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School Counselor***



- ▶ **Remind 101:** Text @bthssch to 81010 to sign up for Remind text messages
- ▶ <https://www.bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/> : Add this site to your favorites and check it for resources
- ▶ [www.instagram.com/BartramCounseling](https://www.instagram.com/BartramCounseling) : “Follow” us on Instagram
- ▶ **Schoology:** Join the School Counseling for BTHS Students schoology group using access code VXTV-WZ8T-KXHHV
  - Schoology Parent Access Codes are available to view in HAC. Log into HAC, click on Registration Icon, the code will be under “additional information”.
  - Link to Schoology Help (creating parent account, parent help guide, parent FAQ, etc) - <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/edtech/schoology/schoology-for-parents/>
- ▶ Check your child’s grades via HAC Grade Portal
  - <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac/>

**2021-2022 Interim Progress Report will  
be available in HAC:**

- September 14, 2021
- November 16, 2021
- February 8, 2022
- April 26, 2022

**2021-2022 Report Card will  
be available in HAC:**

- October 26, 2021
- January 19, 2022
- March 29, 2022
- Late June (depending on release of EOC results)

There are many ways students can pay for their post-secondary education.

Scholarships, unlike student loans, do not have to be paid back ... and there are millions available!

There is **no limit** on the number of scholarships a student may have!



# SCHOLARSHIP TIPS

Before students begin the process of applying for Scholarships, they need to **GET ORGANIZED** !



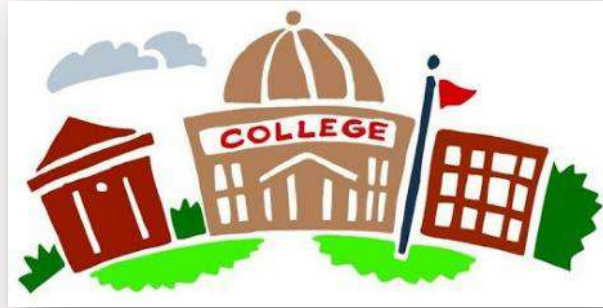
## **Start by gathering important documents such as:**

- **ACT/SAT/PERT test scores**
- **Unofficial high school transcript - order a transcript to be sent to themselves through Parchment (link is on the BTHS website).**
- **Letters of recommendation**
- **Create a resume of activities, community service, leadership roles, and skills**
- **Essays (you may be able to use one essay for multiple scholarships)**
- **Keep all of these materials together in a binder**

## NEXT STEPS

- **Create a dedicated scholarship email account with an appropriate email address. (FirstName.LastName@gmail.com)**
- **Review social media accounts and remove inappropriate material.**
- **Get a calendar specifically for Scholarships to write down scholarship deadlines.**
- **When writing essays, make sure they follow all directions exactly, stick to the prompt, use the accurate word count, and try approaching the topic in a creative way.**
- **Set a goal of applying to one scholarship a week.**

# Where can you **find** Scholarships?



**Many post-secondary schools offer scholarships.**

- Check with the university, college, or trade school's website for their scholarship page for requirements and deadlines.
- Also, check the webpage of the department of your intended major.
- Most of these opportunities are first come, first served.

## **Other places to look for Scholarships:**

- **Employers**
- **Church and Civic Organizations**
- **Unions**
- **Corporations**
- **National, State and Local Organizations**
- **Special Interest Groups**



