

SENIOR FINANCIAL AID AND COLLEGE TIMELINES



August 2017 AND ON – If you have not taken the ACT & SAT Tests, register at www.actstudent.org and www.collegeboard.com (it will take you about an hour to do so at each site). Fee waivers are available if you are on the Free & Reduced Lunch Program. See Mrs. Whisenant.

September 2017– Verify your Florida Bright Futures eligibility and transcript by logging onto www.floridshines.org (YOU MUST HAVE YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER TO DO THIS). **Submit ALL admission applications, SAT/ACT Test scores, and transcripts to colleges.** Fee waivers are available for college applications fees if a student received an ACT or SAT fee waiver. See Mrs. Whisenant.

October 2017 – All seniors will NEED to complete the 2018-2019 Florida Financial Aid Application (FAFSA), which is required for all colleges and the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship. If a senior has completed the application, they will need to have a printed confirmation with their log in and password. Complete the 2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid at www.fafsa.gov using 2016 tax information.

November 2017 –Continue to complete scholarship applications-). Help meeting times will be at open labs. Please **PAY ATTENTION TO DEADLINES.** Register to take the ASVAB Test if you are planning to go into the Military. See Mrs. Whisenant.

December 2017 – View your financial aid awards status on the college website where you have been accepted. Apply for scholarships at the college where you have been accepted. Continue to complete scholarship applications. **Please PAY ATTENTION TO DEADLINES.**

January 2018 – Complete the CVS Local Scholarship Application available on the CVS website under “Senior Stuff” as well as other scholarships you may find out about. **Please PAY ATTENTION TO DEADLINES.**

February 2018 – Make sure you have submitted your volunteer hours to Mrs. Eastman on the Volunteers sheet you can download from our website under “Senior Stuff” and ALWAYS keep a copy for yourself. Verify your Florida Bright Futures eligibility and transcript by logging onto www.floridshines.org. Notify the college you have been accepted to and will attend that you are going to be a student there. Also, let the other colleges know if you were accepted to ATTEND and you are not going there, so they can accept other students on their deferred list. Accept financial aid from the college you are planning to attend by logging onto their financial aid website. Notify the Florida Department of Education Office of Student Financial Assistance if you are planning to attend a different college than what you listed on your initial application in October. This can be completed by logging into the Florida Bright Futures website and following the printed instructions given in October when you applied. You should be **DONE** planning for next year by the end of February 2018. Decisions should be made and all paperwork should be completed for you to start your next wonderful, EXCITING step in life. 😊

FINANCIAL AID FOR SENIORS

2017-2018



FEDERAL AID – All federal aid is generated by completing a FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid. You may complete a 2018-2019 FAFSA after October 1, 2017 using your 2016 tax information. ALL STUDENTS SHOULD COMPLETE A FAFSA REGARDLESS OF THEIR PARENTS INCOME. You can apply at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

STATE – All seniors will complete the Florida Financial Aid Application, FFAA, through one of their senior classes in October. Community service hours are required to receive state aid (Found on our website under “Senior Stuff”). Florida Bright Futures is one of the financial aid programs offered in Florida. You may read more about the programs at www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org.

LOCAL – The CVS Local Scholarship Application(s) will be available on our website under “Senior Stuff” starting in December. The deadline is usually the end of February and is printed on the application.

SCHOLARSHIPS – All new scholarship applications received by CVS are duplicated and placed in the Scholarship Case located in the CVS Lab. Each scholarship slot is labeled with a title and a deadline for applying. Seniors should check the case once a week starting in December 2017 for any new scholarships.

OTHER – When you receive your acceptance letter from the college you are planning to attend, you may contact the college financial aid office for their scholarship application procedure. Each college or university is different.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

www.act.student.org & www.collegeboard.org – exams required for college admissions

www.floridashines.org – career, college, and Florida Bright Futures Scholarship information

www.NCAA.org – athletes only

www.Floridanext.com – planning for your future beyond high school

www.todaysmilitary.com – students interested in military careers & ROTC Scholarships

www.questbridge.org – scholarships for very high achieving, low income students

***NEVER PAY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP OR A SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH – SCHOLARSHIPS ARE FREE!**

*Please feel free to come by the CVS office and see Ms. Eastman (M-F, 7a.m. – 2 p.m.) or Ms. Gering at Open Labs should you need help or have questions that have not been answered at our meetings. Thank you and enjoy your senior year!