

Seniors (Class of 2021) - Important Bright Futures Update:

***Volunteer hours.** For currently enrolled students expected to graduate in the spring of 2021 only, ss. 1009.534(1) and 1009.535(1), Fla. Stat., and Rule 6A-20.028(3)(d), F.A.C., are suspended in part, to allow high school guidance counselors, or other persons approved by a district school board or the administrator of a nonpublic school, to submit transcript documentation to the Florida Department of Education to report compliance with the required number of volunteer service hours for scholarship eligibility if the student 1) completed the service hours; 2) had planned for, and intended to, complete the service hours prior to the student's high school graduation, but was unable to do so because the pandemic created a lack of access to volunteer opportunities; or 3) if, due to health concerns, the student fell short of the volunteer service hours. Such documentation shall be considered as evidence that a student has completed the required number of volunteer service hours for scholarship eligibility.*

Students who have applied for the Bright Futures Scholarship but were unable to complete their community service requirement will need to contact their school counselor for additional instructions. These students will need to complete a quick questionnaire regarding their community service hours. This needs to be completed immediately. Once they contact their counselor, their counselor will email them the required link for the questionnaire that needs to be completed by May 20, 2021.

***Extension of testing deadline.** Rule 6A-20.028(3)(g)l.d., F.A.C., is suspended in part, to allow students graduating in the 2020-21 academic year, to earn at least the required minimum SAT and ACT scores as specified for each Bright Futures Scholarship award level ins. 1009.531(6), Fla. Stat., no later than December 1, 2021. Sections of the SAT or ACT from different test dates may continue to be used to meet the test criteria through December 1, 2021, but test types cannot be mixed.*

Students who take the ACT and/or SAT after graduation, for the Bright Futures Scholarship, will need to contact the MHS Registrar's Office to make sure their scores get entered and submitted to Bright Futures. This communication should occur after students receive their ACT and/or SAT scores and have verified they met the required scores.