



Checklist for Seniors

FALL 2021

1. Be sure to check the **Class of 2022 Schoology page** often (on Schoology, click “Courses” then look for the class page; on the Class of 2022 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 2nd 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 and attend their virtual open houses/admissions information sessions.
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. Fill out the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** as soon as you can after **October 1, 2021**. Find the FAFSA on line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. FAFSA information will be posted weekly on the Class of 2022 Schoology page. **EVERY SENIOR SHOULD COMPLETE THE FAFSA!**
7. Attend the **MHS Financial Aid Information Presentation** –date/format TBD. The presentation will provide detailed information about sources of aid to help pay for college. It’s important that you and your family know and understand how/when to apply for financial aid.
8. Write/finalize your college application **essay**. Work with your English teacher to refine and edit your essay(s).
9. 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.*
10. Register for Florida Bright Futures --after **October 1, 2021** but *before* graduation. The application is on-line – it takes only about 10-15 minutes. You can apply in October even if you are still working to meet the requirements.

WINTER/SPRING

1. If you have not completed the FAFSA, get it done ASAP! Some colleges have “priority deadlines” for FAFSA.
2. Apply for **scholarships**. Check the MHS Scholarship List **weekly** for the latest local and national opportunities. Researching scholarships takes time, so enlist the help of your family. The MHS Scholarship List is posted on the College and Career Center page of the MHS website.
3. Follow up with colleges you’ve been admitted to about housing, meal plan, orientation, etc.
4. Have your final transcripts sent to the college you’ll attend and be sure to complete the MHS Senior Survey.
5. Graduate and begin college! Congratulations!