



MHS Juniors – Class of 2022 – Plan for your future!

Juniors should begin planning *now* for their future. What type of post-secondary education is right for you? What career path interests you? What education is needed for that career?

Students have many options and should begin researching and planning during their junior year. This allows students to take the right steps to achieve their goals.



Post-Secondary Options:

4-year college or University

Students planning to apply to a 4-year college or university must research the admissions criteria for each school. Visit the college websites to learn about admission criteria, deadlines, majors offered, size, location, student life and cost of attendance. Students should be prepared to submit applications to 4-year colleges/universities at the beginning of their senior year. It's recommended to apply to 4-6 colleges so that students have options. Students are strongly encouraged to visit their top choices before senior year.

State Colleges/Community Colleges

Many students decide to attend a state or community college like State College of Florida. State colleges award Associate of Arts (AA) degrees, Associate of Science (AS) degrees and many offer a limited number of 4-year Bachelor's degrees. The AA degree is a pathway to then transfer to a 4-year university to obtain a Bachelor's degree. This is called the "2+2" program. AS degrees are designed to provide technical skills to move in to a career.

Technical College

Technical colleges, like Manatee Technical College, train students for a variety of career fields such as automotive service technology, carpentry, cosmetology, dental assisting, nursing assistant and digital design. Many of these programs can be completed in less than one year.



Military

Serving our country in the armed forces is also an option for high school graduates. Whether it's the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard, students interested should talk with recruiters and understand the criteria and commitment to enlist. The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test is required for students interested in the military and may be offered in the spring.



Junior year is the time to research your options!



Comparison Chart

(Updated 8/28/2020)

H.S. Graduation Requirements	FL (SUS) Requirements (State University System)	FL Bright Futures Scholarship
<p>GPA = 2.0 Unweighted</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Credits:</u></p> <p>4 - English 4 - Math (1 - Algebra 1) (1 - Geometry)</p> <p>3 - Natural Science (1 - Biology)</p> <p>3 - Social Science (1 - World History) (1 - US History) (1/2 US Govt - 1/2 Econ)</p> <p>000 - World Language None</p> <p>1 - Fine / Performing / Practical Art 1 - Physical Education (1/2 Personal Fitness - 1/2 PE)</p> <p>1 - Online Course 8 - Elective Credits</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Testing:</u></p> <p>Pass Algebra 1 EOC Pass Gr 10 ELA Take: Biology, Geometry, US History EOC's (These count as 30% of final grade.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Community Service Hours:</u></p> <p>None</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>For More Information:</u> www.manateeschools.net/manatee</p>	<p>GPA = See handout</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Credits:</u></p> <p>4 - English 4 - Math (Algebra 1 and Higher)</p> <p>3 - Natural Science</p> <p>3 - Social Science</p> <p>2 - World Language *Same Language *3 Preferred</p> <p>2 - Academic Electives</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Testing:</u></p> <p>ACT = See handout SAT = See handout</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Community Service Hours:</u></p> <p>None - Looks good on applications</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>For More Information:</u> http://www.flbog.edu/</p>	<p>GPA: Academic = 3.5 Weighted Medallion = 3.0 Weighted Gold Seal = 3.0 wtd / 3.5 Voc</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Credits:</u></p> <p>4 - English 4 - Math (Algebra 1 and Higher)</p> <p>3 - Natural Science</p> <p>3 - Social Science</p> <p>2 - World Language *Same Language</p> <p>A/M: 2 - Academic Electives GS: 3 - In a single vocational program</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Testing:</u></p> <p>Academic: ACT = 29, SAT = 1330 (R/M) Medallion: ACT = 25, SAT = 1210 (R/M)</p> <p>Gold Seal: See website</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Community Service Hours:</u></p> <p>Academic = 100 hours Medallion = 75 hours Gold Seal = 30 hours</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>For More Information:</u> http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/</p>

***GPA's are never rounded

*** Information in the chart may change with legislative updates



Checklist for Juniors

FALL 2020

1. Visit the Class of 2022 Schoology page weekly. (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. Explore colleges. Research schools that offer your intended major – try using the College Board Big Future site to research colleges – www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org
3. Take the most rigorous courses in which you can be successful. Doing so will show colleges that you can compete on a college level and will prepare you for college or career options.
4. "Attend" the **MHS Financial Aid Information Presentation** (this will be a virtual presentation, date TBD) for details on how/when to apply for financial aid. It's important that you/your family plan for college costs and understand financial aid as you begin your college search.
5. If possible, take leadership roles in clubs, activities and other volunteer and service organizations.
6. Take the PSAT in **October 2020** (date/location/registration details TBD). It is excellent practice and can help guide your preparation for the SAT. To learn more about the PSAT, go to www.collegeboard.org.
7. **Register to take the SAT and ACT** in December/January/February and throughout the spring. Fee waivers are available for qualifying students. We recommend students take both tests once to see how you score on each. Use those results to determine which test to take again to improve your scores. Most students take these tests 2-3 times, starting second semester of junior year.
8. Check your Florida Bright Futures status -are you on track to earn the scholarship? Go to www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf to see requirements.

