

# *Junior Senior Timeline*

## **Junior Year**

### *1<sup>st</sup> Semester*

October  
Take PSAT

### *January*

Sign up to take the ACT and SAT  
Make sure you are using your PSAT My Road Accounts to review your PSAT test and read about additional college readiness ideas. Remember, your access code is on your PSAT score report.

### *April*

Sign up to retake the ACT and SAT by July to try for a higher score (before your senior year).

### *Summer*

Men turning 18 must sign up with the selective service. ([www.sss.gov/hslink.htm](http://www.sss.gov/hslink.htm))

### *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.

## **Senior Year**

### *August*

Send out applications with transcripts.  
Transcripts must be requested from our registrar. This does not happen automatically.  
**Register for ACT or SAT.**

### *September*

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

### *October*

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***

**Apply for the Bright Futures Scholarship** ([www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org)) (FFAA) between December 1 and graduation.

**Sign up for FAFSA.** ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)). You must also complete this step to receive most scholarships. Submit college applications during Christmas break.

***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](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov))

Begin income tax return (family).

**Apply for the Bright Futures Scholarship (FFAA)** between December 1 and graduation

([www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org)). For early evaluation, you must apply in January to give us time to do our 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](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov))

***March***

Finalize college plans.

***April***

Finalize college plans.

***May***

Graduation fees are due.

Mail graduation announcement to family and friends.

***June***

Graduate!!!

Request final official transcript.

***Requirements for Florida Bright Futures***

Go to [www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/) to apply for the Bright Futures Scholarship. In the middle of the page it states, apply here. Follow the prompts. Even if you are eligible, you cannot receive a Bright Futures scholarship if you do not complete this part.

***These were the qualifications as of 8/09 for the 2010 graduation year. Check with the website for current qualifications.***

Have everything completed by June of your graduation year.

Florida Academic Scholarship	1270 SAT	28ACT
Florida Medallion Scholarship	970 SAT	20ACT
Service Hours	75 hours for the FAS	Zero hours for the FMS
Grade Point Averages	3.5 FAS	3.0 FMS

Specific course requirements must be met

<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/awardamt.htm> -explains award amounts

The Bright Future grade point average is not the same as your school grade point average. 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 3.0 required gpa for the FMS.

Courses must include the following:

4 English (3 with substantial writing)

3 Mathematics (Algebra I and above)

3 Natural Science (2 with substantial lab)

3 Social Science

2 Foreign Language (in the same language)

2011 and future graduates must earn 4 credits of Mathematics for a total of 16 college preparatory credits.

Spring eligibility is through January 31.

Summer eligibility is through June 30.

The SAT I (Reasoning Test) will include Math and Critical Reading Skills. This will include a 25 minute timed writing test. Each section is scaled 200-800 points. 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](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)) You will not be able to receive government or other scholarships if you do not complete this step.

If you need our school id number for any forms, it is 100009.

*Helpful websites:*

[www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)

[www.Florida.echoices.com](http://www.Florida.echoices.com)

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

[www.facts.org](http://www.facts.org)

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

[www.salliemae.com](http://www.salliemae.com)

[www.ed.gov/finaid.htm](http://www.ed.gov/finaid.htm)

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.act.org](http://www.act.org) – to obtain dates and register for the ACT

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) – to obtain dates and register for the SAT

[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

[www.collegeview.com](http://www.collegeview.com)

[www.collegeanswer.com](http://www.collegeanswer.com)