

CONNECTIONS

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID ISSUE

School Board of Manatee County
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Think You Can't Afford Education? Think Again!

Post-secondary education can be expensive, and the cost continues to rise. Higher education is an investment in your future. It can open up a world of possibilities, including:

GREATER KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL GROWTH

Classroom studies teach valuable skills and information. But, there is much more than academics! Most students find opportunities to learn about themselves, meet new people, and develop new interests and talents.

GREATER JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Today, more than ever, employers are looking for individuals with a post-secondary education. A degree or certificate can open doors to many higher paying jobs and careers. It can also help you advance in your chosen career field.

HIGHER EARNING POTENTIAL

Some people wonder if the expense of a college education is really worth it. Research shows that college graduates earn significantly more during their career than high school graduates.

Financial Aid is....

...more than just scholarships. Most financial aid is a package that could include a government grant, an academic or athletic scholarship, a loan, college work-study, or self-help money.

FAFSA WORKSHOPS

ly.unidosnow.org/2020FAFSA

October 6	November 3
October 13	November 10
October 20	November 17
October 27	December 1

6:00-8:00 p.m.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

Information on Federal Financial Aid Programs is available in your high school guidance office. Ask for the U.S. Department of Education's publication, *Funding Your Education* or go to: www.financialaid.ed.gov.

STATE FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

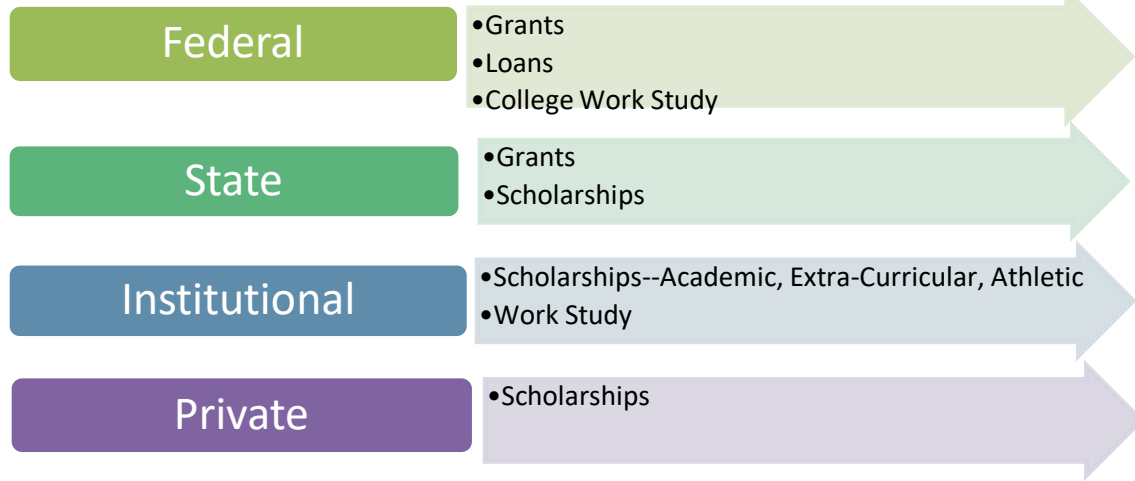
Information on the State Financial Aid Programs, which includes the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program, is available at www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org.

Apply on or after October 1.

