

Student Success Checklist

SENIOR YEAR

Fall

- Create a professional email address for college and scholarship applications.
- Take the SAT and/or ACT and have official scores sent to colleges by collegeboard.com and/or actstudent.org.
- Attend Senior Night.
- Continue building your list of colleges to research (8-10 schools).
- Student-athletes, review the NCAA process.
- Review audition process if applying to a VPA program.
- Create and maintain a resume that highlights your activities, academics, and volunteer service. Find a template here: [Bit.ly/EFSC-Resume-Template](https://bit.ly/EFSC-Resume-Template).
- Finalize your college essay.
- The Common App launches **Aug. 1st**.
- Create a FAFSA ID and apply for Financial Aid (FAFSA application opens **Oct. 1**).
- Attend Financial Aid Night and Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) workshops.
- Complete your Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) for Bright Futures Scholarship (Application opens **Oct. 1**).
- Ask for letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, school admin, community members, or supervisors.
- Complete and submit college applications by posted deadlines. Request your transcripts to be sent to your colleges. See your school counselor to help with this.
- Complete SSAR and SPARK (if applying to UCF) if applicable.
- Start researching and applying for scholarships on EdFoundationSRQ.org/Scholarships, GoingMerry.com, or other reputable sites.
- Understand *EA, ED, and RD terminology and application deadlines. The best practice is to have everything submitted by **Nov. 1**.



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Spring

- Maintain second-semester grades.
- Monitor email for next steps in the admissions process.
- Finalize service hours for Bright Futures Scholarship. Check-in with your high school coordinator for the approval process.
- Keep researching and applying for scholarships on EdFoundationSRQ.org/Scholarships, GoingMerry.com, or other reputable sites.

Summer

- Complete Florida Bright Futures application by the **Aug. 31** deadline to maintain eligibility.

Need help getting ready for life after high school?

Make an appointment to meet with a Student Success Coach today.

