

HILLSBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR NIGHT

Tuesday March 21, 2024

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IB SUBJECTS
+
CORE ELEMENTS

HOW DO I GET MY IB DIPLOMA?



- ▶ Earn a minimum of **24 points**
- ▶ (3 HL courses + 3 SL courses)
- ▶ At least **12 points** must be earned in the **HL** courses
- ▶ At least a **D** in your **EE & TOK**

IB DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS



HOW SUBJECTS ARE GRADED

- ▶ from 7 to 1, with 7 being highest
- ▶ 1-3: no pass
- ▶ +5: High achievement

HOW THE CORE IS GRADED

- EE AND TOK from A- E, with E being not passing
- CAS: Requirements have been fully satisfied



GRADE COMPONENTS

SPANISH B SL

- ▶ **AI ORAL** 25%
- ▶ **PAPER 1** 25%
- ▶ **PAPER 2** 50%
 - ▶ Reading 25%
 - ▶ Listening 25%

BIOLOGY HL SL

- **AI** 20%
- **PAPER 1**: 20%
- **PAPER 2**: 36%
- **PAPER 3**: 24%





- Every point counts!
- Deadlines!
- It is a graduation requirement!


INTERNAL ASSESSMENTS (IAS)



IAS DEADLINES

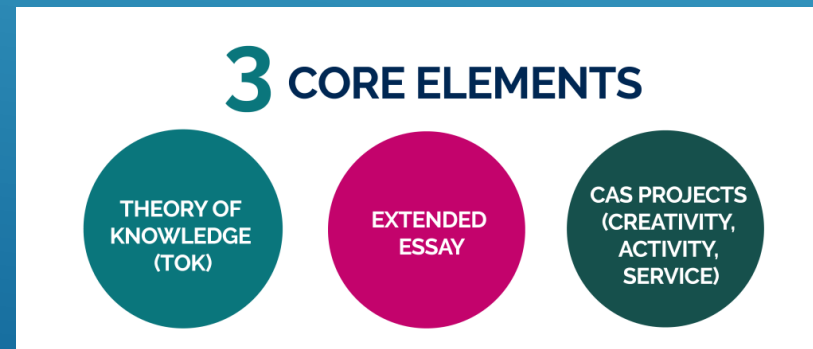
SUBJECT	IA DUE BY
Studies in Language and Literature	
English A Literature HL Essay	02/14/2024
Language Acquisition	
Spanish B SL Oral	From 2/26/2024 to 3/8/2024
French B SL Oral	From 2/26/2024 to 3/8/2024
Individuals and Societies	
History SL IA	12/12/2023
History Americas HL IA	12/12/2023
Economics HL IA	02/01/2024
Psychology HL IA	12/01/2023
Psychology SL IA	12/01/2023
Mathematics	
Math Analysis HL IA	12/15/2023
Math Analysis SL IA	08/31/2023
Math Applications SL IA	02/09/2024
Sciences	
Biology SL IA	12/15/2023
Biology HL IA	12/15/2023
Chemistry SL IA	02/23/24
Chemistry HL IA	02/23/24
Physics SL IA	02/7/24
Physics HL IA	02/7/24
Arts	
Process Portfolio	
Exhibition	03/25/24-4/2/23
Comparative Study	
DP Core	
Extended Essay	09/30/23
TOK Paper	12/13/23
TOK Exhibition (Junior Year)	04/14/23
CAS	04/24/24

EXTERNAL ASSESSMENTS

- ▶ All External Assessments are taken at the end of senior year in April/May.
 - ▶ External assessments are graded by moderators in various parts of the world.
 - ▶ Student Takes EA at End of Senior Year
 - ▶ Exams are Sent to Moderators
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- ▶ The theory of knowledge (**TOK**) and extended essay (**EE**) components are awarded individual grades and, collectively, can contribute up to 3 additional points towards the overall diploma score.

DP CORE



EE AND TOK



ToK/EE	A	B	C	D	E
A	3	3	2	2	Failing condition
B	3	2	2	1	
C	2	2	1	0	
D	2	1	0	0	
E	Failing condition				

CAS HOURS



- ▶ Creativity, activity, service (CAS) – the remaining element in the DP core – does not contribute to the points total but authenticated participation is a requirement for the award of the diploma.