# **Students can also use Search Engines:**

**RaiseMe**

**WeirdScholarships.net**

**Studentscholarships.org**

**Unigo.com**

**Nacacnet.org**

**Scholarships.org**

**Fastweb.com**

**Finaid.org**

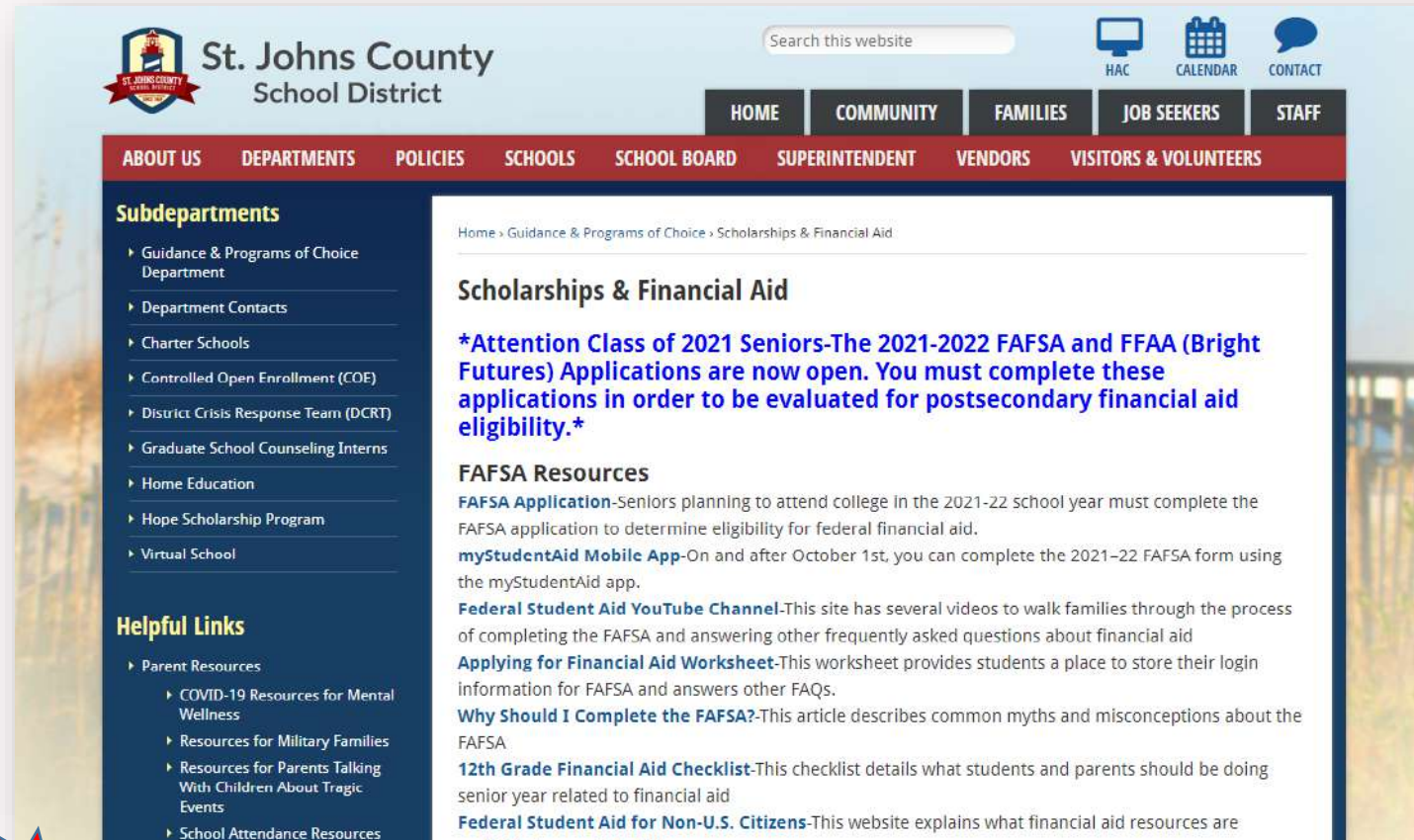
**Bigfuture.collegeboard.org**

**Petersons.com**

**Salliemae.com**

**Scholarships.com (Florida Scholarships)**

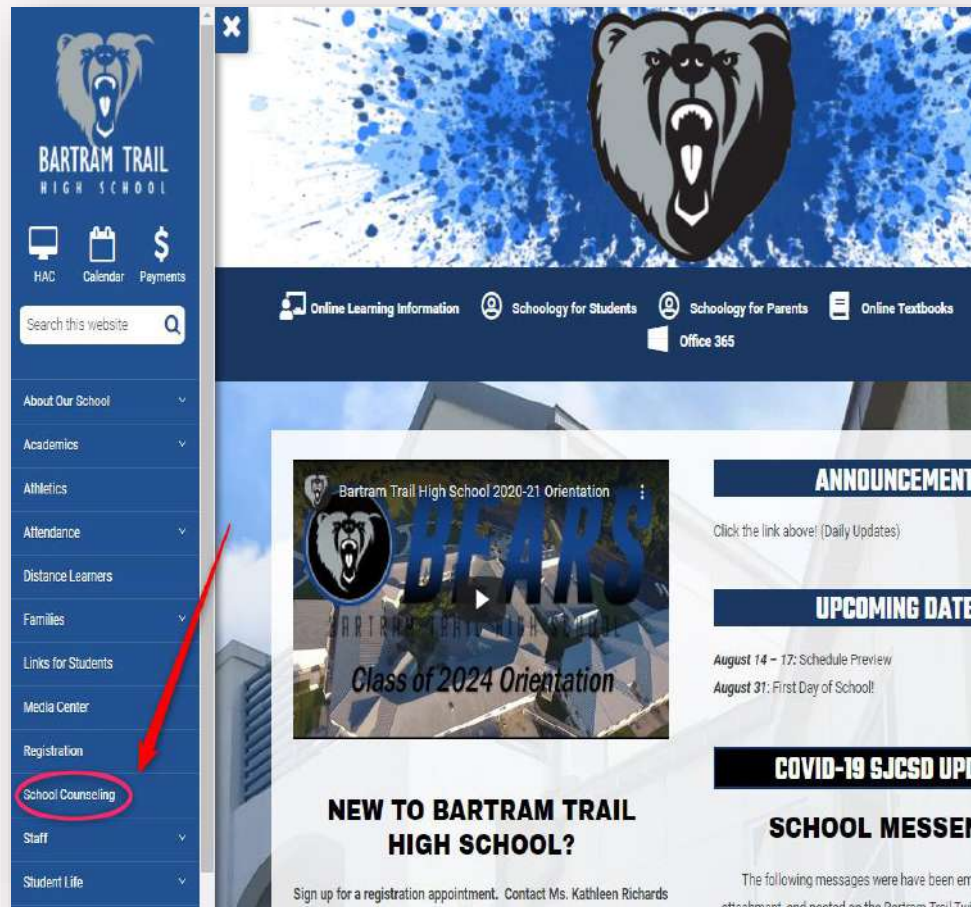
# The District has a Scholarship page:



The screenshot shows the St. Johns County School District website. The header includes the district logo, a search bar, and icons for HAC, CALENDAR, and CONTACT. The main navigation bar lists: HOME, COMMUNITY, FAMILIES, JOB SEEKERS, and STAFF. A secondary navigation bar lists: ABOUT US, DEPARTMENTS, POLICIES, SCHOOLS, SCHOOL BOARD, SUPERINTENDENT, VENDORS, and VISITORS & VOLUNTEERS. The left sidebar contains 'Subdepartments' (Guidance & Programs of Choice Department, Department Contacts, Charter Schools, Controlled Open Enrollment (COE), District Crisis Response Team (DCRT), Graduate School Counseling Interns, Home Education, Hope Scholarship Program, Virtual School) and 'Helpful Links' (Parent Resources, COVID-19 Resources for Mental Wellness, Resources for Military Families, Resources for Parents Talking With Children About Tragic Events, School Attendance Resources). The main content area is titled 'Scholarships & Financial Aid' and includes a breadcrumb trail: Home > Guidance & Programs of Choice > Scholarships & Financial Aid. The content features a blue announcement: '\*Attention Class of 2021 Seniors-The 2021-2022 FAFSA and FFAA (Bright Futures) Applications are now open. You must complete these applications in order to be evaluated for postsecondary financial aid eligibility.\*'. Below this are sections for 'FAFSA Resources' with links to 'FAFSA Application', 'myStudentAid Mobile App', 'Federal Student Aid YouTube Channel', 'Applying for Financial Aid Worksheet', 'Why Should I Complete the FAFSA?', '12th Grade Financial Aid Checklist', and 'Federal Student Aid for Non-U.S. Citizens'.

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/scholarships/>

# The **School Counseling page** on the BTHS website has Scholarship pages listed by month and deadline!



**BARTRAM TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL**

HAC Calendar Payments

Search this website

Online Learning Information | Schoology for Students | Schoology for Parents | Online Textbooks | Office 365

ANNOUNCEMENT

Click the link above! (Daily Updates)

UPCOMING DATE

August 14 - 17: Schedule Preview  
August 31: First Day of School!

COVID-19 SJCSO UP

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NEW TO BARTRAM TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL?

