

Do Now:

- Do you know your social security number?
 - YES – Do NOT share your SSN with anyone
 - No – Write your name and student ID number on a post-it note. A counselor will try to help.
- Scan QR code for Bright Futures Student Evaluation Key





FYI – FCTC Showcase Field Trip

- When: Thursday, November 6; during the school day
- What: An event to learn more about the programs at First Coast Technical College.
- How do you sign up: Go see your school counselor during lunch to get a field trip form today. Forms must be turned in by October 23

Available programs to visit:

- EMT/Paramedic
- Dental Assisting
- Automotive
- Facials/Nails
- Firefighter
- HVAC/R
- Agriculture
- Diesel
- Cybersecurity
- Early Childhood
- Culinary Arts
- Practical Nursing
- Cosmetology
- Welding



FYI – College Application Help Sessions

- October 17
 - 4th, 5th, and 6th Periods
 - If you are on modified, check in with Ms. Freeman at front office
 - Media Center

FYI – Transcripts and Recommendation Letters

Transcripts

- Request all transcripts via Parchment



Recommendation Letters

- You must ASK for a letter. Don't just put our name down in CommonApp and assume that is it.
- If a letter is **required**, you must ASK.
- Then we will send you a brag sheet to fill out.



FYI – Turning in Acceptance Letters

- Turn in **ALL** letters – university, college, vocational, and military (even if you are not attending that school)
- They will be displayed outside the 3rd floor office suite
- How to turn in letters:
 - Email PDF (not screenshot) of all acceptance letters and scholarship offers to Ms. Patterson OR
 - Make a copy of the acceptance letters and scholarship offers and drop them by Ms. Patterson's office in building 1



Financial Aid

Beachside High School Counselors



Bright Futures Student Evaluation Information

- Section 1
 - Make sure your name is correct
 - You must send your ACT, CLT, and SAT scores to a public Florida University for it to show up on your evaluation. If you took the ACT, CLT or SAT recently then it won't be on this evaluation.
 - You must turn in all service or work hours directly to Ms. Davis in the front office for service hours to show up on your evaluation. You need 100 hours for the scholarship that pays the most money.
- Section 2
 - Three columns for three award levels. You can see what you are missing in each column.
- Section 3
 - This is your transcript data that Bright Futures uses to evaluate your GPA. Remember, Bright Futures calculates GPA differently than high schools. If you want to bring up your BF GPA, retake any classes you earned a D or F in on FLVS
- You will go to your school counselor to pick up your last BF evaluation in April

Reviewing your post-secondary options

Credential or Certificate

- Community/State College; example – FSCJ, SJRSC, J-Tech
- Examples of careers: automotive, welding, HVAC, cosmetology, EMS, fire fighting,

State College – (Two-Year, Associate Degree) – SJRCS, FSCJ, TCC, Valencia, Santa Fe

- **AS Degree** – Two-year degree then straight into the workforce
 - Examples of careers: nursing, air traffic controller, dental hygienist, radiological tech, IT
- **AA Degree** – Two-year degree that transfers to a four-year college/university to earn Bachelor's Degree

Four Year College or University (Four-Year, Bachelor's Degree)

- Master's Degree - Can be obtained after Bachelor's Degree
- Doctorate Degree - Can be obtained after Master's Degree

Military

- Must take ASVAB



What is Financial Aid?

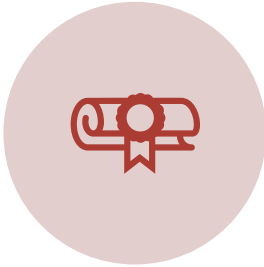
Financial aid is ANY Resource that can help you pay for college.

- Grants (you don't have to pay back)
- Loans (you DO have to pay back)
- Scholarships (you don't have to pay back)
- Work-Study (you don't have to pay back)

You can use financial aid to help pay for:

- Tuition
- Books
- Room & Board
- Supplies
- Transportation

Four Ways to Apply for Financial Aid



FEDERAL STUDENT
AID (FAFSA)



FLORIDA FINANCIAL
AID (FFAA, AKA
"BRIGHT FUTURES")



INSTITUTIONAL
FINANCIAL AID



SCHOLARSHIPS



Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- Who should apply?
 - EVERYONE who wants to go to any type of school after high school
- When should you apply?
 - October of your senior year AND every year after that while enrolled in college (check with your college for specific deadlines)
- What does this application cover?
 - Grants, Loans, and Work-Study provided by the Federal Government
- What do you need?
 - Your social security number, parents' social security number, your driver's license number (if you have one), alien registration number (if you are not a US citizen), federal tax information, tax documents, or tax returns, including W-2 information for you, and your parents, records of untaxed income for you and your parents, information on cash and investments
- How do you apply?
 - Go to <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- If you are taking classes during the summer immediately after senior year, you ALSO need to complete the 2025-26 FAFSA form, which is open now.