English A Lit HL	4
History Americas HL	4
Economics HL	3
Spanish B SL	4
Biology SL	5
Mathematics applications SL	6
Economics EE	D
TOK	D
CAS	Requirements have been fully satisfied



Total points: **26**

English A Lit HL	4
History Americas HL	4
Economics HL	3
Spanish B SL	4
Biology SL	5
Mathematics applications SL	6
Economics EE	D
TOK	D
CAS	Requirements have been fully satisfied



Total points: **26**


CANDIDATE 003358

English A Lit HL	4
History Americas HL	4
Economics HL	3
Spanish B SL	4
Biology SL	4
Mathematics applications SL	4
Economics EE	D
TOK	D
CAS	Requirements have been fully satisfied



Total points: **23**


CANDIDATE 003358

English A HL	5	
History Americas HL	4	
Psychology HL	5	
Spanish B SL	5	
Physic SL	2	
Mathematics applications SL	6	
EE	D	
TOK	C	
CAS	Requirements have been fully satisfied	

Total points: **25**




CANDIDATE 003358

English A HL	5	
History Americas HL	4	
Psychology HL	5	
Spanish B SL	5	
Physic SL	2	
Mathematics applications SL	6	
EE	D	
TOK	C	
CAS	Requirements have been fully satisfied	

Total points: **25**



HOW CAN YOU IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES OF GETTING THE IB DIPLOMA?

1. Communicate with teachers
 2. Get familiar with the exam rubrics
 3. Be conscious of the quality and deadlines of the IAs/ TOK/ EE
 4. All subjects/points count
 5. Look for intrinsic motivation beyond the diploma. Do it for yourself!
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LET'S APPLY TO COLLEGE



▶ Helpful Links can be found on

[MORTERBOARD.COM](https://www.morterboard.com)



IMPORTANT DATES

- ▶ **June/July** Some college applications open
- ▶ **August 1** Most college applications open
Common App opens
- ▶ **September 1** Student Brag Sheet due to counselor
- ▶ **October 1** FAFSA opens
Bright Futures/FFAA application opens
Submit requests for transcripts,
recommendation letters and Common App
- ▶ **October 15** FSU Early Action Deadline
- ▶ **November 1** UF (and many more) Application Deadline
- ▶ **December 1** FSU Regular Decision Application Deadline

**Application Deadlines are subject to change.*



LAYING THE FOUNDATION

Timeline: Spring of Junior Year



WHAT SHOULD BE HAPPENING NOW?



Prepare for a
Strong
Senior Year



Practice and
register for
ACT and SAT



Complete
CAS Hours



Build Your
Resume



SENIOR SCHEDULE AND GRADES

- ▶ **BALANCE.** Plan a senior year that considers coursework, additional work of college applications and extracurricular activities. Do not be your own worst enemy by over scheduling yourself or procrastinating important tasks. Senioritis is a “thing!”
- ▶ **DEDICATION.** When applying, your transcript will show your semester grades and cumulative GPA from 9th-11th grade. Finish strong. Colleges will review your **final transcript** and will rescind offers for poor performance (i.e., D's, F's).
- ▶ **COMMITMENT.** Have a strong and consistent commitment in your approach to academics your senior year. It will pay off when you get to college (AND BEYOND).

SAT/ACT Practice

TIP: Implement a practice plan now. Test scores play a big role in college admissions and scholarships.

SAT Practice Websites

- [CollegeBoard.org](https://collegeboard.org)
- [KhanAcademy.org](https://khanacademy.org)
- PSAT - [Studentscores.collegeboard.org](https://studentscores.collegeboard.org)

ACT Practice Websites

- [ACT.org](https://act.org)
- [Academy.act.org](https://academy.act.org)



SAT and ACT Registration

2024 Test Dates (prior to applying)

<u>SAT</u> (collegeboard.org)	<u>ACT</u> (actstudent.org)
May 4, (registration deadline: 4/19/24)	June 8 (registration deadline: 5/3/24)
June 1, (registration deadline: 5/16/24)	July 13 (registration deadline 6/7/24)

SCHOOL/ACADEMIC RESUME

What should be included?

- ▶ Athletics
- ▶ Academics - GPA/test scores/class rank
- ▶ Awards
- ▶ Extra curricular activities
- ▶ Volunteer hours
- ▶ Work experience
- ▶ Hobbies
- ▶ Special skills (i.e., multilingual, certifications, other talents)
- ▶ Special circumstances

TIP: A resume is more than just a list of activities. Reflect on each activity:

- How have you contributed/demonstrated leadership?
- What was meaningful and why?
- How might the activity align with career interests or campus opportunities?

Brag sheets are available in the Guidance Office.

