



SENIORS– CLASS OF 2024

Congratulations, you are now a SENIOR!! Now is the time to determine your plans for after high school and to take the steps to achieve these goals.

COLLEGE PREPARATION

Consider what your options are and make a plan:

2 year college, 4 year college/university, Technical school or military

All of these are great options, decide which step is best for YOU. Figure out what is needed to get to the next level.

SAT/ACT Testing

Visit the websites, collegeboard.org (SAT) or act.org (ACT) to find test dates for the fall and sign up for at least 1 test. You will need these scores for your applications. These dates will also be on the BR College and Career page of the website.

Manatee County Senior Handbook

The county has created this handbook to help you through your senior year. Please follow the link to get important information to make your senior year a *great success*.

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Applying for college

Most 4-year college/university applications are due in the fall (Oct. or Nov). **BE AWARE OF DEADLINES!** You will need to check with each school to see when their applications are due. Most schools use Common App. (one universal application for many schools) Be sure your school accepts this application. Common App is great if you are applying to multiple schools.

Interested in MTC or SCF??

These school start taking applications in late fall, early spring. We will have application workshops here at school for both colleges. You can visit each website to get specific admissions information. SCF.edu or Manateetech.edu

COLLEGE AID

Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

The FAFSA opens **December, 1st**. The sooner the application is completed the better. **ALL** seniors should complete the FAFSA to determine if you are eligible for federal aid. Aid is based on family income, not grades or test scores. You **MUST** have a FAFSA on file to receive certain scholarships and money from many colleges and universities.

We will discuss FAFSA often this year. We will have online and in-person workshops to help you complete the FAFSA. The dates and time will be posted. Please reach out if you need help with this.

CREATE your FSA ID

The 1st step to applying : You and a parent/guardian must create an FSA ID to complete the FAFSA application. Get a head start on this and do it ASAP. Save the information because you will use it year after year. <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>

A step-by-step video will be posted on our schoology page.

Complete the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)

This application includes BRIGHT FUTURES and other state scholarships. This application opens on 10/1. All requirements must be completed by the time of graduation., but you can apply before you meet all requirements.

<https://Floridastudentfinancialaid.org>

Private scholarships

Apply for as many scholarships as you can. I will post them to our website and to schoology as frequently as I receive them. Fastweb.com is also a good resource. So much money goes un-used. **APPLY!!!**

Billions of \$\$ in scholarships and aid go unclaimed!!!!

LET US HELP YOU!

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Check out our page on the BR website

Watch for regular posts and updates to the Class of 2024 schoology page

Contact your school counselor