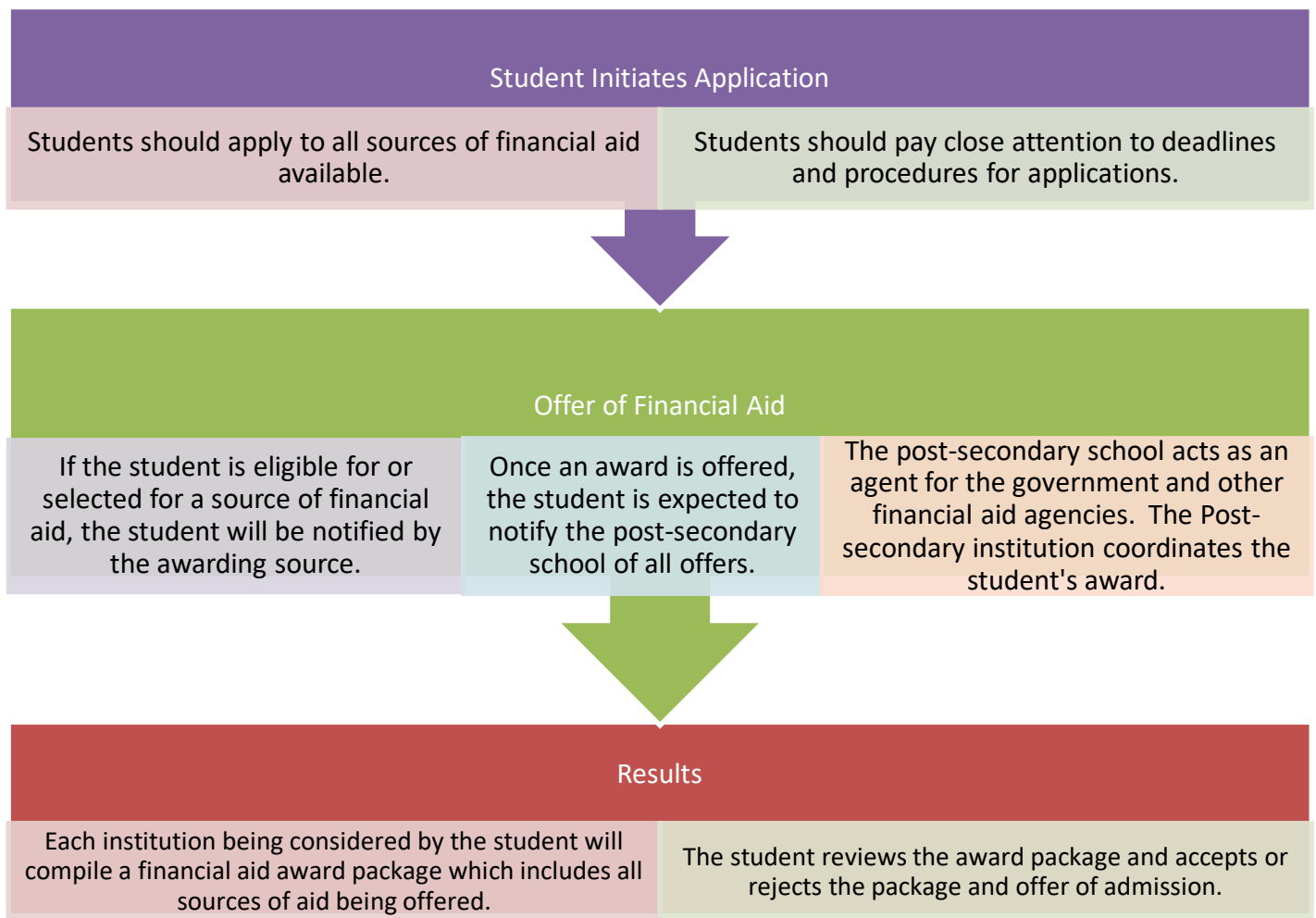
**FLORIDA
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CHALLENGE**

HOW FINANCIAL AID WORKS

Sources of Financial Aid



The Financial Aid Process:



UNDERSTANDING FINANCIAL AID

EDUCATIONAL COST IS ... more than just tuition. The College Board reported that the average cost of post-secondary education for the 2019-2020 school year was:

<u>Public Institution (in-state):</u>		<u>Private Institution:</u>	
Tuition and Fees	10,440	Tuition and Fees	\$36,880
Books and Supplies	1,240	Books and Supplies	1,240
Housing and Meals	11,510	Housing and Meals	12,990
Personal Expenses	3400	Personal Expenses	2870
Total: \$26,590		Total: \$53,980	

Financial aid may help pay for any of these expenses.

FAFSA on the Web: www.fafsa.ed.gov. FAFSA on the Web is an internet application developed by the U.S. Department of Education that students may use to complete an electronic Free Application for Student Assistance (FAFSA). Apply online ... it's faster, easier and free!

FAFSA is the key to most financial aid. All students are encouraged to submit a complete error-free FAFSA.

What is it? FAFSA stands for “**Free** Application for Federal Student Aid.” All colleges and universities **require** a completed FAFSA for students who receive almost every form of financial aid, including loans and some scholarships. The FAFSA is a financial “need analysis form.” The student and the family complete the FAFSA using federal income tax information from the past year. The FAFSA is our government’s way to fairly award financial assistance for college students and others in post-secondary schools to those who can show financial need.

Advice from financial aid officers: “**Complete your FAFSA as early as possible.**” Students may submit the FAFSA in October, using the previous year’s tax information. The FAFSA application and award period is open for a period of 18 months. However, colleges have their own deadlines (typically prior to March 1) and sometimes run out of financial aid money, so pay close attention to these deadlines. You will need to update your FAFSA information each year.

Why do you need to complete the FAFSA? **The results of the FAFSA tell colleges how much your family will be expected to pay.** This is called the “expected family contribution (EFC).” Your college learns this approximately two to three weeks after you complete your FAFSA. Colleges and universities receive a “Student Aid Report (SAR)” which contains your EFC. They compare this with their costs (which includes tuition, room and board, books, transportation and personal expenses) to determine how much financial aid you are eligible to receive. Based upon FAFSA results, most colleges award a “package” of financial aid which could include government grants, school grants, scholarships, loans and work study.

FAFSA on the Web: It is preferred that all FAFSAs are filed electronically at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Use the “FAFSA on the Web Worksheet” before completing and submitting an online application prior to logging on to the web site. If you have any questions on the FAFSA, please call 1-800-433-3243. FAFSA on the Web is more efficient and students are encouraged to use it when possible.

Parent and student tax forms may be requested by the financial aid office at the college. **Student and parent income information is used only to determine financial aid.**

SOURCES OF FINANCIAL AID

FEDERAL AND STATE ASSISTANCE

PROGRAMS: PELL GRANT, STAFFORD LOAN *SUBSIDIZED/UNSUBSIDIZED, COLLEGE WORK STUDY

Throughout the country, one financial aid form is required. This form is the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA). As indicated in the title, there is no cost for processing the FAFSA. It is not necessary to have previously sent an admission application or to have been accepted to the post-secondary school prior to sending in the FAFSA. ***However, it is best to have at least applied for admission before submitting the FAFSA.***

Steps to follow:

1. Seniors apply online at: www.fafsa.ed.gov. Applying on-line is the preferred method.
2. Submit the FAFSA form as soon as possible after October 1st of the senior year in high school using prior year tax return information.
3. Be sure to include the school code for each school to which you plan to apply or have applied. Federal codes can be found on the FAFSA web site.
4. Check with your post-secondary institution to determine the FAFSA deadline to be considered for state level assistance.

