

College Handbook for Seniors

H.B. PLANT HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 2023



*This College Guide includes
the following information:*

*ACT/SAT registration, college
application process and deadlines, Bright
Futures, scholarships, financial aid,
helpful websites, and more.*

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School Calendar

Students' First Day of School.....	August 10
Labor Day Holiday/Schools Closed.....	September 5
End of 1st Grading Period.....	October 12
Non-Student Day.....	October 17
Veterans Day Holiday/Non-Student Day.....	November 11
Fall Break/Schools Closed.....	November 21 - 25
End of 2nd Grading Period (1st Semester).....	December 23
Winter Break/Schools Closed.....	December 26 – January 9
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday/Non-Student Day.....	January 16
Non-Student Day.....	February 17
Non-Student Day.....	March 6
Spring Break/Schools Closed.....	March 13 – 17
End of 3rd Grading Period.....	March 24
Non-Student Day.....	April 7
Last Day of School/End of 4 th Grading Period.....	May 26

SENIOR CALENDAR

August-September

- Register for the ACT/SAT (see pg. 4 & compare with your college deadlines).
- Check NAVIANCE STUDENT/CANVAS for college visits and scholarship opportunities once a week (all year).
- Finalize a list of colleges you will be applying to and research their admission requirements online.
- Complete college essays and resume.
- Attend to college application deadlines and begin applications (apply early for rolling admissions).
- Send ACT/SAT scores to your chosen colleges if needed (must be sent by testing agency- order online Act.org or Collegeboard.org).
- Submit transcript requests AND request counselor and/or teacher recommendations if needed on NAVIANCE STUDENT (see pg. 14). (student.naviance.com/planths)

DEADLINE for requesting transcripts/recommendations for EARLY action/decision deadlines (Oct 15-Nov 15) is SEPTEMBER 30.

(Items requested after this date are not guaranteed to be sent out before the requested early deadline. There is a separate deadline for regular decision deadlines: see December)

October

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) available online: 10/1 www.fafsa.gov
- Bright Futures Scholarship application available online: 10/1 (www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org)
- FSU early action application deadline (for FL students only) 10/15
- Hillsborough Education Foundation Scholarships open this month (www.educationfoundation.com)
- Apply to all rolling admission colleges.

November

- UF application deadline 11/1
- USF priority deadline 11/1
- UF SSAR deadline 11/15
- Plant Scholarship applications open

December

- FSU regular decision deadline 12/1
- UF test score deadline 12/1

DEADLINE for requesting transcripts and recommendations for REGULAR decision deadlines (Jan 1-15) is DECEMBER 1.

(Items requested after this date are not guaranteed to be sent out before winter break. You can request these items after the break as well.)

SENIOR CALENDAR

January

- Check your 2nd semester schedule to be certain all requirements have been met.
- USF scholarship deadline 1/15
- Check Canvas regularly for scholarship opportunities & important announcements.
- Meet January-March application deadlines.
- Continue to request transcripts for any new applications on NAVIANCE STUDENT.

February

- Plant Scholarship applications due: 2/3
- Schedule campus visits. Refer to school calendar for holiday dates. You do NOT get school business for campus visits. **You have 5 days of excused absences for this purpose.**
- Send thank you note/email to teachers who have written your recommendations.
- Investigate housing, meal plans, etc. at colleges where you have been admitted. Send in housing applications.

March

- FSU final application deadline 3/1
- USF final application deadline 3/1
- Sign up for orientation

April

- **FINAL deadline for all transcript and recommendation requests is APRIL 1.**
- Expect to be notified by all colleges by mid-April.
- Send in deposits and finalize housing arrangements.
- Attend Awards Ceremony (invitation only)

May

- Reply on or before May 1st to report your intent to attend or to cancel admission.
- Take AP exams. In July, send AP scores directly from Collegeboard to the college you are attending.
- Complete scholarship survey.
- Request final transcript to the college you plan to attend & update NAVIANCE STUDENT with college application results
- Attend Graduation



Congratulations

Class of 2023!!!

