

Junior/Senior Timeline 2016

Junior Year

October

- Take PSAT

January

- Sign up to take the ACT and SAT
- Make sure you are using your PSAT Accounts to review your PSAT test and read about additional college readiness ideas. Remember, your access code is on your PSAT score report.
- Work on your community service hours.
- Practice SAT at <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>
- Practice from PSAT at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/about/benefits/khan-academy-practice>

April

- Sign up to retake the ACT and SAT by July to try for a higher score (before your senior year).
- Work on your community service hours.

Summer

- Men turning 18 must sign up with the selective service. (www.sss.gov/hmlink.htm)
- Work on your community service hours.

July

- Check credits and narrow your selection of colleges.
- Collect names and addresses of references for recommendation letters.
- Ask about admission and test requirements for the colleges of your choice.
- Request applications from the colleges of your choice.
- Work on your community service hours.

Senior Year

August

- Send out applications with transcripts.
- Transcripts must be requested from our front office. This does not happen automatically.
- **Register for ACT or SAT, if needed.**

September

- Search college websites and scholarship information.
- Apply to colleges if you are interested in early admissions.
- Look for scholarships.

October

- **Apply for the Bright Futures Scholarship at www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org** by completing the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) starting October 1, 2016 and before graduation.
- **Sign up for FAFSA.** (www.fafsa.ed.gov- Do NOT go to www.fafsa.com.) You must also complete this step to receive most scholarships. New: This is based on 2015 income.
- Continue to gather college information.
- Send out applications with transcripts.

November

- Apply to colleges if you are interested in early admissions.
- **Register for ACT or SAT (if needed again).**

December

- **Sign up for FAFSA.** (www.fafsa.ed.gov- Do NOT go to www.fafsa.com.) You must also complete this step to receive most scholarships.
- Submit college applications during Christmas break if you missed early admission.

January

- You may request a seven semester transcript for the college admissions process. Get the form in the office.
- **Sign up for FAFSA.** (www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Begin income tax return (family).
- **Apply for the Bright Futures Scholarship at www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org** by completing the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA). For early evaluation, you must apply in January to give ACS time to do its part.

February

- Give printed full name to administrative assistant for diplomas when requested in class.
- Continue to check on scholarships.
- **Sign up for FAFSA.** (www.fafsa.ed.gov)

March

- Finalize college plans.

April

- Finalize college plans.
- Mail graduation announcement to family and friends.

May

- Graduation fees are due.
- Graduate!!!

June

- Request final official transcript, if you have not requested one earlier. Otherwise, your final transcript will be sent to what is listed on the graduation program as your college of choice.

Requirements for Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program-Senior Year

Go to <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/> to apply for the Bright Futures Scholarship in January. At the bottom of the page it states, apply here. Follow the prompts. You cannot receive a Bright Futures scholarship if you do not complete this part.

The Bright Futures grade point average is not the same as your school grade point average. If you have less than a 3.6 GPA at school, your 16 core hours listed below may not be strong enough to pull the required GPA. They select a specific group of core classes which does not include Bible. Therefore, make sure your core classes are strong enough so that you can reach the required GPA for the FMS.

Courses must include the following:
4 English (3 with substantial writing)
4 Mathematics (Algebra I and above)
3 Natural Science (2 with substantial lab)
3 Social Science
2 Foreign Language (in the same language)
One Online Class

Community Service is required for all Bright Futures Scholarships. Please review the official website for all requirements. You must have the correct GPA, Test Scores (ACT or SAT), and community service to receive the Bright Futures Scholarship. It is your responsibility to check the website listed above and meet all requirements. Have everything completed by the time you graduate.

The SAT I (Reasoning Test) will include Math and Critical Reading Skills. This will include a 25-minute timed writing test. This is the SAT you need to take for scholarship requirements. The writing section will not be used in the composite score toward the Bright Future Scholarship.

The SAT II (Subject Tests) are not needed for every college. Check with each college to see if a subject test is required.

The ACT will include English, Reading, Math, and Science.

FFAA is not the same as **FAFSA**. You also want to sign up for FAFSA. (www.fafsa.ed.gov) You will not be able to receive government or other scholarships if you do not complete this step.

You will need our school ID number for some forms. It is **100009**.

College Planning Websites

www.act.org/ – to obtain dates and register for the ACT

www.sat.collegeboard.org/home – to obtain dates and register for the SAT

www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/ - sign up for Florida Bright Futures Scholarship (Seniors)

www.studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/index.jsp

www.fafsa.ed.gov (NOT www.fafsa.org.)

** www.finaid.org

www.salliemae.com

www.ed.gov/fund/grants-college.html

www.fastweb.com

www.scholarships.com

** www.collegeview.com

www.collegeanswer.com/index.jsp

www.collegeboard.org/delivering-opportunity/sat/redesign Redesigned SAT

** www.khanacademy.org/ Khan Academy

www.NavigatingYourFuture.org **Scholarships, Career Planning**

Your GPA at ACS is not the same GPA that Florida Bright Futures calculates.

Your Bright Futures GPA is based on core classes. Bible and some of your other electives will not count. If you have a borderline 3.0-3.5 at ACS, you may not qualify for the Florida Bright Future Scholarship. If you are in this situation, you need to make the highest grades possible this year to pull up your GPA as much as possible. We have no control over your GPA for Florida Bright Futures. For this reason, all students need to keep grades up in all of your classes so that you do not put yourself in the position of losing a scholarship due to a low GPA.

See me if you have any questions.

Dr. Nix