STATE OF FLORIDA SCHOLARSHIPS

For any State of Florida scholarships, including Bright Futures, **the student must complete an on-line application at www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org** as soon as possible after October 1 and prior to the date of graduation. For those students who do not have internet access at home, access is available in your high school media center, college and career center, or through the public library system. Scholarship deadlines will vary. Deadlines are posted on the Bright Futures web site.

For all scholarship aid from the college or university that the student will attend, please go to the website for that specific school, and find the *Financial Aid Department* link. You will find information pertaining to individual or departmental (i.e. music, business, engineering, etc.) scholarships. While your application to the college may put you in the running for some of these scholarships, many require a separate scholarship application. Remember, most directed scholarship aid comes from the post-secondary institution the student attends. Be sure to know the deadlines and do not miss them.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Most local scholarships become available between October-May. Each year over 70 local community organizations award scholarships to Manatee County high school students. Most local scholarships include criteria such as need, school activities, GPA and evidence of community service which make these scholarships competitive in nature. The value of these scholarships ranges from approximately \$200 to \$16,000. Most will be a one-time only award of \$250 to \$1,000. ***The organization, not the high school, decides who receives their scholarship and how it is awarded.*** Each high school maintains a list of scholarships in the classrooms, guidance office and on their school's website. ***It is the student's responsibility to frequently check the scholarship list and be aware of the application procedures and deadlines.***

Most applications can be accessed from the scholarship donor's website or from the high school website, guidance department, or college center.

OTHER ASSISTANCE

There are thousands of private scholarships for graduating seniors, each having its own criteria. The most difficult part is finding those for which you may be eligible.

TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID:

- **"Free" Money:** Scholarships or grants that do not have to be repaid. Example: Pell Grant.
- **Loans:** Have to be repaid with interest. Examples: Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students, Stafford Loans, etc.
- **Work Study:** Government-funded, campus-based work program. Usually determined by financial need.

State University System

College Name & Website	Mid-Range SAT	Mid-Range ACT	Mid-Range GPA	Estimated Tuition & Fees/Year	Preferred Application Deadline	Priority Date for Aid and Scholarships
FAMU www.famu.edu	1100	22.3	3.67	\$5,645	1 st : 11/1/20 2 nd : 3/1/21	11/1/20
FAU www.fau.edu	1110-1260	23-29	3.62-4.24	\$6,098	1 st : 2/15/2020 2 nd : 4/15/21	12/1/20
FGCU www.fgcu.edu	1080-1230	21-26	3.51-4.26	\$6,118	1 st : 11/1/20 2 nd : 3/1/21	11/1/20
FIU www.fiu.edu	1240-1360	26-31	4.0-4.6	\$6,168	4/1/21	1/15/21
FLPOLY www.floridapoly.edu	1280-1400	28-32	3.9-4.6	\$4,939	1 st : 11/1/20 2 nd : 4/1/21	11/1/20
FSU www.fsu.edu	1290-1410	29-32	4.1-4.5	\$6,516	1 st : 12/1/20 2 nd : 3/1/21	12/1/20
NCF www.ncf.edu	1150-1340	24-30	3.73-4.33	\$5,763	1 st : 11/1/20 2 nd : 7/1/21	11/1/20
UCF www.ucf.edu	1250-1370	26-30	3.96-4.46	\$6,368	5/1/21	12/1/20
UF www.ufl.edu	1340-1480	30-33	4.4-4.6	\$6,380	1 st : 11/1/20 2 nd : 3/1/21	n/a
UNF www.unf.edu	1200-1320	25-28	4.0-4.5	\$6,394	7/1/21	10/15/20
USF www.usf.edu	1270-1340	28-30	4.1-4.4	\$6,410	1 st : 11/1/20 2 nd : 3/1/21	1/15/21
UWF www.uwf.edu	1173	25	3.9	\$6,360	1 st : 12/1/20 2 nd : 6/1/21	1/1/21

