



College Planning Checklist for Seniors

FALL 2023

1. Be sure to check the **Class of 2024 Schoology page** often (on Schoology, click “Courses” then look for the class page; on the Class of 2024 page, click “Updates” on the left side menu). Important information will be posted here, so stay informed.
2. Attend the **College Information Night for Seniors September 7th at 6:30pm in the Davis Theater**. The presentation will help you learn about the admissions process, researching colleges, how to apply for financial aid and resources to help. Attendees also receive the MHS College handbook.
3. Research colleges online. Attend college fairs and open houses/admissions information sessions if available.
4. Be prepared to begin/complete college applications by October/November. **Make sure you know the deadlines for each school.**
5. If needed, take **ACT or SAT** tests. Register for the tests online. Have scores sent directly to the colleges to which you will apply.
6. Write/finalize your college application **essay**. Work with your English teacher to refine and edit your essay(s).
7. Check the **Florida Bright Futures eligibility requirements** at www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org (click on “Bright Futures Scholarship” on the right). Make sure you are on track to receive the scholarships. *It is your responsibility to know and meet the requirements.*
8. Apply for Florida Bright Futures and other state grants/scholarships via the **Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)** --after **October 1, 2023** but *before* graduation. The application is on-line – it takes only about 10 minutes. You can apply in October even if you are still working to meet the requirements.
9. Apply for **scholarships**. Check the **MHS Scholarship List** weekly for the latest local and national opportunities. The MHS Scholarship List is posted on the [College and Career Center page](#) of the MHS website.

WINTER/SPRING

1. Fill out the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** as soon as you can after **January 1, 2024**. Find the FAFSA online at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> FAFSA information will be posted weekly on the Class of 2024 Schoology page. **EVERY SENIOR SHOULD COMPLETE THE FAFSA!**
2. Continue to apply for **scholarships**. Check the **MHS Scholarship List** weekly for the latest local and national opportunities..
3. Follow up with colleges you’ve applied to. Be sure to check the status of your application to make sure all documents have been received or if anything is missing.
4. Have your final transcripts sent to the college you’ll attend (order them online!) and be sure to complete the MHS Senior Survey.
5. Graduate and begin college! Congratulations!