

West Shore Senior Parent Night

Graduating Class of 2020

Graduating from West Shore

Course / Credit requirements

- ❖ February Transcript (Jr. year)/Graduation credit check
- ❖ Spring Graduation Check
- ❖ 1. Senior English, 2. Math, and 3. Senior Seminar/ Capstone/Science Research
- ❖ Transcript—final review before sent off to universities/colleges

Diploma of Distinction

- ❖ Service Learning hours
 - ❖ 25 due by the END OF FIRST SEMESTER
 - ❖ 100+ due by March 13, 2020
- ❖ Leadership and Scholarship due March 13, 2020
- ❖ ***SENIOR PROJECT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!***

****Online
Classes due
by April 17 ****

College Selection Process

❖ Narrow your choices

- ❖ Majors offered
- ❖ GPA / test scores / strengths
- ❖ Location / size

❖ Gather information

- ❖ Internet / websites
- ❖ Personal visits
- ❖ Current students / friends / family / alumni

❖ Call/email the Admissions Office with specific questions

❖ Community colleges can be an excellent choice

Applying to Colleges

❖ Applications

- ❖ Common Application/Send Edu/Coalition
- ❖ School's websites
- ❖ Most require electronic submission and SELF REPORTING
- ❖ Print and complete a hard copy BEFORE completing the online version
- ❖ Proofread, Proofread, Proofread and then....
have someone else proofread!!
- ❖ Flag any questions or concerns and ask your counselor
- ❖ Make COPIES of EVERYTHING and note dates submitted
- ❖ www.flvc.org –helpful resource in preparation for post high school life

Applying to Colleges

- ❖ Make a master calendar
 - ❖ Note all deadlines for applications, financial aid, fees, etc. and dates submitted
- ❖ Develop a resume (1 page)
- ❖ Letters of recommendation
 - ❖ Give at least 3 weeks notice
 - ❖ Provide resume and other personal information
 - ❖ Note dates needed for each school
- ❖ Write admissions essays
 - ❖ Make them personal - show who you really are
 - ❖ Proofread, edit and have someone else proofread
 - ❖ Take your essays seriously

Applying to Colleges

- ❖ Request transcripts from guidance registrar
 - ❖ Note schools and dates needed
 - ❖ Fee required—first one is free; \$1 for additional
- ❖ Follow up on your application
 - ❖ Application status on college website
- ❖ Apply early
 - ❖ Deadline – October 1st, Guidance recommendation
 - ❖ Rolling Admissions
 - ❖ Early Action (non-binding)
 - ❖ Early Decision (binding)

DON'T PROCRASTINATE!

2019-2020 Bright Futures Scholarship Program

Florida Academic Scholars Award

Florida Medallion Scholars Award



Online Application

The application process begins January of senior year and must be completed before the date of graduation. Counselors will do this with your child!!

The 2017 Florida Legislative Session resulted in changes to the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program effective immediately.

Additional information regarding the changes are available at:

<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/PDF/Legislature2016.pdf>

- ❖ Highly recommended that all Bright Futures students file a complete, error free FAFSA
- ❖ Bright Futures recipients will receive award amount based on specific criteria
- ❖ Students must refund the cost of any dropped or withdrawn Bright Futures funded courses to the institution. This may also affect your renewal eligibility. Visit the website for any further information.
- ❖ See the award amounts on the Bright Futures website:
<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/PDF/BFHandbookChapter2.pdf>

2019-2020 Bright Futures Requirements

Type	16 High School Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted GPA	College Entrance Exams (ACT [®] /SAT [®]) ²	Service 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	29/1290	100 hours
FMS	3 - Social Science 2 - World Language <i>(sequential, in same language)</i>	3.00	26/1170	75 hours

****Note:** The weighted GPA is the calculated using only English, Math, Science, Science, Social Studies, and World Language.

Bright Futures Award Amounts —FAS

- Florida Academic Scholars will receive an award amount equal to **100% of tuition and applicable fees** at a public postsecondary institution, or comparable amount at a nonpublic institution.
- Applicable fees include: activity and service fee, health fee, athletic fee, financial aid fee, capital improvement fee, campus access/transportation fee, technology fee and tuition differential fee.
- Florida Academic Scholars will receive an **additional amount of \$300 per semester** (fall and spring) for textbooks and educational expenses

Bright Futures Award Amounts —FMS

- Florida Medallion Scholars will receive an award to cover 75% of tuition and applicable fees at a public postsecondary institution, or comparable amount at a nonpublic institution.
- Applicable fees include: activity and service fee, health fee, athletic fee, financial aid fee, capital improvement fee, campus access/transportation fee, technology fee and tuition differential fee.

Sources of Financial Aid

Federal
Government

State of
Florida

College

Other

Federal

- **FAFSA** (complete online/paper)
- **Pin** required
- **October 1st** (earliest application date)
- **Grants, Student loans, Parent Loans, Work Study Program**

State of Florida

- **OSFA** (apply online for several financial aid packages, includes Bright Futures)
- **Guidance Visit – January** (Counselors will give instructions...please do NOT do on your own!)

College

- Admission Process / FAFSA
- College Website
- College Financial Aid Office

Additional Sources

- **Websites**
- **Loan Institutions**
- **West Shore Website**
- **Guidance Bulletin**

Thank you for
your time and
attention 😊