Bright Futures Scholarship Program																																										
	<u>Florida Academic Scholars Award (FAS)</u>	<u>Florida Medallion Scholars Award (FMS)</u>	<u>Florida Gold Seal Vocational Award (GSV)</u>																																							
<u>How to Apply</u>	First, apply for Bright Futures www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org																																									
<u>Parent Info</u>	www.studentaid.ed.gov/guide																																									
<u>When to Apply</u>	Seniors apply between October 1 and graduation day in June.																																									
<u>Award Level</u>	All students will receive the specified (cost per credit hour) award amounts. See table on next page.																																									
<u>Grade Point Average (GPA)</u>	3.5 weighted GPA using the credits listed below: NOTE: GPAs are not rounded.	3.0 weighted GPA using the credits listed below: NOTE: GPAs are not rounded.	3.0 <u>weighted</u> GPA using the 16 core credits required for high school graduation with a 4-year diploma (listed below) and a 3.5 <u>unweighted</u> GPA in a minimum of three technical education credits in one vocational program. NOTE: GPAs are not rounded.																																							
<u>Required Credits</u>	Courses must include 16 credits of college preparatory academic courses. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 English (3 w/ substantial writing) • 4 Mathematics* (Algebra I and above) • 3 Natural Science (2 w/ substantial lab) • 3 Social Science • 2 Foreign Language (<u>in the same language</u>) <hr/> 16 Credits May use up to two additional credits from courses in the academic areas listed above and/or AP, IB, or AICE fine arts courses to raise the GPA.	Courses must include 16 credits of college preparatory academic courses. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 English (3 w/ substantial writing) • 4 Mathematics* (Algebra I and above) • 3 Natural Science (2 w/ substantial lab) • 3 Social Science • 2 Foreign Language (<u>in the same language</u>) <hr/> 16 Credits May use up to two additional credits from courses in the academic areas listed above and/or AP, IB, or AICE fine arts courses to raise the GPA.	Credits must include the 16 core credits required for high school graduation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 English • 4 Mathematics* (including Algebra I) • 3 Natural Science • 3 Social Science (Am. Hist., W. Hist., Am. Govt. & Economics) • 1 Fine Art • HOPE (2 credits in JROTC can substitute for Fine Art & HOPE) <hr/> 16 Credits Plus a minimum of three Vocational Job-Preparatory or Technology Education Program credits in one vocational program.																																							
<u>Community Service</u>	100 hours as approved by the district or private school	75 hours as approved by the district or private school	30 hours as approved by the district or private school																																							
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Click here for [Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholarship Information](#)

The Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars award (GSC) can only be used to fund a career education or certificate program. Upon completion of an associate in science degree program that articulates to a Bachelor of Science degree, a GSC Scholar may also receive an award for a maximum of 60 credit hours toward a Bachelor of Science degree program. Upon completion of an associate in applied science program, a GSC Scholar may also receive an award for a maximum of 60 credit hours toward a Bachelor of Applied Science degree program.

**CHECK THE FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES WEBSITE OFTEN FOR CHANGES AND UPDATES
WWW.FLORIDASTUDENTFINANCIALAID.ORG**

2018-2019 Award Amounts per Credit Hour Florida Bright Futures Scholarships

Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)		
Public Institutions	100% Tuition (Fall and Spring)	\$300 for additional expenses (Fall and Spring)
	receive an award during the summer sessions to cover tuition and applicable fees	
Non-Public Institutions	receive a comparable amount as noted in the Private Award Chart (click here)	
Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)		
Public Institutions	75% Tuition (Fall and Spring)	
	receive an award during the summer sessions to cover tuition and applicable fees	
Non-Public Institutions	Receive a comparable amount (click here)	

Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV) and Gold Seal CAPE Scholars (GSC)			
	Credit Hour Award		Clock Hour Award
	Semester	Quarter	
Career Certificate Program (PSAV)	\$39	\$26	\$1.30
Applied Technology Diploma Program (ATD)	\$39	\$26	\$1.30
Technical Degree Education Program (AS, AAS, CCC)	\$48	\$32	\$1.60
Bachelors of Science (BS)* Bachelors of Applied Science (BAS)*	\$48	\$32	
*GSC recipients who earn a qualifying A.S. or A.A.S. degree may receive an award toward a qualifying B.S. or B.A.S.			

Bright Futures Renewal Requirements

	Florida Academic Scholars Award	Florida Medallion Scholars Award	Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award
Minimum Cumulative GPA (unrounded & unweighted)	3.0*	2.75	2.75
Minimum Hours Required Per Term if funded Full Time (12+ hours)	12 semester** (earned hours)	12 semester** (earned hours)	12 semester** (earned hours)
Minimum Hours Required Per Term, if funded Three-quarter Time (9-11 hours)	9 semester** (earned hours)	9 semester** (earned hours)	9 semester** (earned hours)
Minimum Hours Required Per	6 semester**	6 semester**	6 semester**

Reduce Education Costs

- **Live at home.** College room and board can be expensive. Many students find they can save money by living at home and commuting to school. Check the housing requirements at the college you are planning to attend and plan accordingly.
- **Attend a two-year school, then transfer.** Tuition costs are usually much lower at two-year community colleges than at four-year schools. Many students find it economical to attend these schools for a year or two. They can then transfer most or all of the credits to a four-year school.
- **Take dual enrollment courses while you are in high school, where available.**
- **Take Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and/or AICE courses and pass the associated exams.**
- **Explore possibilities for financial assistance through the military.**
- **Get a summer or part-time job.** Summer jobs can provide valuable work experience and needed funds for college. Many students find they can manage part-time employment while going to school.
- **Take advantage of Tech Prep/Career Pathways opportunities for an Associate of Science degree at SCF or post-secondary training at MTC.**
- **Consider the College Level Examination Program (CLEP).** Check with your college admissions office for more information.
- **Complete your college degree early.** Some colleges and universities offer accelerated degree programs. Check with your post-secondary institution for more information.
- **Explore a unique program.** Many schools have programs designed to suit the needs of students who work full time or have family responsibilities. For example, they may offer part-time programs, on-line, correspondence, off-campus programs, or evening and weekend classes.