Florida Financial Aid

- Who should apply?
 - EVERYONE
- When should you apply?
 - Application opens October 1
- What does this application cover?
 - Grants and Scholarships provided by the State Government, including Bright Futures
- What do you need?
 - Helpful hints guide located here: <https://www.bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2025/08/FFAA-Helpful-Hints-Class-of-2026.pdf>
- How do you apply?
 - Go to <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/>

Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) and Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) Award Requirements

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	2025-26 Graduates ² : 29/95/1330 2026-27 Graduates ³ : 29/95/1330	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours
FMS	3 - Social Science 2 - Foreign/World Language <i>(sequential, in same language)</i>	3.00	2025-26 Graduates ² : 24/82/1190 2026-27 Graduates ³ : 24/82/1190	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours

100% of tuition and specific fees

75% of tuition and specific fees

Snapshot of Bright Futures



You must apply by submitting the Florida Financial Aid Application



The scholarship will renew automatically every year if the student maintains the required GPA and credit hours



Seniors should **try** to meet all Bright Futures requirements by the end of FIRST semester



You must have all service/work hours turned in by May 21, 2026



ACT and SAT exams taken through August 31, 2026 will be accepted for evaluation purposes. You must send your ACT and SAT scores to a public Florida University for it to show up on your evaluation

What should seniors do NOW to qualify for Bright Futures?



Complete the Florida Financial Aid Application today – even if you don't qualify yet



Review your Bright Futures student evaluation report that was given to you today



If you see any errors on section 3, notify your school counselor immediately



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/work hours by winter break



Take or re-take the ACT, CLT, or SAT and report your scores to a Florida public university



Bright Futures Early Evaluation

Students cannot lose an award based on early evaluation unless they fail to earn a standard Florida high school diploma from a Florida public or FDOE-registered private high school.

Early Evaluation is based on:

- Required coursework and GPA through 7th semester (1st sem of senior year)
- Coursework in progress for 8th semester (2nd sem of senior year)
- Service/work hours earned and turned in by December 19
- Test scores for tests taken by January 31
- Transcripts should be submitted within 30 days of the end of each semester (SJCS D will submit all senior transcripts to Bright Futures automatically)



Bright Futures Final Evaluation

Final Evaluation is based on:

- All required coursework and GPA completed by high school graduation
- **Service hours completed and turned in by May 21, 2026**
- Test scores for all tests taken through August 31 of high school graduation year
- High school graduation date associated with earning a standard high school diploma
- Transcripts should be submitted within 30 days of the end of each semester (SJCSD will submit all senior transcripts to Bright Futures automatically)



AICE Diploma Bright Futures Evaluations

- Students awarded an IB, AICE, or AP Capstone Diploma will receive notifications of eligibility determination from FLDOE the fall after senior year after a list of IB, AICE, or AP Capstone Diploma recipients has been received from SJCSD.
- AICE Diploma Award
 - Must TAKE and PASS at least 7 AICE exams with at least 1 in each category
 - Earning the Award means 100% Bright Futures (as long as you have also turned in 100 hours of community/work hours)

Bright Futures Eligibility Notifications for Senior Year



Upon creation of a Student Account, students will receive a User Name and Password.



Students must check their online account for award notices – **students are responsible for keeping their demographic information updated and tracking their application and award status.**



Office of Student Financial Aid will post official award eligibility or ineligibility determinations to student online accounts.



Institutional Financial Aid

- Who should apply?
 - Talk to the college/university financial aid office to determine what programs you will qualify for
- When should you apply?
 - Contact college/university as every school has different deadlines
- What does this application cover?
 - Grants and Scholarships provided by the University or College
- What do you need?
 - Usually, the FAFSA must be filled out first but contact the college/university to find out more information
- How do you apply?
 - College and Universities generally have a separate application process for financial aid

Example of Institutional Financial Aid - SJRSC

This application is for 200
scholarships

Foundation

SCHOLARSHIPS

The SJR State Foundation offers several scholarships, funded by the generous contributions of businesses, non-profit entities, and individuals.