BUILDING A COLLEGE LIST

Timeline: Spring of Junior Year/Summer before Senior Year

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RESEARCHING COLLEGES

- ▶ Register for Virtual College Fairs at nacacfairs.org. Two options available for spring March 24, 2024, 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM OR April 21, 2024, 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- ▶ Check HHS Student Services Canvas Page for announcements and watch for in-school college visits.
- ▶ Review admission requirements on college websites.
- ▶ Consider characteristics like size, location, public/private, degree programs offered, etc. Visit college campuses. Choose the college that fits YOU.
- ▶ Join prospective schools' email list. Don't forget that some school will track interest, so let them know you are interested.
- ▶ Look for Fly-in Programs for lower-income families as they are often free!

Say hello to Xello

Xello is an engaging online program that helps students build the skills, knowledge and plans to be future ready. The program uses an investigative, discovery-based learning process. Students better understand themselves, their future career options, and the 21st century skills they'll need to succeed.

On Xello you can...

- Take career assessments
- Complete college searches
- Explore career possibilities and educational pathways
- View local scholarship applications
- Define skills, preferences, learning styles, and aspirations
- Engage in interactive lessons to ensure success in school and beyond.

Students log in through their HCPS Clever accounts



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NEW COLLEGE
OF FLORIDA



FLORIDA ATLANTIC
UNIVERSITY



UNIVERSITY OF
CENTRAL FLORIDA



FLORIDA GULF
COAST UNIVERSITY



UNIVERSITY OF
FLORIDA



FLORIDA
INTERNATIONAL
UNIVERSITY



UNIVERSITY OF
NORTH FLORIDA



FLORIDA
POLYTECHNIC
UNIVERSITY



UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTH FLORIDA



FLORIDA STATE
UNIVERSITY



UNIVERSITY OF
WEST FLORIDA



COLLEGES CONSIDER


- ▶ GPA - Recalculated by the institution
- ▶ Academic Rigor
- ▶ ACT/SAT scores
- ▶ Class rank
- ▶ Extracurriculars
- ▶ Essay – if required
- ▶ Recommendation – if required

FINALIZING THE DETAILS

Timeline: Summer before Senior Year/Fall of Senior Year

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HOW MANY COLLEGES SHOULD I APPLY TO?

- Experts suggest between 4 and 15. We recommend at least one of them should be in the state of Florida to access Bright Futures. Keep in mind that some institutions will require supplemental essays that are typically specific to that institution. This can be time consuming.
 - Find the best fit for you academically, socially and financially.
 - A Balanced List of schools should include:
 - REACH Schools – competitive stretch
 - TARGET Schools – meet admissions criteria
 - SAFETY Schools – almost certain admission
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APPLICATION TYPES AND DEADLINES

- ✓ **Early Action** – an accelerated college application process usually due around the first of November with decisions arriving December/January.
- ✓ **Early Decision** – like EA, but much more restrictive; can only apply to one college through early decision & it's binding (MUST attend if admitted and there is a financial commitment).
- ✓ **Restrictive Early Action** – Like ED, but without the financial commitment. It is still a binding agreement.
- ✓ **Regular Decision** – regular admissions cycle; applications usually due by January/February; decision usually arrives in March/April.
- ✓ **Rolling Admission** - admissions decisions are made as applications are received; apply as early as possible

WHAT IS COMMON APPLICATION?

- A standard application form that is accepted by over 1000 colleges in lieu of their application.
- Visit [Common App.org](https://www.commonapp.org) for a complete listing of colleges that accept this application.
- You can use Common App if two or more colleges you are applying to accept it.

WHAT IS THE HBCU COMMON APPLICATION?

- Similar to Common App – one application for multiple schools
- One fee of \$20 covers all applications to any of the 66 HBCU's on their list.
- Visit [commonblackcollegeapp.com](https://www.commonblackcollegeapp.com)

APPLY TO ANY NUMBER OF THE 67 HBCUs BELOW FOR ONLY \$20.