ACT/SAT REGISTRATION

ACT: Register at www.act.org or (319) 337-1270

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration (extra fee)</u>
September 10, 2022	August 5, 2022	August 19, 2022
October 22, 2022	September 16, 2022	September 30, 2022
December 10, 2022	November 4, 2022	November 11, 2022
February 11, 2023	January 6, 2023	January 20, 2023
April 15, 2023	March 10, 2023	March 24, 2023
June 10, 2023	May 5, 2023	May 19, 2023
July 15, 2023	June 16, 2023	June 23, 2023

SAT: Register at www.collegeboard.org or (866) 756-7346

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration (extra fee)</u>
August 27, 2022	July 29, 2022	August 16, 2022
October 1, 2022	September 2, 2022	September 20, 2022
November 5, 2022	October 7, 2022	October 25, 2022
December 3, 2022	November 3, 2022	November 22, 2022
March 11, 2023	February 10, 2023	February 28, 2023
May 6, 2023	April 7, 2023	April 25, 2023
June 3, 2023	May 4, 2023	May 23, 2023

Plant High School Code: 101-700

Fee Waivers are available for students on free/reduced lunch.

Contact Mrs. Moseley for more information.

ACT/SAT TEST PREP

Check out Khan Academy for SAT prep. Practice is the key to success!

Take full length practice tests, brush up on specific skills with short lessons, and get test taking tips and strategies.

Link Your Collegeboard Account to Khan Academy for personalized SAT Practice

Prepare for the New SAT[®] with **Official SAT Practice**

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Get personalized practice recommendations based on your PSAT/NMSQT[™] or PSAT[™] 8/9 results.

Take these steps to link your College Board and Khan Academy[®] accounts.

- 1**
Visit satpractice.org
This takes you to Khan Academy, where you should log in or create an account.
- 2**
Link Your Accounts
When prompted, agree to link your Khan Academy and College Board accounts.
- 3**
Send Your Test Results
At College Board, sign in or create an account and hit "Send" to send your test results to Khan Academy.

Sign up. Link up.
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Resource Books:

- ACT Strategies for Super Busy Students
- The Real ACT Prep Guide
(Prices vary. Available through Amazon or local bookstores)
- Preparing for the ACT- free copies in the College Resource Room and online at www.act.org.
- SAT Preparation Booklet- free copies available in the College Resource Room.

Resource Websites:

- Collegeboard- www.collegeboard.org
(View your PSAT score report and evaluate strengths/weaknesses)
- ACT Academy (free)- Academy.act.org
- ACT Online Prep- www.actonlineprep.org
- Free online test prep- www.number2.com
- SAT vs. ACT – www.kaptest.com/sat/sat-vs-act
- Free SAT Practice - www.kaptest.com/sat/free/sat-practice
- Free ACT Practice - www.kaptest.com/act/free/act-practice

SAT vs. ACT SCORE COMPARISON

SAT Score R/M	1490-1600	1450-1480	1420-1440	1390-1410	1360-1380	1330-1350	1300-1320	1260-1290	1230-1250	1200-1220	1160-1190	1130-1150	1100-1120	1060-1090	1030-1050	990-1020	960-980	920-950	830-910	650-820
ACT Score Comp.	34-36	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	15-16	11-14

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IMPORTANT COLLEGE TERMS

ACCREDITATION: Recognition of a college or university by any of the regional or national accrediting bodies, indicating that the institution as a whole has been judged to be meeting its objectives.

CANDIDATES REPLY DATE: A policy among subscribing institutions that permits students to wait until May 1st to choose, without penalty, among offers of admissions/financial aid. (This does not include candidates accepted under Early Decision plan.)

COALITION APPLICATION A standard application that is accepted by 140 colleges and universities. Some schools will accept the Coalition application in addition to current applications, while other schools will require all students to use the Coalition application.

COMMON APPLICATION: A standard application form that is accepted by about 500 colleges in lieu of their own form. Available at www.commonapp.org.

CSS/FINANCIAL AID PROFILE: A financial aid form produced by the Collegeboard that is required for students seeking aid at approximately 10% of the nation's universities (including most highly selective institutions). Check colleges' websites for requirement information. Available at www.collegeboard.org.

DEFERRED ADMISSIONS: The practice of some colleges allowing an accepted student to postpone enrollment for one year.