WINTER/SPRING

1. **Take the SAT and/or ACT.** Prepare for the tests. Check out free, on-line practice from College Board and ACT.
2. Review the MHS **College Night for Juniors** presentation to learn more about what you can do *now* to prepare for college. The date and format of this event is **TBD** in January 2021.
3. Explore volunteer work or internship opportunities within your community. In addition to being a rewarding experience, it shows college admissions offices your commitment to your community.
4. Continue to **research prospective colleges**. Learn about their admissions requirements and application deadlines.
5. Consider AP, honors and/or dual enrollment classes when registering for your senior year classes. It's important to **keep up the rigor of your curriculum** in your senior year.
6. Begin creating your college resume – including all your high school achievements (clubs, sports, honors, etc.) The CCC has a form that can help.
7. **Visit college campuses – in person or virtually.** Take an "official" campus tour to learn more about the school and what they offer. Many colleges are hosting virtual open houses/admission information sessions.

SUMMER

1. **Visit colleges.** Sign up on their websites for an "official" visit – whether in person or virtual.
2. **Prepare your resume** - all activities, clubs, sports, work, honors, volunteer service, etc. that you've done in high school. This information will be needed as part of the college applications.
3. Begin writing your **college essay**. Check the websites of the colleges you are interested in to see what their essay questions are. The essay allows you to tell the college about yourself. A great essay will present a personal and compelling view of you to the admissions staff.

Florida Public University Information 2020

College	Mid Range GPA	Mid Range SAT (1600 scale)	Mid Range ACT	Fall 2021 Deadline(priority*)
FAMU Florida A&M	3.67	1100	22	Nov. 1 (Nov. 1) March 1
FAU Florida Atlantic	3.62-4.24	1110-1260	23-29	Feb. 15 (Dec.1) Apr. 15
FGCU Florida Gulf Coast	3.51-4.26	1080-1230	21-26	Nov. 1 (Nov.1) Mar. 1
FIU Florida International	4.0-4.6	1240-1360	26-31	Apr. 1(Jan. 15)
FLPOLY Florida Polytechnic	3.9-4.6	1280-1400	26-32	Nov. 1 (Nov. 1) Apr. 1
FSU Florida State	4.1-4.5	1290-1410	29-32	<u>Dec. 1</u> (Dec. 1) Mar. 1
NCF New College	3.73-4.33	1150-1340	24-30	Dec. 1 (Nov. 1) July 1
UCF U of Central Florida	3.96-4.46	1250-1370	26-30	May 1 (Dec. 1)
UF U of Florida	4.4-4.6	1340-1480	30-33	<u>November 1</u>
UNF U of North Florida	4.0-4.5	1200-1320	25-28	July 1 (Oct. 15)
USF U of South Florida	4.1-4.4	1270-1340	28-30	Nov. 1 (Jan.15) Mar.1
UWF U of West Florida	3.9	1173	25	Dec. 1 (Jan. 1) June 1

Mid Ranges are for Fall 2020 Accepted Students

** **priority for aid and scholarships***

Additional admission details available on the MHS College and Career Center webpage – under “Applying to College”

This information is subject to change. Always check the school website for updates and changes!

DON'T MISS DEADLINES! APPLY EARLY!



SCF Equals Success

Whether you're seeking to earn a career-ready degree or make a smooth transition to a university at substantial savings, State College of Florida provides welcoming campuses, high-quality programs and exceptional professors to help you reach your goals, affordably. Genius!