ALABAMA A&M UNIVERSITY
ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY
ALBANY STATE UNIVERSITY
ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY
ALLEN UNIVERSITY
AMERICAN BAPTIST COLLEGE
ARKANSAS BAPTIST COLLEGE
BENEDICT COLLEGE
BENNETT COLLEGE
BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIVERSITY
CENTRAL STATE UNIVERSITY
CHEYNEY UNIVERSITY
CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY
CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
CLINTON COLLEGE

COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY
DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY
DILLARD UNIVERSITY
EDWARD WATERS UNIVERSITY
ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY
FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY
FISK UNIVERSITY
FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY
FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY
HARRIS-STOWE STATE UNIVERSITY
HUSTON-TILLOTSON UNIVERSITY
JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY
JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY
KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY
LANE COLLEGE

LeMOYNE OWEN COLLEGE
LINCOLN UNIVERSITY (PA)
LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIV.
MILES COLLEGE
MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE
MORRIS COLLEGE
MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY
NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIV.
PAINE COLLEGE
PAUL QUINN COLLEGE
PHILANDER SMITH UNIVERSITY
RUST COLLEGE
SAINT AUGUSTINE'S UNIVERSITY
SHAW UNIVERSITY
SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIV.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY (NO)
STILLMAN COLLEGE
TALLADEGA COLLEGE
TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
TEXAS COLLEGE
TOUGALOO COLLEGE
UNIV. OF ARKANSAS PINE BLUFF
UNIV. OF MD. EASTERN SHORE
UNIV. OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY
VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY
VOORHEES COLLEGE
WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY
WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY
WILEY UNIVERSITY

COMMON BLACK COLLEGE APPLICATION

COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

Students apply for college in the fall of their senior year.

- ▶ **STEP 1:** Submit your college application on the college's website or on Common App.org – This sounds easy, but it can get stressful if you do not PLAN!
- ▶ **STEP 2:** Request your SAT or ACT scores to be sent to each college. Send scores directly from Collegeboard (SAT) (www.collegeboard.org) or ACT (www.act.org).
- ▶ **STEP 3:** Send transcripts:
 - *Common App – uploaded by school counselor
 - *Self-Reported Student Academic Record
 - * Institution Apps typically use secure platforms whereby you enter your counselor's name, and they will send the counselor a link to upload transcripts.

COMMON APP ESSAY

Below is the full set of essay prompts for 2024–2025.

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

NEED HELP WRITING A GOOD ESSAY?

[Essays That Worked | Johns Hopkins University Admissions \(jhu.edu\)](#)

FERPA & your application



When it comes time to invite your counselor and recommenders, Common App will prompt you to complete the FERPA Release Authorization. FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) is a law that protects the privacy of your education records.

Completing the FERPA Release Authorization will grant your high school permission to send those records on your behalf. Here's a quick breakdown of how this process works in the Common App:

The release authorization asks you two questions about your education records under FERPA.

First, you must grant your high school(s) permission to release all requested records. Colleges you apply to may require documents like transcripts or letters of recommendation. Granting your high school(s) this permission allows colleges to receive these records and contact your school with questions.

Second, you will be asked to waive or not to waive your right to review recommendations and other forms.

Waiving your rights lets colleges know that you don't plan to read your recommendations. This helps reassure colleges that the letters are candid and truthful. Some recommenders may only write a letter if you have waived your rights. Check with your counselor or teachers to see if any of them follow such a policy.

Learn more

Talk to your counselor, another school official, or your parent/legal guardian. You can also visit the U.S. Department of Education Family Policy Compliance Office at: studentprivacy.ed.gov.

What is an education record?

Education records are documents related to your attendance and performance in school.

For example: grades, transcripts, test scores, school discipline, etc.

FERPA

- ▶ **FERPA Release Authorization** grants your high school permission to release all requested records on your behalf
- ▶ **Waiving your rights** to review recommendations or other forms lets colleges know that you will not read recommendations. They know the letter of recommendation is more authentic if the student is not reading it.

