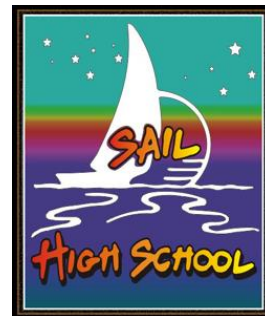


# Senior Year



## College and Career Readiness Checklist

An easy to follow guide for preparing for your senior year at SAIL

### All Year

- Pay attention to school announcements, school social media accounts, and join school listserv.
- Investigate careers of interest through FloridaShines.org.
- Interview professionals in the career you are interested entering.
- Research colleges (I.e. Cost of Attendance, Programs offered, Housing etc).
- Attend college/career fairs in your area and/or online.
- Discuss post-secondary and career goals with your parents and school counselor.
- Meet with your School Counselor to make a plan for your transition from high school to college.
- Review your high school transcript and GPA. Maintain your grades throughout your senior year.
- Continue co-curricular and extracurricular activities. Keep a log of all activities.
- Create, if not already established, a professional email address. (i.e., "Firstname.lastname@gmail.com")  
You will need this to communicate with the workforce, colleges, etc.

### Fall

- Fill out the Free Application for Financial student Aid (**FAFSA**)
- If you're hoping for a better score, register to take the ACT and/or SAT exam again (or for the first time).
- Attend college rep visits during lunch. Regularly check college and career space.
- Research available scholarships and apply **EARLY!**
- Solidify list of schools you're interested in, including reach, target, and backup schools.
- Ensure you will meet graduation requirements! (GPA, Prepare for midterms, etc.)
- Create a calendar and keep track of deadlines for applications and financial aid submissions.
- Ask for letters of recommendation **EARLY!** The more time a recommender has to write your letter, the better.
- Apply for Bright Futures:

#### Bright Futures Requirements

Type	16 High school course Credits	Min. GPA (weighted)	Min. Test Scores	Min Community Service
<b>FAS (100% Tuition):</b>	4 - English/Language 4 - Mathematics (at or above the Algebra I level) 3 - Natural Science FMS 3 - Social Science	3.50 GPA	29/1290 (ACT/SAT),	100 hrs
<b>FMS (75% Tuition):</b>	2 - World Language (sequential, in same language)	3.0 GPA	26/1170 (ACT/SAT)	75 hrs

### Spring

- If you were accepted for Early Decision, withdraw your application from remaining colleges.
- Discuss college financial plans with parent/guardian (Google each College/Univ. "Net Price Calculator).
- Complete mid-year reports, as requested.
- Notify the college you choose to attend by May 1. Notify other colleges you will not be attending.
- Request final transcript be sent to the college or university you will attend.
- Plan to relax this summer! If you want to stay busy, getting some work experience is a great option.

## College exploration and application

Websites	Purpose
<a href="#">Better Make Room</a>	Personalized College and career reminder service
<a href="#">HFUW Going2College</a>	University Specific text messaging reminders
<a href="#">Florida Shines</a>	Career Assessments/College Comparisons
<a href="#">CollegeBoard</a> (SAT)	College entrance examination information and registration
<a href="#">BigFuture</a>	College and academic major database
<a href="#">ACT.org</a>	College app platform (not accepted by every college/university)

## Funding Your Future

Website	Purpose
<a href="#">Fastweb</a>	Scholarship search database
<a href="#">FAFSA</a>	Free application for student aid
<a href="#">FAFSA4Caster</a>	Estimate college cost of attendance
<a href="#">College Abacus</a>	Estimate college cost of attendance
<a href="#">Bright Futures</a>	Bright Futures and More (FFAA application)
<a href="#">Navigating your Financial Future</a>	Information for students and parents about paying for college
<a href="#">Raise.Me</a>	Micro-scholarship search engine (really cool!!!)

Local Scholarship opportunities:

- School Counselor's Office
- Community Organizations
- Professional Organizations
- Nonprofit Agencies
- Local Businesses
- Religious groups

Institutional opportunities:

- Colleges/University Office of Financial Aid
- College/University Departments (Ex. College of Engineering)
- Alumni Associations
- Sorority and Fraternity

**Have Questions? Speak with Justin!**