Sign up for a registration appointment. Contact Ms. Kathleen Richards

*School Counselors for Grades 11 & 12 are located in the Main Campus Guidance Suite.*

<b>Ms. Besley</b> Grades 11 & 12 Last Names A-G <a href="#">Email - click here</a>	<b>Ms. Moseley</b> Grades 11 & 12 Last Names H-O <a href="#">Email - click here</a>	<b>Ms. Sterling</b> Grades 11 & 12 Last Names P-Z <a href="#">Email - click here</a>
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**Ms. Richards**  
Administrative Asst.  
[Email - click here](#)

*Student Services team members for all grade levels are located in the Main Campus Guidance Suite.*

<b>Ms. Roughan</b> - Registrar <a href="#">Email - click here</a>	<b>Ms. Hammitt</b> - Testing Coordinator <a href="#">Email - click here</a>
<b>Ms. Huber</b> - Instructional Literacy Coach <a href="#">Email - click here</a>	<b>Ms. Gregory</b> - Electronic Records <a href="#">Email - click here</a>
<b>Ms. Kuntzi</b> - Electronic Records <a href="#">Email - click here</a>	<b>Ms. Abell</b> - Assistant Principal for Operations & Student Services <a href="#">Email - click here</a>
<b>Ms. Sands</b> - Assistant Principal for Ninth Gr Center <a href="#">Email - click here</a>	<b>Mr. Lay</b> - Assistant Principal for Student Support <a href="#">Email - click here</a>
<b>Ms. Raimann</b> - Assistant Principal for Curriculum & Instruction <a href="#">Email - click here</a>	

**Scholarship Pages:**

- Florida Shines
- College Visits
- University System of Florida
- Florida's State College System
- Private Colleges and Universities of Florida
- Financial Aid
- Bright Futures
- Community Service Hours
- Scholarships - Financial Aid
  - Scholarships Offered from Specific Schools
  - Scholarship Websites and Search Engines
- District Scholarship Page
- September Scholarships
- October Scholarships
- November Scholarships
- December Scholarships
- January Scholarships
- February Scholarships
- March Scholarships
- April Scholarships
- May Scholarships
- June Scholarships
- Career Planning

**For the past several years there have been several scholarships offered solely to Bartram Trail Seniors!**

**Announcements about these opportunities are usually made in the month of March.**

**Check the monthly scholarship pages on the School Counseling website!**



**Students may not think of their hobbies and interests  
as a way to help pay for school...but they should!  
There are college scholarships out there for everyone!  
Scholarships aren't just out there for straight-A  
students or all-star athletes.**

Left-handed students  
Zombie Apocalypse Scholarship  
Make Me Laugh Scholarship  
High school students who donate blood  
Reading  
Surfing  
Gaming  
Animal lovers

Book worms  
Music/Theatre/Dance  
Religious Scholarships  
Cancer Survivors  
First in Family  
Disability  
Green  
Vocational

**Google Search**

## **Please beware of scams!**

- **Do not ever pay for scholarships or searches.**
- **Scholarships are gifts; they never have to be repaid!**
- **Do not give your bank account, credit card or social security information!**



**APPLY NOW**

**The more scholarships a student applies to, the more likely they are to receive some aid!**

**Again, there is no limit on the number of scholarships students can apply for, so they should apply for as many as they can!**





The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program establishes lottery-funded scholarships to reward Florida high school graduates for high academic achievement.



Welcome to the

# Florida Bright Futures

Workshop for Bartram Trail High School Families

*Presented by Michelle Sterling, M.Ed.  
School Counselor*



Financial  
Assistance  
for  
Education  
If you don't  
apply, you  
won't  
qualify!

## **Federal Aid**

Grants and Scholarships -- Work Study -- Guaranteed Student Loans

- U.S. Armed Forces (see [StudentAid.gov/military](http://StudentAid.gov/military))
- Apply via [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> of senior year

## **Institutional Aid**

Start researching institutional scholarships by visiting the college and university websites. Some schools require a separate application. Some schools automatically consider students who apply for admissions by the priority deadline.

## **State of Florida Aid**

Only Florida students are eligible.

- Need Based Grants
- Merit Based Scholarship
- \$\$\$ Florida Bright Futures \$\$\$
- Special Interest (Scholarships for Children of Deceased or Disabled Veterans)

Apply via [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org) beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> of senior year

Become more knowledgeable about Bright Futures by...

...READING the Bright Futures Student Handbook.