Why SCF

- Low tuition and financial aid available. Tuition and fees are about 50% less than Florida state universities.
- Classes available days, evenings, Saturdays and online.
- Small class sizes with an average of 22 students per class.
- Work closely with students to determine an Area of Interest based on personal interests, knowledge, skills and abilities.
- Guide students in identifying and preparing for careers that match their chosen program of study.
- More than 40 student organizations and clubs.
- 96% of A.S./A.A.S. graduates have a job in their field or are continuing their education.
- Wide variety of programs and degrees.
- Cutting-edge bachelor's degrees with courses specific to today's workforce demands
- Yellow Ribbon candidates welcome at our Military-Friendly School.
- Pass rates on certification exams for our health profession graduates exceed national and state averages.
- 82% of A.A. graduates go on to a bachelor's degree. Transfer students maintain high grade point averages at state universities in Florida and beyond.
- First and largest public college in the region.

Associate in Arts -This curriculum classification is for students who, upon graduation from SCF, transfer to a public or private college/university to earn a bachelor's degree in a specific area of study. Many areas of study are available at Florida public and selected private colleges/universities for which students may prepare while completing the A.A. degree at SCF. Academic advisors are available to assist with program planning so that the proper academic program prerequisites are taken before successful transfer to the university/college from SCF.

Associate in Science -SCF's Associate in Science Degree and Certificate programs provide practical training and critical thinking skills to help you succeed today and advance tomorrow. Pathways include Accounting Technology, Art, Biotechnology, Business, Computer Science, Construction Management, Criminal Justice, Dental Hygiene, Digital Cinema/Photography, Early Childhood Education, Engineering Technology, Business Entrepreneurship, Graphic Design, Nursing A.S., Occupational Therapy Assistant, Paralegal/Legal Assisting, Physical Therapist Assistant and Radiography.

LEARN MORE ABOUT SCF AT SCF.EDU

Manatee Technical College
(MTC)
www.manateetech.edu



Did you know:

- That over 70% of all jobs require some kind of technical skill?
- That with some technical careers you can earn more than college graduates?
- That there are employers for these careers right here in Manatee County?

At **Manatee Technical College** students can train for secure, high paying careers in a variety of fields. MTC offers short courses, one- and two-year programs, and apprenticeships. Ideal for those who want a “**career in year**,” the majority of the programs can be completed in six to twelve months. Students may attend on a full- or part-time basis, and many classes are available day and evening. Financial aid is available to qualified applicants.

In order to attend MTC, students *may* need to take the Basic Skills Assessment Test required by the State of Florida. For testing schedules, call 941.751.7900(Main Campus) and 941.752.8100(East Campus)

Some of the Career Prep programs offered at MTC are:

Architecture & Construction
Arts, A/V Technology & Communication
Business, Management & Administration
Education & Training
Health Science
Hospitality & Tourism
IT/Computer Career Gateways
Law, Public Safety & Security
Manufacturing
Marketing, Sales & Services
Human Services (Fusion Salon & Spa)
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

The Main Campus is a new state-of-the-art facility located at State Road 70 East in Bradenton. This 210,000 square foot facility is home to the career technical programs that were previously located at the original campus on 34th Street.

The East Campus, located at 5520 Lakewood Ranch Boulevard offers comprehensive training programs in Health Occupations, Law Enforcement and Fire Science.

Big Future <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

Part of the College Board website, Big Future is a college research and planning tool that you can use throughout high school. Some of the key features include:

- * Find Colleges - type in the name of a school and see information about size, location, majors, cost of attendance and more. Always link to the school website for the most current and accurate information.
- * College Search - answers questions about what you want in a college, like location, major, etc. and see a list of schools that match. This gives you a starting point to research the schools further.
- * Explore Careers - information on college majors and careers
- * Pay for College - information on various types of financial aid
- * Make a Plan - set goals for yourself!

There is a lot of great information on this site to help you understand more about colleges, including videos from students and professionals.

Create an account today! If you have already created a College Board account (user name and password), then you can log in to College Board and click on Big Future to access all this information.

Class of 2022 Schoology Page

Check the Updates on the left side of page for news/events/information

Opportunity Board

Be sure to check the Opportunity Board often for the latest College and Career Center news and information. Located in the hallway between the cafeteria and Media Center, the Opportunity Board is where we post:

- * college visits
- * scholarship opportunities
- * SAT/ACT test date reminders
- * college info
- * summer enrichment programs



Manatee High School Website

The College and Career Center page on the MHS website provides college planning information to students and parents. We will post college news, important dates, checklists, and the scholarship list. Be sure to visit the site often to stay up-to-date on College and Career news. Guidance also has a page on the website with information about class selection and Dual Enrollment.

The site is <https://www.manateeschools.net/manatee>. Click on the "Academics" tab, then on "College and Career Center" or "Guidance".