MILITARY OPTIONS



Army



Marine Corps



Navy



Air Force



Space Force



Coast Guard



National Guard

Research different branches

Speak with ROTC instructors and service recruiters

Investigate ROTC opportunities

Take the ASVAB

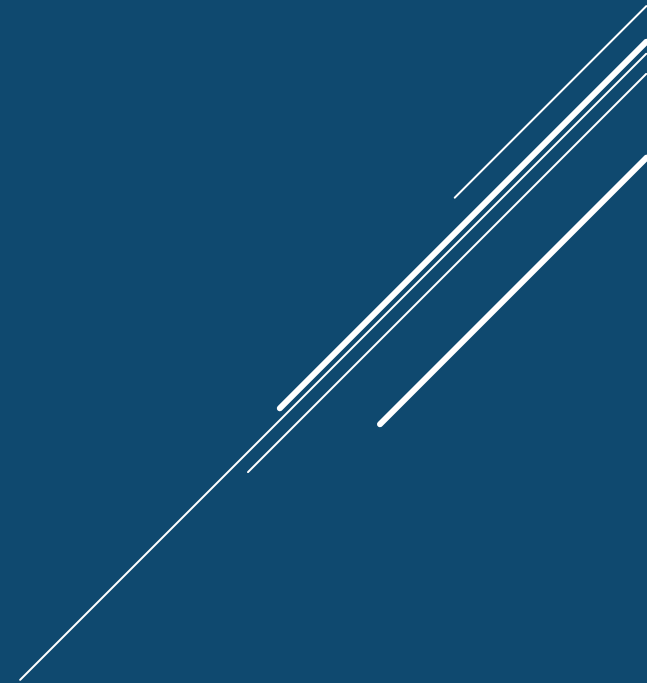
Pass the medical and physical exams

Meet with a service enlistment counselor

Take the Oath of Enlistment

Academy appointment process starts the junior year. If you are considering a military academy, START now by seeing your school counselor.

PAYING FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION



▶ Application Fee Waiver

ALTERNATE INCOME VERIFICATION FORM

Since your student attends a Community Eligible Program (CEP) school, income verification is needed to determine if your child could qualify for additional benefits related to school program eligibility. Please complete this form and return it to your child's school, or mail it to the following address: **Healthy Meals Express Application Center, 9014 Brittany Way, Tampa, Florida, 33619.**

Please list all your children's information below who live in your household and who attend school. Attach an additional sheet if entering more than six students.

Date of Birth	Student First Name	Student Last Name	Student ID	Grade	School

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Income Guidelines – Effective from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

Household Size (Circle One)	Estimated Annual Income (As Reported to IRS)	Monthly Income	If Paid Two Times A Month per mo.	If Paid Every Two Weeks	Weekly Income
-1-	26,973	2,248	1,124	1,038	519
-2-	38,482	3,207	1,521	1,404	702
-3-	49,991	4,166	1,911	1,769	885
-4-	56,500	4,625	2,313	2,175	1,069
-5-	65,009	5,418	2,709	2,501	1,251
-6-	74,518	6,210	3,105	2,867	1,434
-7-	84,027	7,003	3,502	3,231	1,615
-8-	95,536	7,953	3,859	3,598	1,799
For each additional family member add	+9,509	+793	+397	+366	+183

(A) Enter your Total Monthly Household Income (include Wages, Salary, Payments such as Welfare, Child Support, Alimony, Pensions, Retirement, Workers' Compensation or other Monthly Income) _____

(B) Is your family participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly food stamps) or Florida Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits? If so, please provide the name and 7-digit case number for the person who receives the benefits.
 Name: _____ Case Number: _____

(C) Is your family living in a federally subsidized public housing project or homeless? Y N

(D) Do your children receive migrant, homeless, or run-away education services? Y N

Certification: I certify that the above information is, to the best of my knowledge, true and complete.
 Parent Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Phone Number: _____

Date Received by School: _____

FINANCIAL AID

Money to help pay for college.

To qualify, you **MUST** apply!


Sources of Financial Aid

- ▶ Federal government
- ▶ State government
- ▶ Academic institutions
- ▶ Private organizations
- ▶ Banks and lending companies




FAFSA

Expected to open in October 2024

 An official website of the United States government.

Help Center Submit a Complaint English | Español

Federal Student Aid
AN OFFICE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

FAFSA® Form ▾ Loans and Grants ▾ Loan Repayment ▾ Loan Forgiveness ▾ 


A Better 2024–25 FAFSA® Form

The 2024–25 FAFSA form is now available. We'll begin sending submitted applications to colleges and states in the first half of March. [Learn more about 2024–25 FAFSA updates.](#)

2024–25 FAFSA® Form

[Start New Form](#) [Access Existing Form](#)

Need to access last year's form? [Start or Edit a 2023–24 FAFSA Form](#)



FOUR MAIN TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

▶ **Grants**

Most are need-based funds that come from federal or state governments and from colleges. Grants do not have to be paid back.

▶ **Scholarships**

Awards provided by government, colleges or organizations which have specific criteria based on achievement, talent, need, merit or group membership. Scholarships do not have to be paid back.

▶ **Loans**

Provided by government, banks, or lending companies. It is borrowed money that must be paid back with interest.

▶ **Work-Study Programs**

Federal program that offers paid part-jobs to students with financial need. Jobs are usually on campus.