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



Office of Student Financial Assistance

# Florida Student Scholarship Grant Programs

[HOME](#) [Login](#)



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## Bright Futures Student Handbook

### Chapter 1: Initial Eligibility



- Requirements for Scholarship Types (FAS, FMS, GSC, GSV)
- Non-Traditional Students (home-educated, GED, mid-year, out-of-state)

### Chapter 2: Scholarship Information



- Length of Scholarship Award
- Award Amounts [\(BFFAS/BFFMS Private\)](#)
- Transferring the Scholarship between Institutions

### Chapter 3: Renewal Eligibility



- Renewal Requirements
- Reinstatement/Restoration Requirements

### Bright Futures Flyers



- [Florida Academic Scholarship \(FAS\)](#)
- [Florida Medallion Scholarship \(FMS\)](#)
- [Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholarship \(GSC\)](#)
- [Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship \(GSV\)](#)

### Additional Resources



- [Bright Futures Brochure](#)
- [Bright Futures Course Table \(BFCT\)](#)
- [Bright Futures Credit Hour Renewal Requirement Interactive Tool](#)

APPLICATIONS	REPORTS	RESOURCES	STATUTES AND RULES
<a href="#">Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)</a> <a href="#">Reinstatement/Restoration Application</a> <a href="#">Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)</a> <a href="#">Document Upload</a>	<a href="#">Annual Report to the Commissioner - (Archives)</a> <a href="#">End-of-Year Reports - (Archives)</a> <a href="#">Bright Futures Statistical Reports</a>	<a href="#">Federal Student Aid</a> <a href="#">Financial Aid Terms and Definitions</a> <a href="#">Money for College Brochure</a> <a href="#">Navigating Your Financial Future</a> <a href="#">State Scholarship and Grant Calendar</a>	<a href="#">Florida Statutes</a> <a href="#">State Board of Education Rules</a> <a href="#">Legislative Changes</a> <a href="#">Postsecondary Compliance Audits</a> <a href="#">Postsecondary Eligibility Requirements</a>

Florida Department of Education | Office of Student Financial Assistance | 325 W. Gaines St, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400 | (888) 827 - 2004 | [osfa@fldoe.org](mailto:osfa@fldoe.org)

# Florida Academic Scholar (FAS) and Florida Medallion Scholar (FMS)

Type	16 High School Course Credits <sup>1</sup>	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT <sup>®</sup> /SAT <sup>®</sup> )	Service Hours
<b>FAS</b>	4 - English <i>(three must include substantial writing)</i> 4 - Mathematics <i>(at or above the Algebra I level)</i> 3 - Natural Science	3.50	2021-22 Graduates: 29/1330  2022-23 Graduates: 29/1330	100 hours
<b>FMS</b>	<i>(two must have substantial laboratory)</i> 3 - Social Science  2 - World Language <i>(sequential, in same language)</i>	3.00	2021-22 Graduates: 25/1210  2022-23 Graduates: 25/1210	75 hours

Gold Seal Vocational Scholar (GVS) can only be used to fund: an Applied Technology Diploma, Technical Degree Ed Program (Associate in Applied Science or Associate in Science), or a Career Education Certificate Program.



- Bright Futures GPA is **NOT** the same as report card GPA.
- Bright Futures **weights** honors, AP, and dual enrollment classes **equally** with 0.5 per credit earned – NOT 1.0 weight for AP or DE.
- Bright Futures will also accept two additional academic electives toward the GPA calculation if it **benefits** the student.



- You are permitted to use qualifying scores from the **June**, ACT or SAT to qualify for the Bright Futures test criteria if you did not qualify prior to graduation.
- You must **APPLY** for the scholarship by submitting the Florida Financial Aid Application during senior year.
- Bright Futures Scholarships will renew automatically each year if the student **maintains** the required GPA and credit hours.



- “Bright Futures” receives student transcript information (courses, grades, and community service hours) twice a year when the district uploads transcripts.
- “Bright Futures” receives ACT and SAT test scores ONLY when students report scores to state colleges and universities.
- Bright Futures GPA CANNOT be viewed in HAC.

