**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.

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**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)

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**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)

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

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

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

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

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**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

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**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

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**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