DEFERRED DECISION: The practice of some colleges of holding an student's application to review again with the next applicant pool. A student who is deferred is neither accepted nor rejected. Most schools require 1st semester senior year grades and allow additional recommendations in the 2nd evaluation. Students should contact the admissions office to discuss ways to enhance the application and what should be submitted.

DEMONSTRATED NEED: The difference between the Expected Family Contribution and the total cost of attendance at a particular institution.

EARLY ACTION: An application process that permits students to submit an application to an institution of preference early in the senior year and receive a decision well in advance of the normal response dates in the spring. The candidate is NOT committed to enroll at that institution.

EARLY ADMISSION: Admitting students of superior ability into college courses and programs before they have completed their high school diploma. This type of application must be filed in the junior year.

EARLY DECISION: An application process in which a commitment is made by a student to the institution that, if admitted, the student WILL enroll. Only a student who can make a deliberate and well-reasoned first choice decision should apply early decision.

FAFSA (FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID): The financial aid form produced by the federal government that is required for nearly all colleges. Students and parents should fill out the form starting October 1st at www.fafsa.gov.

HONORS PROGRAM: Any program offering an opportunity for superior students to enrich their educational experience through independent, advanced, or accelerated study.

IMPORTANT COLLEGE TERMS

MODIFIED ROLLING ADMISSIONS: The practice of institutions to review applicant pools several times throughout the year. The school will post several deadlines and the dates in which those applications will be reviewed

NCAA INITIAL ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATION: In order to participate in intercollegiate sports at NCAA Div. I, II, or III colleges, students-athletes must submit their high school transcript and ACT/SAT scores to the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse. When registering for either test, students should enter "9999" as one of their college choices to have test scores sent to the Clearinghouse.

NEED BLIND ADMISSIONS: The term that applies to colleges that make decisions without regard to the financial circumstances of the applicants. Colleges with need-blind admissions do not necessarily offer aid to meet the full need of all accepted applicants.

OPEN ADMISSIONS: The policy of some colleges of admitting virtually all high school graduates, regardless of academic qualifications such as high school grades and admission test scores. Often times only a high school diploma is required. (Community Colleges generally fall under an open admissions classification.)

ROLLING ADMISSIONS: An admissions procedure by which the college considers each application as soon as required materials have been received. The college then notifies each applicant of acceptance or rejection as soon as possible.

SELF-HELP AID: The portion of a financial aid package consisting of loans and wages from a work-study job.

SAR (STUDENT AID REPORT): A form sent to families in response to submission of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that includes the Expected Family Contribution, a figure that may be modified at colleges that use institutional methodology.

SRAR (Self-Reported Academic Record): An online form required in lieu of an official transcript by some out of state universities. Students self-report all of their high school and dual enrollment courses completed and currently in progress instead of requesting a transcript to be sent. This is a different form than the SSAR required by some FL public colleges.

SSAR (Student Self-Reported Academic Record): An online form required in lieu of an official transcript by some Florida public universities. Students self-report all of their high school and dual enrollment courses completed and currently in progress instead of requesting a transcript to be sent.

Test Optional: A term used by institutions that means it is not mandatory for students to submit their SAT and/or ACT scores as a part of their application.

WAITLIST: A term used by institutions to describe a process by which they may initially delay offering or denying admissions during the regular decision pool. These students may be considered if space is available after admitted students have indicated whether or not they will attend.

COLLEGE EXPLORATION

Tips for finding your college match:

- Identify your priorities and research the characteristics of a range of schools. Then, match the two. Here are some characteristics to consider: size of student body, academic majors, extracurricular opportunities, location, cost, diversity, graduation rates, housing and dining options, etc.

Researching colleges:

- Students can match colleges based on the above criteria and research admissions requirements (GPA, test scores, etc.) on **NAVIANCE STUDENT** (student.naviance.com/planths).
- Sign up for **COLLEGE VISITS** on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/college-visits-1004809>. You will have the opportunity to talk with the college rep and get current, accurate information about the institution. The format of the visit may be either in person or virtual. The representative that hosts the visit may be the same one who will process your application and participate in your admission decision. Check Canvas often so you don't miss out on this important opportunity with your top colleges.