# Community Service



- Not needed for graduation
- Needed for Bright Futures
- The goal should be to finish 100 hours of community service by the end of 11<sup>th</sup> grade
- How to find community service opportunities -
  - <https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/community-service-hours/>
- **REMINDER** - Make sure the organization is a not for profit by searching by the name here -  
<https://search.sunbiz.org/Inquiry/CorporationSearch/ByName>

- *Remember to keep a copy of verification letters for your records*






# Submitting Community Service Hours

**Verification letters can be turned into Ms. Richards in the school counseling area of the main building or emailed to [Kathleen.Richards@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Kathleen.Richards@stjohns.k12.fl.us)**

## SERVICE HOURS LETTER

  
25 State Road 13, Jacksonville, FL 32209 | Phone: 904-287-7300 | Fax: 904-287-7303 | WestminsterFurniture.com

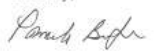
To whom it may concern:

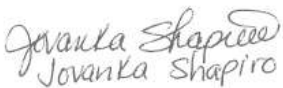
Westminster Woods on Julington Creek is a not-for-profit community service organization dedicated to providing services for older adults. Our facility offers numerous volunteer opportunities. We are pleased to verify service hours required by school and religious organizations. It is, however, the standard of this organization that we will not allow persons to serve court ordered community service in any of our communities.


Dick Shapiro graciously contributed his/her time. The staff and residents of Westminster Woods on Julington Creek wish to extend our appreciation for the work, which this volunteer has performed.

Date/s 7/3/14 - 8/8/14

Hours Worked 39

Sincerely,  
  
Pamela Benfer  
Director of Volunteers  
Westminster Woods on Julington Creek  
(904) 287-7181

  
Jovanka Shapiro

 Bradenton / Cocoa / Daytona Beach / Ft. Lauderdale / Ft. Walton Beach / Jacksonville / Orlando / Pensacola / St. Petersburg / Tallahassee / Winter Park

## STUDENT VOLUNTEER SERVICE PLAN

**St. Johns County Student Volunteer Service Plan**

All lines on this form must be completed before the service plan is submitted for hours.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of Service Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Social/Civic Issue/Professional Area Addressing with Service Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Volunteer Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reflection on Service Activity**

Attach the organization's letter on letterhead to this page. Complete the reflection below and submit to your school counselor/designee by your graduation date. *Note: Ideally, students submit hours at least after each year in high school rather than saving them all until the end of high school.*

What impact did your service have on the social/civic issue/professional area that you identified?

\_\_\_\_\_

Identify one way the service activity could have been improved.

\_\_\_\_\_

What was your favorite part of volunteering?

\_\_\_\_\_

Would you recommend this activity to other students? Circle One: Yes No

*I affirm that I have performed the service activity under the supervision of a non-relative, meeting all requirements outlined in St. Johns County Community Service Guidelines. I understand that if I am found to have given false testimony about these hours that the hours will be revoked and endanger my eligibility for the Bright Futures Scholarship.*

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



What should  
students do  
*now* to  
qualify for a  
Bright  
Futures  
Scholarship?

## 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

- Keep up with course work and establish a good high school GPA.
- Get involved in your school and community.
- Submit service hours to Ms. Richards in the Main Guidance office or at [Kathleen.Richards@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Kathleen.Richards@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

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## 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

- Keep up with course work and maintain a good GPA.
- Seek out community service opportunities.
- Submit service hours to Ms. Richards in the Main Guidance office or at [Kathleen.Richards@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Kathleen.Richards@stjohns.k12.fl.us)
- Begin researching colleges.
- Begin planning for next year's courses with college and Bright Futures in mind.

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## 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

- Keep up with course work and maintain a good GPA.
- Check service hours in HAC. You should have at least 100 hours by now.
- Submit service hours to Ms. Richards in the Main Guidance office or at [Kathleen.Richards@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Kathleen.Richards@stjohns.k12.fl.us)
- Schedule meetings with college representatives and ask questions about financial aid and Bright Futures.
- Begin planning for next year's courses with college and Bright Futures in mind.
- Take SAT or ACT and send scores to a Florida school.

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## 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

- Review your Bright Futures Report.
- See your school counselor if there are any errors on your transcript.
- Take note of what is “Missing” to qualify for each award.
- Take steps to improve your Bright Futures GPA if it is borderline.
- Submit any remaining service hours by winter break.
- Take or re-take SAT or ACT and report your scores to a Florida school.

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## 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

- APPLY!
- APPLY NOW!
- DO NOT WAIT TO APPLY!
- Students do not have to be eligible for Bright Futures to apply. You can apply now and become eligible by graduation.
- **You will NOT be eligible if you do not APPLY!**

## For More Information

- Visit [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org)
- Contact Customer Service 888-827-2004
- Email [OSFA@fldoe.org](mailto:OSFA@fldoe.org)
- [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/FASTER/](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/FASTER/)
- [FSTR@fldoe.org](mailto:FSTR@fldoe.org)