We accept scholarships from October 1 - April 1.

Scholarship recipients must:

- Complete the scholarship application and provide additional documentation required (two letters of recommendation or two [recommendation forms](#) and essay response).
- Be a new or returning SJR State student.
- Must maintain a 2.0 GPA.
- Must complete all scholarship requirements.

We recommend completing the [FAFSA](#) because some but not all scholarships require it.

We invite you to apply for scholarships through our online portal system. One single application puts you in the applicant pool for [all scholarships](#).

NEW THIS YEAR - The Scholarship Recommendation Form.

In addition to Letters of Recommendation, students will have the option to submit the Scholarship Recommendation Forms instead. This form will offer the person filling it out a more guided option in answering topics about the students. Two recommendations are still required for the scholarship application, there are now just options.

The application will reopen October 2024.

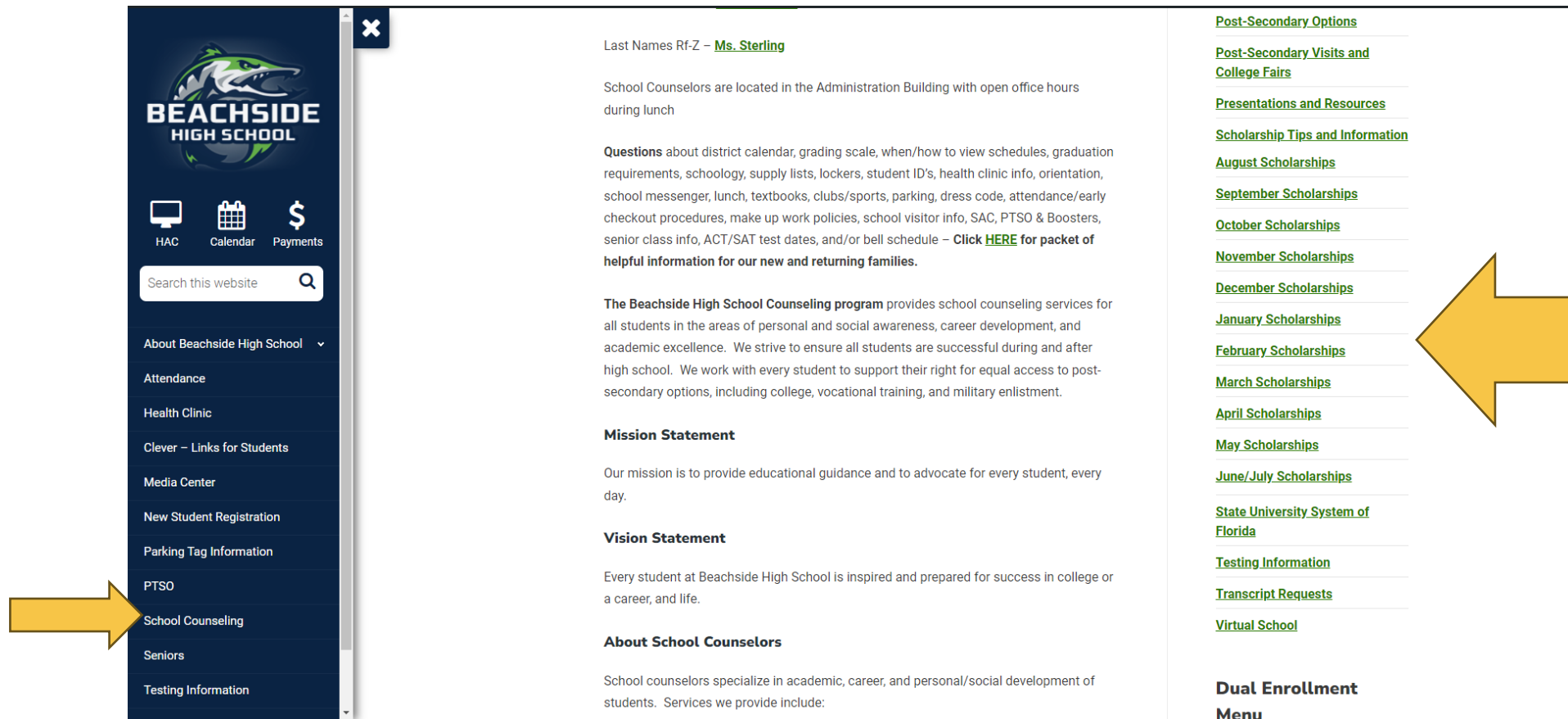
SCHOLARSHIPS
[Apply Now!](#)



