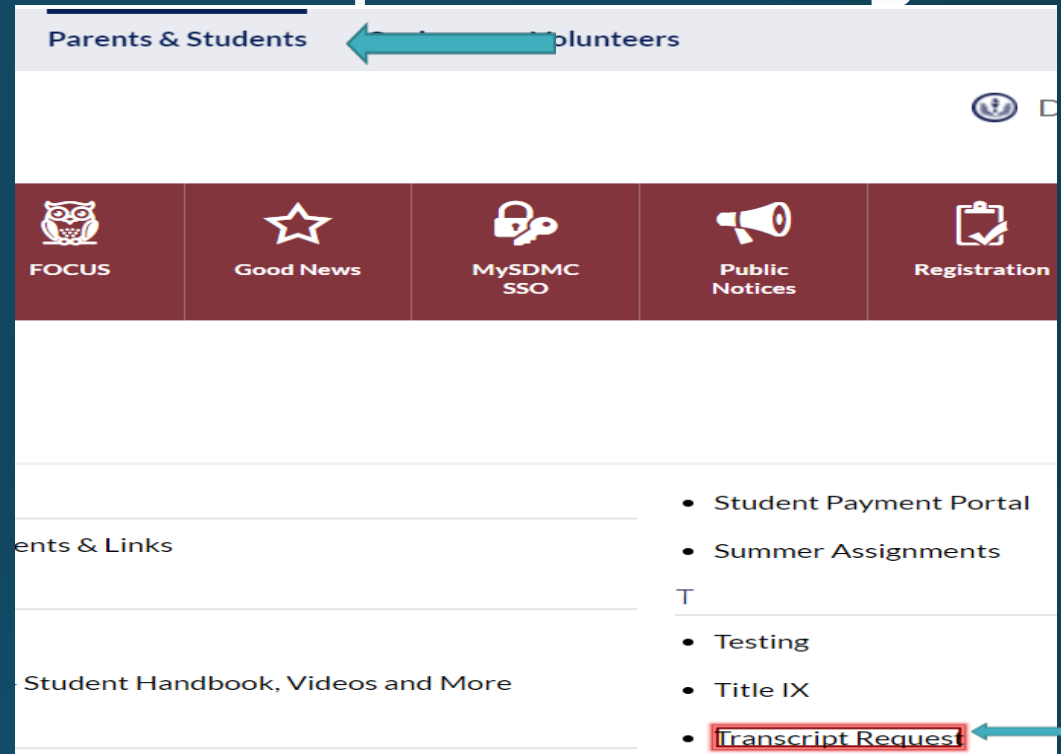
Room: 202C (Media Center)

Email: [schrier-simmons1@manateeschools.net](mailto:schrier-simmons1@manateeschools.net)

Phone: 941-751-8230 ext. 31085

# 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.





# How do I document my community service hours?



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## Community Service

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## Community Service

Community Service Coordinator Contact: Lauren Schrier-Simmons

Room: 202C (Media Center)

Email: [schrier-simmons1@manateeschools.net](mailto:schrier-simmons1@manateeschools.net)

Phone: 941-751-8230 ext. 31085

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](#)

[What activities count toward community service?](#)

[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. Schrier-Simmons** in the Media Center. 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 [schrier-simmons1@manateeschools.net](mailto:schrier-simmons1@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. Schrier-Simmons** in the Media Center 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?"

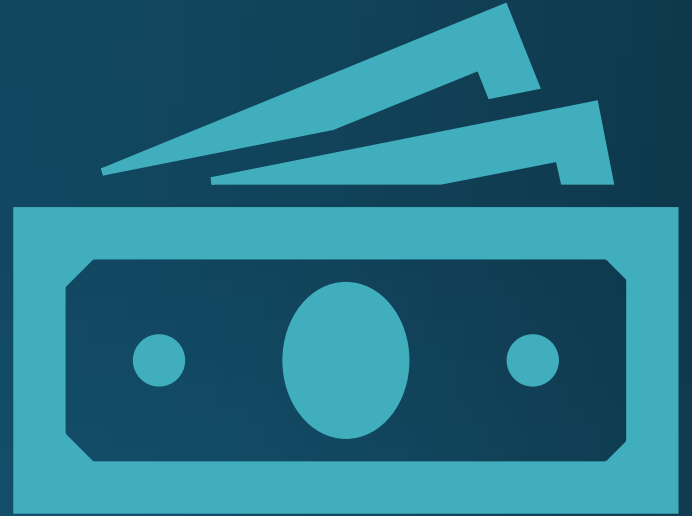
Your sponsor will turn in an approval request for the entire group. The project will be assigned a number. Check with your sponsor for the group code and put it on the top of your log / evaluation sheet.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> for Bright Futures. FAFSA Available December 1st



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 [Scholarship Tips](#)

Tips for searching for and applying for scholarships.

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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

Benacquisto 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.



### Eligible Institutions


#### High Schools:

Verify if your high school is a public or private high school.

#### Postsecondary Institutions:

Verify if the postsecondary institution you intend to attend is eligible to disburse state aid.

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



Office of Student Financial Assistance

## Florida Student Scholarship & Grant Programs

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Application Essentials

Demographic Information

SSN

First Name \*

Date of Birth \*  
(MM/DD/YYYY)

Ethnicity \*  
☐ Hispanic ☐ Non-Hispanic

MI

HS Graduation Date \*  
(MM/DD/YYYY)

Race \*  
--SELECT--

FLE ID

Last Name \*

Gender \*  
☐ Female ☐ Male

Contact Information

Street Address \*

State  
FLORIDA

Apartment

Zip Code \*

City \*

Home Phone Number

Cell Phone Number

Alternate Phone Number

Email Address

Alternate Email Address

I do not have an email address ☐

I agree to receive text message alerts from OSFA. ☐

Submit



# Bright Futures Information



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

A: Student can apply as early as October 1<sup>st</sup> of their senior year but no later than August 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

# 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

# BRIGHT FUTURES REQUIREMENTS

| Type       | 16 High School College-Preparatory Course Credits <sup>1</sup>   | High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA | College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/CLT®/SAT®)   | Volunteer Service Hours <sup>2</sup> | Paid Work Hours <sup>2</sup> |
|------------|--|---|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>FAS</b> | 4 - English<br>(three must include substantial writing)<br><br>4 - Mathematics<br>(at or above the Algebra I level)<br><br>3 - Natural Science<br>(two must have substantial laboratory) | 3.50                                    | 2024-25 Graduates:<br>29/96/1340<br><br>2025-26 Graduates:<br>29/95/1330 | 100 hours                            | 100 hours                    |
| <b>FMS</b> | 3 - Social Science<br><br>2 - World Language<br>(sequential, in same language)   | 3.00                                    | 2024-25 Graduates:<br>25/84/1210<br><br>2025-26 Graduates:<br>24/82/1190 | 75 hours                             | 100 hours                    |

# 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***).