

BRIGHT FUTURES REMINDERS FOR SENIORS – CLASS OF 2022

Important Deadlines for Seniors Applying for Bright Futures:

Apply Online By: May 25th

The *final* deadline for seniors to submit the online application (Florida Financial Aid Application or FFAA) for Bright Futures is August 31, 2022. **We advise you to apply by May 25th to ensure there is time to resolve any potential issues** as the Guidance office will not be fully staffed in the Summer. You will only apply once and that application will be refreshed each time an evaluation is run.

Steps to Complete the Application Process: *Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) for Bright Futures*

- Go to <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/>
- Select **State Grants, Scholarships & Applications** and Under First Time Applicants, click on “create an account”.
- After account is created, complete the FFAA application and submit.

The Office of Student Financial Assistance (OFSA) will post all official/award notifications to your online record. **You are responsible for checking your status in August 2022 after the 8th semester evaluation.** All notifications (including the FFAA award notifications) will be available using your assigned login credentials to log into your Financial Aid Recipient History. If needed, OFSA will contact you via the email address you listed when completing the FFAA. Please make sure you frequently check your email and respond to any messages from OFSA.

Community Service Hours Deadline: May 20th

All service hours documentation must be complete including required signatures and be on the official community service forms. Completed community service hours forms should be submitted to Mrs. Seitel in the Guidance office by May 20th at 3:00pm. Community service forms are available in the Guidance office and on the Lincoln website from the Guidance Department page.

Other Important Reminders:

- For 7th semester (early evaluation) applicants: Notification process was started in April. Early Evaluation is for students who have all required coursework completed and GPA through the first semester of the Senior year, service hours completed by the end of the 1st semester and submitted to Guidance by January 18, and have qualifying ACT/SAT scores through January 31st. Bright Futures online application was also due in January for the early round.
- **For the 8th semester evaluation:** Grades will be automatically re-evaluated based on core coursework through the second semester of senior year, test scores through June 2022 and service hours completed by second semester Senior year and submitted to Mrs. Seitel by May 20th. The FFAA must also be completed. **Notification will be in August.**
- Test Scores: Qualifying scores include all ACT and SAT tests taken by June 30, 2022.
 - **Please remember to send your test scores to at least one public State of Florida University for Bright Futures to pick up your scores. Each individual test that reflects your qualifying scores must be sent.**
- Bright Futures will super score ACT and SAT scores within the same test.

For more information and Bright Futures Requirements / Award Amounts, please refer to:
<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/>