Before meeting with the representative:

- Look over the college's website and get some basic information.
- Research the required SAT/ACT scores and GPA for admission.

When you meet with the representative:

- Plan to meet for about 30-60 minutes.
- If you are unable to attend the visit (i.e. class conflict), feel free to contact Mrs. Moseley for the rep's contact information and email him/her your questions.
- Recognize that you are not there to impress the representative, but to gain information so be yourself.
- Dress appropriately. Be on-time and respectful while he/she is talking.
- Take notes and write down the rep's name so you can refer to it later.

After you meet with the representative:

- Send him/her a thank you note or email for their time and information. (This communicates your true interest in the college.)
- **VISIT (virtually or in person)** when possible. This will give you an opportunity to assess the campus and discover characteristics about the college that are most important to you. Now, more than ever before, there may be meaningful ways to engage virtually, such as attending a class that interests you or emailing a professor about a specific research project. It is important to visit the following places while on-campus: library (you will spend a significant amount of time here), classes, residence halls, and student union. Go on a group tour and ask questions:
 - Does the campus feel safe at night? Security?
 - What opportunities for internships are available?
 - How do you join a club or organization?

Make a final list:

Once you have researched and obtained answers from websites, college fairs, and college visits, you should make a list of colleges where you intend to apply.

- Summarize what you want from your college experience in writing.
- List the colleges that meet your criteria and include their admission standards/requirements. Apply to a minimum of five First Choice colleges. For a college to be one of your five First Choice colleges, your current academic profile should be within the college's typical admitted profile. This information can be found on each college's admissions website or on Naviance Student. If you do not fall within a college's typical admitted profile, you can still apply to that school; however, it should be IN ADDITION to your 5 First Choice colleges, not replacing one of your five. Use the college checklist found on page 16.

CAREER EXPLORATION

Many college applications will ask students to choose a major. Finding the right career and getting there is a journey. Check out the following resources to learn about different career possibilities and associated majors based on your personality and interests.

Tips for career exploration:

Think about what interests you or people you've read about or met who have interesting jobs. Identify potential careers in your areas of interest. Research what skills, classes, and degrees different jobs require. You might discover that you don't like any of the courses needed to complete a college major that would prepare you for one of the jobs on your list.

Resources for Researching Careers:

- 16personalities.com

Recent research in careers suggest that personality type has a much greater impact on career satisfaction than was originally thought. Try this "freakishly accurate" quiz to see where you fall.

- www.act.org/wwm

Explore Careers on the ACT World of Work Map and see associated majors.

- <http://www.self-directed-search.com>

Take the "Self Directed Search"--the most widely used inventory in the world. It's a self-administered, self-scored, and self-interpreted career counseling tool. (\$9.95)

- [Naviance Student: student.naviance.com/planth](http://student.naviance.com/planth)

In the Careers section, take the career interest profiler or explore different careers with the Career Cluster Finder. The Roadtrip Nation Interview Archive consists of over 5,000 videos on struggle, triumph, and self-discovery that are broken into 48 themes and 29 interests. This is a great way to learn more about topics and careers you may be interested in from thought leaders!

- <https://www.mynextmove.org/explore/ip>

The O*NET Interest Profiler can help you find out what your interests are and how they relate to the world of work. You can find out what you like to do.

What's Next?

Once you've researched possible careers and made a list, it's time to take action! Try out these ideas to gain valuable insight into what a day in the careers that interest you looks like.

- Volunteer where you're likely to meet someone who has one of the jobs that interests you.
- Look into a paid or unpaid internship.
- Accompany someone working in that field to see what a day on the job is like.
- Find a mentor who can give you perspective and advice.
- Talk to family members and friends who work in those careers or know others who do.