Some of these ways may not be as prestigious as receiving a scholarship or as easy as receiving a loan, but they have their own benefits. It may take longer to earn your degree, but you should consider the best path for reaching your educational goals. **What really matters is getting your education!**

Did you know ... More than 60% of financial aid comes in the form of student loans? Before you accept loans to help finance your education, be sure you understand:

The loan application procedure

The interest rate and total amount you will need to repay

Any additional fees you must pay

When you must begin repaying the loan

Any other special terms or conditions, such as deferments or grace periods

CAUTION!!

Loans for direct educational purposes can be cost effective. Be careful of incurring non-educational debt such as *credit cards*.

STATE COLLEGE OF FLORIDA & MANATEE TECHNICAL COLLEGE

IT'S A FACT Approximately 60% of Manatee County graduates continue their education locally!

FINANCIAL AID AT SCF

State College of Florida offers a wide variety of financial aid programs to help you finance your education. Some of the programs are:

- ❖ Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
- ❖ All scholarship programs offered by the State of Florida
- ❖ Florida Student Assistance Grant
- ❖ Florida Pre-Paid College Program
- ❖ SCF Scholarships based upon performance, academics, and athletics
- ❖ SCF Foundation Scholarships
- ❖ National and local organization scholarships
- ❖ Federal Pell Grant
- ❖ Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant
- ❖ Federal Work Study
- ❖ Federal Student Loan Programs

To apply for SCF scholarships, go to www.scffoundation.net and complete steps 1-3 as required for the Foundation. Even though academic scholarship awards may have been offered, the application will remain open throughout the year should additional funds be available. You must apply to SCF before you can complete the scholarship application.

To apply for need-based aid, complete the FAFSA. The FAFSA is available at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Be sure to list SCF so they will receive your information electronically. The SCF College Code is 001504.

If you have any financial aid questions, please contact the financial aid office at 752-5037. When you are visiting the campus, you can stop by the financial aid office in the Student Services Building.

Remember, the main advantage of attending SCF is that you are receiving an excellent education while living close to home and saving money.

FINANCIAL AID AT MTC

Manatee Technical College provides financial assistance to students to help them with their educational expenses. All students are encouraged to apply.

High school seniors planning to attend MTC should apply for the **MTC Career Skills Scholarship for seniors**. Applications may be obtained in February in your guidance office. MTC accepts the Bright Futures Scholarships.

Federal financial aid is offered at MTC. Students must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA) to determine if they qualify for those funds. MTC will submit your application electronically or you may apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Students can use Veteran Education Benefits at MTC.

Several agencies sponsor **students with specific needs**. These agencies include Career Source Florida for disadvantaged persons, dislocated workers and/or displaced homemakers; Vocational Rehabilitation; Workers' Compensation; the Farm Workers Education and Services Program, and others.

There are a number of scholarships offered by local clubs, organizations, private individuals, and hospitals. Scholarships are awarded to students based on financial need, commitment to the training program, and MTC's placement exam, Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE.) Check with the College and Career Advisor at your high school for the testing schedule.

FAFSA application is required to apply for in-house and outside scholarships, state grants and agency sponsorship.

MTC's mission is to meet and exceed our community's training and educational expectations. Helping those who are in financial need is the first step.

Contact: Pat Forsythe, Financial Aid Coordinator,
Manatee Technical College, 751-7900 Ext. 2176.
E-Mail: forsythep@manateeschools.net.

Visit www.fafsa.ed.gov to apply for Federal Financial Aid.

SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL AID WEBSITES

*** NEVER PAY MONEY TO GET MONEY ***

Websites below can be accessed at no charge. For those students who do not have Internet access at home, access is available in your high school media center or through the public library system.

www.collegenet.com	www.scholarshipopportunity.org/schoolsoup
www.fafsa.ed.gov	www.wiredscholar.com
www.fastweb.com	www.scholarshiphelp.org
www.ed.gov	www.actstudent.org
www.fldoe.org	www.collegeboard.org
www.hispanicfund.org	www.uncf.org
www.princetonreview.com	https://www.hsf.net/
https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/	https://www.eduinreview.com/Student-Scholarships/Find-Tuition
http://www.onlineschools.org/financial-aid/	http://formyourfuture.org/
www.blackexcel.org	https://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/
bestcolleges.com	www.studentloanfunding.com
https://bettermakerroom.org	https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/
http://unidosnow.org/	http://www.onlinecolleges.net/florida/

Check your high school website for additional links.

Financial Literacy

Financial planning is an important life skill.

Take some time to learn the basics so that you will not make poor financial decisions in college and in life.

www.JumpStart.org
www.FeedThePig.org
www.TheMint.org
www.CouncilForEconEd.org
www.360financialliteracy.org

FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST FOR SENIORS:

- Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA).
 - Complete the Florida Financial Aid Application form online.
 - Contact your post-secondary school's financial aid office to inquire about additional financial aid opportunities.
 - Visit your high school's website or guidance office to check on the availability of local scholarships. If you meet the criteria for any of the scholarships, pick up or download the applications. Pay close attention to details and due dates.
 - Research the internet for other private sector financial aid opportunities both in-state and nationwide.
 - After the FAFSA has been processed and you receive a copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR), check the SAR for any errors and make any necessary corrections.
 - Verify with post-secondary institutions that they have received a copy of all necessary paperwork.
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FOUR MYTHS ABOUT FINANCIAL AID

Myth #1:

Only those students who have earned a high grade point average (GPA) and/or college admission test scores will receive a scholarship, grant, or government loan.

