## **Financial Aid Process**

- Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) <u>as soon as possible after October 1, 2021</u>. This application is available at <u>www.fasfa.ed.gov</u> and is the only application that must be completed for students to be considered for all federal and state level financial assistance which can include the following:
  - ✓ Federal Pell Grant
  - ✓ Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
  - ✓ Federal Work Study Program
  - ✓ Stafford Loans
  - ✓ Perkins Loans
  - ✓ Access to Better Learning Grant (Florida)
  - ✓ Florida Student Assistance Grant



- If students and families need assistance with completing the FASFA, they should attend one of the <u>FASFA</u>
  <u>Workshops to be held via Zoom</u>. Experts will be available to help families complete the FAFSA. See flyer on
  next page for more details. To register, please speak with Mr. Acevedo in Room 610.
- 3. Complete the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA). This application is available online between October 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>. This application found online at <a href="www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org">www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org</a> must be completed to be considered for the Bright Futures Scholarship Program and a few additional grant programs administered through the State of Florida. Please refer to the <a href="Bright Futures Handbook">Bright Futures Handbook</a>.
- 4. Apply for any and all scholarships you may be eligible for. Scholarships generally fall into four categories:
  - a) Bright Futures (see page 9 for eligibility criteria).
  - b) National level scholarship programs which can be researched through various online searches.
  - c) State and local level scholarships advertised through Mr. Acevedo's office. A current scholarship list is updated as often as needed and posted on the LRHS Website. All students interested in scholarships should be checking this list frequently.
  - d) Scholarships and grant programs administered by the Financial Aid Office at the school students are planning to attend. Students should check with the financial aid office directly to verify if there are additional applications that need submitted and if there are deadlines that must be met.

## **Test Score Reporting**

Only official scores that are pulled from the test repository will be used. To get the scores into the repository, students need to request their official test scores be sent to one of Florida's 12 state universities when registering for the ACT or SAT. The demographic information and SAT/ACT registration must match exactly, or scores won't be loaded.