Dual Enrollment Opportunities 2020-2021 :

Dual Enrollment updates for the 2021-2022 school year have not been released yet. When released, updates will be posted on the MHS website under Dual Enrollment. There will be a mandatory Dual Enrollment meeting 2nd semester for students wanting to Dual Enroll for their senior year.

I. Dual Enrollment at SCF – Students must qualify and have their own transportation.

	Dual Enrollment (Part Time)	Early Admissions (GR 12 only) (Full Time)
Credit Requirement	10 HS credits including 2 in math and 2 in English	18 HS credits. 2 in math (Alg/Geo or higher) and 2 in English
GPA Requirement	3.0 unweighted	3.0 unweighted
SAT Test Scores	R=24 and W=24, M=27	R=24 and W=24, M=27
ACT Test Scores	R=19 and E=17, M=20	R=19 and E=17, M=20
PERT Scores	R=106 and W=103, M=123	R=106 and W=103, M=123

1. Students meet with their MHS counselor for eligibility determination/advisement.

** Students must be on target for HS Graduation.

2. If a student qualifies:

- A. Must complete the SCF Early College Application online (1st time only SCF students).
- B. Fill out the MCSD Contract for Early College/Dual Enrollment Programs.
- C. Fill out the SCF Early College Approval Form.
- D. Return forms from B. and C. to your counselor.

II. Dual Enrollment on MHS Campus Through USFSM – Students must qualify.

	Dual Enrollment (Part Time)
HS Credit Requirement	2 in English, 2 in math, 1 in science and 1 in social studies
GPA Requirement	3.5 weighted CORE gpa
SAT Test Scores	Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing=560, M=530, **M=570
ACT Test Scores	R=21 and E=21, M=21, **M=24
PERT Scores	R=106 and W=103, M=123 (For MAC 1147 – Students need ACT/SAT)

Courses offered: ENC 1101/1102, AMH 2010/2020, MAC 1105/ STA 2023, and **MAC 1147.

Course offerings are based on student requests.

1. Students meet with their MHS counselor for eligibility determination/advisement.

2. If a student qualifies:

- A. Must complete the USFSM application online (1st time only USFSM students).
- B. Fill out the MCSD Contract for Early College/Dual Enrollment Programs.
- C. Fill out the USFSM Dual Enrollment Approval Form.
- D. Returns forms from B. and C. to their counselor.

III. Dual Enrollment at Manatee Technical College - Students must qualify, be willing to complete all/some of their high school courses online (if needed) through FLVS/MVS and have their own transportation.

SAT and ACT Tests

Students must **register on line** to take the SAT and/or ACT. Students create an account and follow the directions to register for a test. There are registration deadlines, so plan ahead. Students must also upload a photo as part of the registration. Your SAT and/or ACT account is also where you will check for your scores. Scores typically are available three weeks after the test. Be aware of registration deadlines.

Be sure to PREPARE for these college entrance exams! Don't just walk in on that Saturday morning and hope for the best. Students should study for these tests just like the preparation for any test. Carve out time each week to take practice tests, review study guides, quiz yourself on vocabulary, review math concepts, etc.

Fee Waivers

Fee Waivers for the SAT and ACT tests are available from school counselors for qualified students. Students may use the fee waiver for 2 SAT tests and 4 ACT tests. SAT – once you use the initial waiver, the second waiver will automatically post on your College Board account. ACT – see counselor for waivers.

PRACTICE! PRACTICE! PRACTICE!

SAT

The College Board has partnered with **Khan Academy** to provide free, online, personalized prep to help students improve their SAT scores.

Go to <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat> to learn more and to create your account.

- Personalized to you
 - We'll create a tailored practice plan for you based on a diagnostic or your SAT or PSAT/NMSQT® scores
- Official
 - 8 full-length, real practice tests and content created in partnership with College Board
- Interactive
 - Thousands of practice questions, videos, lessons, and hints plus study and test-taking tips and strategies
- Instant
 - Get constant feedback and progress so you know where you stand

ACT

ACT provides free, online, personalized practice with **ACT Academy**.

Go to <https://academy.act.org> to learn more and create your account.

- All the best resources
 - We want you to be able to get the best resources, no matter what subject or publisher. One publisher might cover math really well, while another is better at teaching science.
- More than videos
 - It's important that concepts are presented to you in a variety of ways, not just one type of video. Today you might listen to a rap song, tomorrow you might be playing a game on the same topic!
- Personalized for you
 - Sit back, relax, and let us automatically pick the exact resources you need to help you prepare for the exam, based on your score.