Although there are some financial aid programs designed for these students, many financial aid sources include students with a wide range of talents, abilities, and past academic performance and financial need. Thus, there is something for which everyone may apply, regardless of the student's past performance.

Myth #2

If the student is qualified, the funds automatically appear and the student does not have to apply for financial aid.

If a student does not apply, the student will not receive scholarships or financial aid.

Myth #3

Deadline dates are the general dates of applications.

Scholarship sponsors adhere to the stated deadline, and it is rare for an application to be accepted after that time. Therefore, a student must apply within the time limit established by the sponsor. Scholarships are competitive, so missing a deadline will cost you money!

Myth #4

Scholarship applications can be completed in their entirety the day before they are due.

WRONG!!! Many applications require transcripts, essays, and/or letters of recommendation. Counselors and teachers need at least two-week's notice to prepare a good recommendation letter. Also, allow your registrar 10 days to prepare a transcript. Exact directions must be followed when completing scholarship applications.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

This list is based on the scholarships that were offered recently to Manatee County High School graduates. Scholarships and criteria can change from year to year. Each community organization gives scholarships at its own discretion. The school system rarely receives advance notice of what awards will be discontinued and what new awards will be made available. Seniors should check their high school guidance office and/or school's website weekly for an update on the latest scholarship offerings. The scholarships, grants and loans listed in this issue of Connections do not include the financial assistance designated for specific high schools. Students should contact their Counselor and/or use the resource materials in the guidance office for the most current information on these scholarship programs, including due dates.

Scholarship	Award Amount*	Criteria
Alfred V. & Annie Laurie Clark Award	\$300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to all graduating seniors • Overall 3.0 unweighted GPA • Social studies 3.0 GPA
Alpha Delta Kappa – Beta Tau Chapter	\$600	Pursue a vocation in teaching
Alpha Kappa Alpha	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.0 GPA or community service • African-American female
American Association of University Women	\$500- \$1000/year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.5 GPA • Female • Three reference letters • Two-year Manatee County resident • Copy of FAFSA
American Legion Auxiliary		• Requirements vary depending on the POST serving your school
Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce Business Scholarship	\$1000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.5 GPA • Participated in HS business courses • Essay & Recommendation Letter
Anna Maria Island Historical Society	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.5 GPA • Humanities/Social Sciences Major
Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolled in classes related to electronics, information systems, or computer technology • Financial need
Artist Guild of Anna Maria Island	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.0 GPA • Major in Fine Arts
Association for the Study of African-American Life and History (ASALH)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African-American Senior • 3.0 GPA • Demonstrate financial need
AXA Achievement Scholarship www.axa-achievement.com	\$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Citizen or legal resident • Recommended by adult professional
Bealls Foundation Scholarship	Full Tuition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.5 GPA • Financial need • Current or former member of Palmetto Youth Center
Bee Ridge Junior Woman's Club	\$750	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident of Manatee/Sarasota County • Three separate awards • Two letters of reference • Interview
Bradenton Ballet		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.0 GPA • One letter of reference • Major: Fine or Performing Arts
Bradenton Runners Club		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.0 GPA • Three letters of reference • Interview • Runner

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show financial need
Burger King Scholarship https://www.scholarsapply.org/burgerkingscholars/	\$1000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.5-3.5 GPA • Two letters of reference • Works 15 hrs/wk • Financial need
Butterflies & Dreams Book Club-African-American Students Book Award		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African-American Seniors • Enrolled in at least two college preparatory classes • 2.5 GPA
Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation www.Coca-colascholars.org	\$4,000-\$20,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community service activity • Leadership character • 3.0 GPA
David Logan Scholarship www.baynews9.com	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.5 GPA • Excellence in athletics/academics • Essay required
Delta Kappa Gamma		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.75 GPA • Female • Education major • Three letters of reference • Financial Need/FAFSA
Delta Sigma Theta Scholarship		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.5 GPA • Minority female • Application provided by Delta Sigma Theta
Democratic Women's Club of Manatee		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.5 GPA • Male or Female • Registered Democrat or child of • Essay required
Deputy Chief of Police		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High School Graduate • Planning to attend law enforcement program at MTC
Discover Card Tribute Award Scholarship (Juniors only)	\$2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students who excel in certain areas • Juniors with GPA at least 2.75
Dolphin Aviation Scholarship	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic achievement • Financial Need
Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship Award www.elks.org/enf/scholars	\$4,000-\$60,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 5% of the class • American citizen • Demonstrated leadership • Show financial need
Entre Nous Scholarship	Amount varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.0 GPA • Interview • Copy of FAFSA/Financial Need
Florida Association of Education Data Systems (FAEDS) www.faeds.org	\$2,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school or vocational school Senior OR college Freshman • Planning to major in computer science and/or information technology related field
Florida Association of Realtors	\$500-\$1500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essay Contest
Florida Chemical Society		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.0 GPA • African-American, Hispanic • Financial need • Native American students
Florida Engineering Society		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.5 GPA or 600 SAT or 29 ACT in Math • Enrollment in an accredited engineering program
Florida First Lady's Art Recognition Scholarship www.myflorida.com	\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fine Arts Major • Shows work (slides, video, audio)
Florida Hotel and Motel Association	\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.5 GPA or higher • Career in hospitality field • Technical or college • Two-year Florida resident • Three letters of reference

