**Spring (end of Junior year)**

[ ]  Create MyCareerShines account to help you explore and narrow down your career/college options ([www.MyCareerShines.org](http://www.MyCareerShines.org)). Talk to your counselor about your college and/or career decisions.

[ ]  Other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Summer (before Senior year)**

[ ]  Visit Colleges and Universities of interest

[ ]  Look at Early Application options for the colleges of interest

[ ]  Visit cb.org/opportunity to learn more about “opting in” to the College Board Opportunity Scholarships

[ ]  Download and begin completing College applications

[ ]  Create Calendar to include application deadlines, test dates, and financial aid deadlines

[ ]  Create a resume’ – a record of your academic accomplishments, extracurricular activities, and work experiences since you started high school. (Utilize resume’ builder in MyCareerShines)

[ ]  Other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Fall**

[ ]  Prepare to take/re-take college admission tests. (Use Khanacademy.org or academy.act.org to practice) (Use [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) or [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) to register for tests)

[ ]  Check Scholarship Matrix monthly at <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/Page/4428>

October: [ ]  Create a FSA ID at <https://fsaid.ed.gov>

Enter info here:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 [ ]  Apply for FAFSA at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

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 [ ]  Apply for Bright Futures at [www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org)

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[ ]  Complete the College Service Scholarship (CSS Profile), if required by a college or scholarship program

[ ]  Build and submit community service hours for Bright Futures

[ ]  Complete and submit all college applications

[ ]  Other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Winter**

[ ]  Continue to submit any community service hours for Bright Futures

[ ]  Send any transcripts requested to colleges

[ ]  Contact the financial aid offices at the colleges of interest to find out what forms students must submit to apply for aid.

[ ]  Order cap & gown

[ ]  Other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Spring**

[ ]  Submit all final community service hours for Bright Futures before graduation

[ ]  March & April: Review admission letters and compare financial aid packages

[ ]  May 1st: make a final choice of the college you will attend.

[ ]  Update Bright Futures application with the final college selection

[ ]  Complete paperwork to accept a college’s offer of admittance and financial aid

[ ]  Continue to apply for scholarships

[ ]  Other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Summer (after graduation)**

[ ]  Request Dual Enrollment transcripts from HCC and/or AP scores from College Board to be sent to college you will attend

[ ]  Attend college orientations

[ ]  Enjoy Summer! ☺

 College 1 College 2 College 3 College 4

**STAGE 1**

Application Submitted [ ]  [ ]  [ ]  [ ]

 Letters of recommendation [ ]  [ ]  [ ]  [ ]

 Essay [ ]  [ ]  [ ]  [ ]

Transcripts Sent [ ]  [ ]  [ ]  [ ]

Test Scores Sent [ ]  [ ]  [ ]  [ ]

Financial aid info submitted [ ]  [ ]  [ ]  [ ]

**STAGE 2**

Received letter of acceptance/denial [ ]  [ ]  [ ]  [ ]

Responded with acceptance/denial [ ]  [ ]  [ ]  [ ]

**STAGE 3**

Sent deposit [ ]  [ ]  [ ]  [ ]

Sent final transcript [ ]  [ ]  [ ]  [ ]