SAT TEST DATES FOR 2020-2021

\$52.00 – no essay/\$68.00 - with essay

(Essay required for some colleges – check each college for their requirements)

REGISTER ONLINE AT www.collegeboard.org

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline(phone/online)</u>
Aug. 29	July 31	Aug. 18(<i>no late fee</i>)
Sept. 26	Aug. 26	Sept. 15
Oct. 3	Sept. 4	Sept. 22
Nov. 7	Oct. 7	Oct. 27
Dec. 5	Nov. 5	Nov. 24
March 13	Feb. 12	March 2
May 8	April 8	Apr. 27
June 5	May 6	May 26

Go to the College Board website for updates, changes and to register

ACT TEST DATES FOR 2020-2021

\$55.00 – no writing/\$70.00 - with writing section

(Writing section required for some colleges- check each college for their requirements)

REGISTER ONLINE AT www.actstudent.org

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>
Sept. 12	Aug. 14	Aug. 28
Sept. 13 (Sunday)	Aug. 14	Aug. 28
Sept. 19	Aug. 14	Aug. 28
Oct. 10	Sept. 17	Sept. 25
Oct. 17	Sept. 17	Sept. 25
Oct. 24	Sept. 17	Sept. 25
Oct. 25 (Sunday)	Sept. 17	Sept. 25
Dec. 12	Nov. 6	Nov. 20
Feb. 6	Jan. 8	Jan. 15
Apr. 17	March 12	March 26
June 12	May 7	May 21
July 17	June 18	June 25

Go to the ACT website for updates, changes and to register

NOTE: Not all test centers are available on all dates. Test centers may be forced to close for health/safety. Refer to above websites for details on their test cancellation policies/details.

BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Scholarship Name	Florida Academic Scholars Award (FAS)	Florida Medallion Scholars Award (FMS)	Florida Gold Seal Vocational Award (GSV) Funding is only allowed for enrollment in vocational diplomas, degrees, or certificates.
Grade Point Average (GPA)	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 weighted GPA using the 16 core credits required for high school graduation (listed below) and a 3.5 unweighted GPA in a minimum of three vocational credits within one program
Required Credits	Courses must include 16 credits of college preparatory academic courses. 4 English 4 Mathematics (Algebra 1 and higher) 3 Natural Science 3 Social Science 2 Foreign Language (in the same language) 16 Credits May use up to two additional credits from courses in the academic areas listed above to raise the GPA.	Courses must include 16 credits of college preparatory academic courses. 4 English 4 Mathematics (Algebra 1 and higher) 3 Natural Science 3 Social Science 2 Foreign Language (in the same language) 16 Credits May use up to two additional credits from courses in the academic areas listed above to raise the GPA.	Courses must include the 16 core credits required for high school graduation. 4 English 4 Mathematics (including Algebra 1) 3 Natural Science 3 Social Studies (US Hist, World Hist, US Govt. & Economics) 1 Fine or Performing Art 1 HOPE 16 Credits Plus a minimum of three Vocational Job-Preparatory or Technology Education Program
Community Service	100 hours	75 hours	30 hours
Test Scores	Best combined score of 1330 SAT Reasoning Test (Critical Reading & Math sections only) <i>or</i> Best composite score of 29 ACT (excluding writing section)	Best combined score of 1210 SAT Reasoning Test (Critical Reading & Math sections only) <i>or</i> Best composite score of 25 ACT (excluding writing section)	PERT: Reading 106 Writing 103 Math 114 SAT: Reading 24 Math 24 W & Lang 25 ACT: English 17 Reading 19 Math 19

Eligibility requirements are subject to change pending legislative action with regard to criteria and funding. For more information, visit the Bright Futures web site at www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf.

Community Service Hours

Remember: Community Service Hours are NOT a requirement for graduation. They are, however, a requirement for the Bright Futures Scholarship. The community service requirements for Bright Futures are: 100 hours for the Florida Academic Scholarship, 75 hours for the Florida Medallion Scholarship, and 30 hours for the Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship.


The required forms and instructions for documenting community service hours for Bright Futures can be found on the Manatee High School website under “Parents and Students” and “Community Service Procedures.”