Florida Minerals & Chemistry Council	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.0 GPA • 1000 SAT / 21 ACT • Advanced Math & Sciences • Essay required
Florida Retired Educators Foundation Scholarship Fund for Prospective Teachers	\$500/ year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will teach in Florida
Florida Society of Colonial Dames (Anne Massey Scholarship)	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.0 GPA or higher • Four-year college only • Two letters of recommendation • Financial Need
Florida-Georgia Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation In Science, Mathematics, Engineering, & Technology		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.0 GPA or greater • Enrolled in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Computer Science, Environmental Sciences, Engineering • Attend FAMU
Gamma Rho of Alpha Delta Kappa		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Major • Attend SCF • 2.5 GPA • Financial need
Gamma Rho Zeta		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.0 GPA • Vocational School or College • African American
Gulf Coast Latin Chamber of Commerce	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.0 GPA • Hispanic student • Two letters of recommendation
Gulf Coast Italian Culture Society	\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essay on Italian Heritage • Two scholarships to be awarded
Hungarian-American Cultural Association, Inc. (Kossuth Club)	\$300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.0 GPA • Hungarian heritage • Essay • Two letters of recommendation
Kallins, Little & Delgado Attorneys Scholarship	\$1,000- \$3,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,000-\$3,000 Must be a senior
Kappa Alpha Psi	\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.0 GPA • Achievement in one: Athletics, Academics, Art, or Music • Black male
Links, Inc.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black female • Financial need
SCF Selby Scholarship www.selbyfdn.org		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.0 GPA minimum for last 3 years of high school • Currently attending an accredited high school in Manatee County • Enroll full time at SCF (fall) • Complete FAFSA • Demonstrate leadership qualities • Demonstrate need
SCF Excellence Award	Tuition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.0 GPA • Financial need
SCF Mathematics Scholarship	Tuition for 1 year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursue math major/related field • Competitive test
Manatee Community Foundation www.manatee.foundation.net	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolled at SCF • Over 30 scholarships available • Criteria varies
Manatee County Association of Educational Office Professionals	\$250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two HS business courses • Study business education
Manatee County Gator Club Scholarship	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.0 GPA • 1000 SAT/24 ACT • Attend University of Florida
Manatee County Independent Insurance Agents Association	\$750	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete scholarship application • One award per high school

Manatee County Medical Education Foundation	\$200-\$2,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPA 2.5 • Manatee County resident for at least two years • Health related major • Contact for application
Manatee County Retired Educators Association Scholarship	\$600	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursue a career in education • Financial need • Copy of FAFSA
Manatee Seminole Club	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend Florida State University
MTC-Career Skills Scholarship (one per program)	Tuition and fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend MTC • Demonstrate commitment to technical/vocational career goals
Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation https://www.mcsf.org/	Contact the foundation for award amount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Son/daughter of active/former Marine • Financial need
Military Officers Benevolent Corporation Scholarship	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.0 GPA • 21 ACT or 900 SAT • Must be a student whose legal guardian is on active duty or retired officer (or deceased)
National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution https://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships	\$1,000 - \$2,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good citizenship • Outstanding senior • Also available for non-DAR members
Omega Psi Phi	\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black male
Polish-American Scholarship		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.0 GPA • Polish heritage
SAE Engineering Undesignated Scholarships (multiple scholarships) http://students.sae.org/scholarships/freshman/	\$1,000-\$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enroll in an engineering program • US citizen (all scholarships) • Meet minimum GPA, SAT, ACT requirements (all scholarships) • Specific award amount varies according to scholarship received
SAE Engineering University-Sponsored Scholarships http://students.sae.org/scholarships/freshman/	\$400-full tuition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend a certain university (see website) and enroll in engineering program, if required • Specific award amount varies according to scholarship received • US citizen
Santiago Sanchez Hispanic Migrant Scholarship	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.0 GPA • Active Migrant • Two letters of recommendation
Sarasota Music Club Scholarship Program	\$750-\$1,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident of and attending high school in Sarasota/Manatee County • Major in a music/music education program
Sarasota/Manatee Jewish Federation Scholarship	\$500-\$2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academics • Jewish • Vocational or College • Community Service • Financial Aid (FAFSA or 1040)
Selby Scholarship www.selbyfdn.org	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any Manatee County graduate • Contact Financial Aid Director at your college
Sheridan E. Brown Memorial - Chorus of the Keys	\$600 - \$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major or minor in music • Male • Financial need
Simon Youth Foundation Community Scholarship	\$1500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academics • Financial need • Activities
Sons of Italy	\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.0 GPA • Financial Need • Italian Descent • SAT 1100/ACT 27 • FAFSA