For more information and specific examples, refer to the 2024 Handbook.

FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2023-2024 INFO

Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) / Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)

Type	16 High School Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT [®] /CLT [®] /SAT [®])	Volunteer Service Only	Paid Work Hours Only	Combination of Volunteer/Paid Hours
FAS	4 - English <i>(three must include substantial writing)</i> 4 - Mathematics <i>(at or above the Algebra I level)</i> 3 - Natural Science <i>(two must have substantial laboratory)</i>	3.50	2023-24 Graduates: 29/96/1340 2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours
FMS	3 - Social Science 2 - Foreign/World Language <i>(sequential, in same language)</i>	3.00	2023-24 Graduates: 25/84/1210 2024-25 Graduates: 25/84/1210	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours

¹ The required coursework aligns with the State University System admission requirements found in Florida Board of Governor's Regulation 6.002. Additional information regarding high school coursework can be found within the [Florida Counseling for Future Education Handbook](#).

Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars (GSC)

- Graduate with a standard high school diploma or its equivalent.
- Earn a minimum of 5 postsecondary credit hours through CAPE industry certifications that articulate for college credit.
- Complete at least 30 volunteer service or 100 paid work hours

For detailed information, including other ways to qualify, please refer to the [Bright Futures Student Handbook](#).
Eligibility requirements are subject to change with each legislative session.

TOP TIPS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

- Start searching now!
- Check the HHS Student Services Canvas Page. Look for the Scholarship Matrix. It is published monthly by HCPS.
- Look for institution scholarships at prospective schools.
- Apply if you are eligible.
- Pay attention to deadlines.
- Take time to perfect your essay.
- Check your online presence. Use an appropriate email.
- Save a copy of your applications.
- Use a free scholarship matching service like Fastweb.com, Unigo.com or GoingMerry.com
- Check out QuestBridge, Jack Kent Cooke, and Gates Foundation for need-based scholarships. Very encompassing, large scholarships worth the time and effort if you qualify.

FINANCIAL AID: THINGS YOU CAN DO NOW



- ▶ Create your raise.me account
- ▶ Check out BigFuture
- ▶ Log volunteer hours for Bright Futures
- ▶ Create your FAFSA FSA ID

NCAA ELIGIBILITY

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) serves as an athletics governing body that helps students develop leadership, confidence, discipline and teamwork through college sports.

Students wanting to play Division I or II sports in college, must apply online at www.eligibilitycenter.org. The NCAA Eligibility Center certifies the initial academic eligibility and amateur status of all college bound student-athletes who wish to compete in NCAA athletics.

If you are eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch, you are eligible for a fee waiver

See the administrator responsible for NCAA with questions about NCAA.

NAIA ELIGIBILITY

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) is a governing body of small athletic programs. Students interested in playing sports at NAIA colleges for the first time must register online with the NAIA Eligibility Center at www.playnaia.org to be considered for academic and athletic eligibility.

Eligibility requirements for NAIA are separate from NCAA eligibility certification. The NAIA and NCAA are two separate associations, with two different sets of rules and certification processes.

If you are eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch, you are eligible for a fee waiver.

See Ms. Morman with questions about NAIA.

SUMMER CHECKLIST

- ▶ Register or take ACT/CLT/SAT
- ▶ Complete your brag sheet and resume
- ▶ Write college essay(s)
- ▶ Create a profile on Common App or individual school websites
- ▶ Research admissions and scholarship requirements
- ▶ Finalize your college list
- ▶ Create a spreadsheet of deadlines and items required
- ▶ Explore trade programs, military branches, apprenticeships, job searches, etc.



COMMON WEBSITES FOR ACCOUNTS

- ▶ **ACT (Register/send scores)** - <https://my.act.org/account/signin?location=https://my.act.org>
- ▶ **Bright Futures (requirements & application)** - <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHome/SAPHome?url=home>
- ▶ **Common App** - <https://www.commonapp.org/>
- ▶ Common Black College App for HBCUs - [HOME - commonblackcollegeapp](#)
- ▶ **SSAR** (self-reported transcript) <https://ssar.selfreportedtranscript.com/Login.aspx>
- ▶ **FAFSA (financial aid form)** - <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- ▶ **Free ACT Practice** - <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation/free-act-test-prep.html>
- ▶ **PSAT Scores** - <https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/>
- ▶ **SAT Practice** - <https://www.khanacademy.org/SAT>
- ▶ **SAT (Register/send scores)** - <https://www.collegeboard.org/>