Letters of Recommendation

There may be times when you might be asked for a letter of recommendation. The best place to start is with your teachers, past or present. Your teachers know you best, especially in regard to work ethic, time management skills, how well you work with others, special contributions/strengths, etc. There may be times when you are asked specifically for a letter of recommendation from your counselor. Whoever you ask, ask them in person and please give them 2 weeks notice. You will also need to provide a copy of who the letter is for, who it should be mailed to, give them a copy of your high school resume, and for Guidance we have an additional form we may ask you to fill out.

How to Schedule an Appointment with Your School Counselor

1. Come to the Guidance Office to pick up a Request for Guidance Appointment form.
2. Fill out both sides completely, especially your teachers’ names and room numbers.
There is a sheet in Guidance that has all the teachers’ room numbers on it.
3. Put the form in the box that is outside your counselor’s office.

Request for Guidance Appointment		
(Fill Out Both Columns) 		Student: _____
Student Name: _____	Grade: _____	Period
Counselor: _____	Date: _____	Teacher Name
Reason for Request: Personal _____ Academic _____		Room #
Please explain (Be specific): _____		1
		2
		3
		4
		5
		6
		7

HELPFUL WEBSITES

College and Career Websites

www.collegeboard.org – SAT test info, college exploration and planning

www.actstudent.org – ACT test info, college exploration and planning

<https://www.manateeschools.net/manatee> – The MHS website

<http://knowhow2go.acenet.edu/> – college planning

<https://campustours.com/> – virtual campus tours and facts

<http://www.careers.org/> – career exploration

<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/> - Occupational Outlook handbook from the Bureau of Labor Statistics

SAT/ACT Test Prep Websites

<https://www.khanacademy.org/sat> - College Board practice site

<https://academy.act.org/> - ACT practice site

http://www.testprepreview.com/sat_practice.htm

<http://www.4tests.com/exams/examdetail.asp?eid=6>

<http://www.proprofs.com/sat/exams/practice-tests.shtml>

College Board Opportunity Scholarship – A Clearer Path To College



The College Board Opportunity Scholarships guide you through the college planning process and offer you a chance to earn money for college for each action you complete. 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. JUNIORS CAN JOIN THIS PROGRAM IN DECEMBER 2020!

Complete each action for a chance to earn scholarships:

1. Build Your College List: \$500
2. Practice for the SAT: \$1,000
3. Improve Your Score: \$2,000
4. Strengthen Your College List: \$500
5. Complete the FAFSA: \$1,000
6. Apply to Colleges: \$1,000
7. Complete Your Journey: \$40,000



Learn more about your scholarship eligibility at cb.org/opportunity

Paying For College

While most scholarships and financial aid applications cannot be completed until senior year, take time to understand the different sources of financial aid so that you are prepared for next year.

1 Federal Aid -- FAFSA

Complete the **FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid** at www.FAFSA.gov. The FAFSA is the *key* to federal grants (like the Pell Grant), federally-backed student loans and work study. It is need-based aid. You can apply **OCTOBER of your senior year**. You will need federal tax information or tax returns. See the FAFSA website for details.

We encourage *all* families to complete the FAFSA even if you think you won't qualify, since colleges and many scholarships use information from the FAFSA to determine if you are eligible for their aid.

It's important to complete the FAFSA in October of senior year – be aware of deadlines each college may have.

2 State Aid – Florida Student Financial Aid

Seniors must complete the Florida Student Financial Aid application to be eligible for state aid, including **Florida Bright Futures**. Bright Futures provides scholarship money for students who will attend college in Florida. It is merit-based aid - eligibility is based on GPA, SAT/ACT scores **and** community service hours.

Seniors must apply between October 1 and graduation to be eligible. Go to www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/ssfad/bf/ to apply. It's important that you know and understand the eligibility requirements!

All students should apply-- even if they are not sure if they will qualify, if they are not considering going to college, are planning to go out of state, are taking a year off or are enlisting in the military. There are state grants in addition to Bright Futures for which you may be eligible. See details of eligibility requirements on the above website.

3 Institutional Aid

Check for scholarships at the college you will attend. Many offer scholarships through their financial aid office. Students may need to submit separate applications. Also, ask the specific department of the major you will be seeking to see if they offer any scholarships. Scholarships may be need-based and/or merit-based.

4 Private Scholarships

There are many national and local organizations that offer scholarships. Some are specific to a major, an ethnicity or require certain GPA/test scores, so students need to read each carefully for the eligibility requirements.

The College and Career Center at Manatee High School maintains a list of scholarship opportunities that is posted on the school website (<https://www.manateeschools.net/manatee>) – click on “Academics” then “College and Career Center” to see the link.