Southern Scholarship Foundation https://www.southern scholarship.org/	Free room and reduced board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend FSU, UF, FAMU, FGCU, TCC, or Santa Fe Show financial need \$20,000 +/- average savings for students
St. Andrew Scottish Scholarship	\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proof of Scottish heritage Involved in activities Financial need
Suncoast Mummies String Band		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study music
Suncoast For Kids Scholarship manateeeducationfoundation.com	\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider scholastic ability and extra curricular activities Two letters of reference Financial Need Non-renewable 2 yr., 4 yr., or technical school
The Community Foundation of Sarasota		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seniors Must demonstrate financial need Community Service Demonstrate leadership potential High academic performance Work experience
Visual Aid Volunteers of Florida		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legally blind applicants and residents of Florida Complete application Essay and Recommendation Letter
Wagner Realty Scholarship		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Proof of college acceptance 3.0 GPA
Wal-Mart Community Scholars Award	\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic performance and community activities considered
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.0 GPA Essay required African-American

***If award amount is not listed, the amount is unknown. Contact the donor for more information.**



Check out the Manatee Community Foundation Website for an updated scholarship list. <http://www.manateecf.org/Scholarships.aspx>

DID YOU KNOW?

Most of your financial help will come from the Financial Aid Office at the school you plan to attend. Contact the Financial Aid Office at each post-secondary institution to which you apply, ASAP!!!

REMINDER: If you need an official transcript to complete your scholarship application, be sure to see your school's registrar at least 10 days in advance.

Services Provided **Free of Charge** by the Manatee County School District

- Access to Federal and State aid.
- Access to school-based aid at post-secondary schools.
- Access to private sector scholarships; both in-state and nationwide.
- Access to scholarships offered by the local community.
- Access to information to determine cost and to finance post-secondary education.

ATTENTION ATHLETES

Prospective college athletes interested in Division I and II sports are required to complete the initial eligibility certification process through the NCAA Eligibility Center. This certification process should be started early, preferably after the completion of the junior year.

Important: The student is responsible for completing all eligibility requirements!!!!

While college-bound athletes must complete 16 core courses in order to be eligible for athletic participation, there are rules based on the student-athlete's graduation year. Check <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/> for more information.



Avoid Scams

The minute money is requested, delete and sign off. Before releasing personal data for any reason, read the fine print. The "free" help might include you giving permission to release personal, confidential information to third parties. These companies can then legally misuse your information to con you out of money or pressure you to use their services for a hefty fee.

For information about financial aid scams and tips, check:

Department of Education's website at:

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/>

Federal Trade Commission's website at:

<https://www.ftc.gov/>

To check the legitimacy of scholarship search services, check the Better Business Bureau's website at:

<http://www.bbb.com/>



Seniors:

Do You Want FREE Money for College or Technical School?

Virtual Workshops to help you complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), hosted by the School District of Manatee County and *REACH Manatee*, are available on the following dates:

October 6	November 3
October 13	November 10
October 20	November 17
October 27	December 1

Online support any time from 6:00-8:00 pm

Have the Following Documents Ready:

- ✓ Social Security Number
- ✓ Driver License Number
- ✓ 2019W-2 forms and other records of money earned during that year
- ✓ 2019 Federal Income Tax Return
- ✓ Current business and investment mortgage information
- ✓ Business and farm records
- ✓ Stock, bonds, and other investment records
- ✓ Alien registration or permanent resident card (if you are not a U.S. citizen)



Please see the College and Career Advisor at your high school for more information or to register for one of the sessions.

Students can attend any of the virtual workshop dates. Log in any time between 6:00-8:00 pm for assistance.

Zoom Link:
ly.unidosnow.org/2020FAFSA.

Each year, more than \$2 billion in financial aid Pell Grants go unclaimed. To get this money for college, all students need to do is fill out the [FAFSA](#).

STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Throughout high school, you will frequently receive unsolicited mail offerings from regionally non-accredited post-secondary schools, recognition for profit companies, and scholarship searches. Frequently, agents of these programs will indicate that they talked with the school counselor or officials at the School Board. In Manatee County, we maintain a consistent approach to these programs, materials, and services. **We do not endorse or approve any service program or materials that charge students or parents a fee.** Please exercise caution and good judgment before making any commitments to these organizations that promise possible scholarships, college entrance, guarantees, or special recognition. Some of these programs are:

National Honor Roll	America's Outstanding Names and Faces
Personalities of the South	Exchange Program
Teen Beauty Pageants	College Scholarship Searches
Insurance Institutions	Fund Raisers
Who's Who	College Application/Admission Services
Regionally Non-Accredited Post-Secondary Institutions	National Society of High School Scholars

Some programs may be well established and seem to provide safe, guaranteed solutions to the complexities of college applications, financial aid and achieving high standardized test scores. A sales person for such programs may say that they will take care of all the paperwork, or that they will guarantee scholarship money for you. Even if you pay for a scholarship search, it will not uncover all sources of money for you. We urge you to please read any information carefully and exercise caution before you sign any agreement.

THE FACTS ARE:

- Colleges place no value on *recognition for profit programs* and publications in the admissions process.
- These are people and companies that make a living and a healthy profit from the fees they charge and merchandise they sell. All Manatee County high schools make college and scholarship information available to students at no cost.
- Seniors seeking athletic scholarships should work closely with their coach and athletic director.
- Your School Counselor is the best source for assistance.



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