Scholarships

- Who should apply?
 - EVERYONE
- When should you apply?
 - Now and continue searching for scholarships even when you're in college
- What do you need?
 - Academic history, letter(s) of recommendation, essay(s), scholarship application, ACT and SAT scores
- How do you find scholarships?
 - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/scholarships/>
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
 - <https://www.raise.me/join/5778868440>
 - <https://www.fastweb.com/>
 - <https://finaid.org/scholarships/>
 - Parents' Employers
 - Civic and church organizations

Scholarships on the BHS website



The image shows a screenshot of the Beachside High School website. On the left is a dark blue sidebar with the school's logo and various navigation links. A yellow arrow points to the 'School Counseling' link. The main content area has a white background and contains text about school counselors, including a list of last names and a link to a packet of helpful information. A second yellow arrow points to this link. On the right is a vertical list of scholarship links, with a large yellow arrow pointing to the entire section.

BEACHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

HAC Calendar Payments

Search this website

About Beachside High School ▾

Attendance

Health Clinic

Clever – Links for Students

Media Center

New Student Registration

Parking Tag Information

PTSO

School Counseling

Seniors

Testing Information

Last Names Rf-Z – [Ms. Sterling](#)

School Counselors are located in the Administration Building with open office hours during lunch

Questions about district calendar, grading scale, when/how to view schedules, graduation requirements, schoology, supply lists, lockers, student ID's, health clinic info, orientation, school messenger, lunch, textbooks, clubs/sports, parking, dress code, attendance/early checkout procedures, make up work policies, school visitor info, SAC, PTSO & Boosters, senior class info, ACT/SAT test dates, and/or bell schedule – **Click [HERE](#) for packet of helpful information for our new and returning families.**

The Beachside High School Counseling program provides school counseling services for all students in the areas of personal and social awareness, career development, and academic excellence. We strive to ensure all students are successful during and after high school. We work with every student to support their right for equal access to post-secondary options, including college, vocational training, and military enlistment.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide educational guidance and to advocate for every student, every day.

Vision Statement

Every student at Beachside High School is inspired and prepared for success in college or a career, and life.

About School Counselors

School counselors specialize in academic, career, and personal/social development of students. Services we provide include:

[Post-Secondary Options](#)

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Scholarship Tips



Start searching for scholarships early and continue searching throughout college.



Apply to EVERY scholarship for which you are eligible.



Essays can be reused and tailored for each new application.



Review your social media accounts and remove inappropriate material.



Make sure you have an appropriate e-mail address.



Scholarships – Get Organized!

- Make a list of deadlines and don't miss them
- Keep a folder/file/binder with everything that is needed to apply for multiple scholarships.
 - ACT/SAT/CLT scores
 - High school transcript (request one from Parchment)
 - Letters of recommendation, **if required** (because you may be able to use one for multiple scholarships)
 - Resume of activities, community service, and leadership roles
 - Essays (because you may be able to use one essay for multiple scholarships)



Scholarships – Beware of Scams

- NEVER pay for scholarships or searches.
- Scholarships are never guaranteed.
- Feel too good to be true? Do more research and ask around.
- Trust your instinct.
- Scholarships are gifts; they never have to be repaid.
- Don't give out bank account, credit card, or social security information.

Let's apply for Florida Financial Aid together ...

- Grab a laptop, log in, and go to <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/>
- The helpful hints guide is a step-by-step guide that will help you with every single question. Do not take it with you.



First-Time Applicants

Students must submit a completed Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) to OSFA for programs denoted by an asterisk (*). In order to apply for State Scholarship & Grant Programs, a student must first [Create a Student Account](#). After logging into your account, you may proceed to complete the FFAA.



Issues with ACT/SAT Scores or need to update Social Security Number

- Contact Customer Service at 888-827-2004
- Email OSFA@fldoe.org



Questions?

Open office hours during your lunch