SUS ADMISSIONS TOUR MATRIX 2021

<u>College</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enroll-ment</u>	<u>Avg GPA Summer</u>	<u>Avg GPA Fall</u>	<u>Avg SAT Summer</u>	<u>Avg SAT Fall</u>	<u>Avg ACT Summer</u>	<u>Avg ACT Fall</u>	<u>Accept Common App?</u>
FAMU	Tallahassee	9,909	3.27	3.67	1060	1100	20.2	22.3	No
FAU	Boca Raton	30,203	3.23-3.81	3.73-4.33	1000-1200	1110-1270	19-24	23-29	Yes
FGCU	Fort Meyers	14,916	3.44-4.23	3.56-4.33	1050-1180	1090-1230	19-25	22-27	Yes
FIU	Miami	56,718	3.7-4.3	4.2-4.6	1040-1160	1200-1350	20-25	25-30	No
FL Poly	Lakeland	1,378	3.6-4.4	4.1-4.6	1130-1200	1250-1400	23-26	27-31	Yes
FSU	Tallahassee	41,900	3.8-4.3	4.2-4.6	1190-1300	1250-1400	25-29	28-32	Yes
NCF	Sarasota	859	N/A	3.5-4.2	N/A	1120-1320	N/A	22-29	Yes
UCF	Orlando	66,180	3.77-4.29	3.96-4.49	1170-1280	1250-1370	23-28	26-30	Yes
UF	Gainesville	52,669	4.4-4.6	4.4-4.7	1260-1420	1350-1480	29-32	30-34	Yes
UNF	Jacksonville	16,309	3.3-4.0	4.0-4.5	1000-1150	1100-1260	20-25	22-28	Yes
USF	Tampa	43,542	3.57-4.11	3.97-4.48	1090-1170	1230-1370	22-25	26-31	Yes
UWF	Pensacola	12,979	3.36-4.02	3.61-4.2	1020-1180	1060-1240	20-24	21-27	Yes

University admissions requirements are subject to change (and often do from year to year). To access the most current data, you can visit each university's website or the SUS matrix on the Florida Board of Governor's website (<https://www.flboq.edu/resources/admissions-tour/>)

FLORIDA COLLEGES: APPLICATION INFORMATION

Florida A & M University (Tallahassee)

- www.FAMU.edu
- Rolling Admissions (10/1 for scholarship consideration)
- Letters of Recommendation: 2 required

Florida Atlantic University (Boca Raton)

- www.FAU.edu
- Rolling Admissions
- Scholarship Deadline: 1/15
- Regular Deadline: 4/15
- Letters of Recommendation: NONE

Florida Gulf Coast University (Fort Myers)

- www.FGCU.edu
- Early Action (scholarship priority) Deadline: 11/1
- Regular Deadline: 3/1
- Letters of Recommendation: NONE

Florida International University (Miami)

- www.FIU.edu
- Rolling Admissions
- Scholarship Deadline: must be admitted by 11/1
- Regular Deadline: 4/3
- Letters of Recommendation: NONE

Florida Polytechnic University (Lakeland)

- www.Floridapoly.edu
- Rolling Admissions
- Scholarship Deadline: 11/1
- Regular Deadline: 3/1
- Letters of Recommendation: 1-3

Florida State University (Tallahassee)

- www.FSU.edu
- Early Action Deadline (FL students only): 10/15
- Regular Deadline: 12/1
- Letters of Recommendation: NONE

New College of Florida (Sarasota)

- www.NCF.edu
- Early Action: 11/1
- Regular Decision: 2/1
- Letters of Recommendation: Optional

University of Central Florida (Orlando)

- www.UCF.edu
- Rolling Admissions
- Summer Deadline: 3/1
- Fall Deadline: 5/1
- Letters of Recommendation: NONE

University of Florida (Gainesville)

- www.UFL.edu
- Application Deadline: 11/1
- SSAR Deadline: 11/15
- Test score Deadline: 12/1
- Letters of Recommendation: NONE

University of North Florida (Jacksonville)

- www.UNF.edu
- Rolling Admissions
- Summer Deadline: 5/1
- Fall Deadline: 6/1
- Letters of Recommendation: NONE

University of South Florida (Tampa)

- www.USF.edu
- Priority Deadline: 11/1
- Financial Aid Deadline: 1/1
- Scholarship Deadline: 1/15
- Regular Deadline: 3/1
- Letters of Recommendation: NONE

University of West Florida (Pensacola)

- www.UWF.edu
- Rolling Admissions
- Scholarship Priority Deadline: 12/1
- Final Deadline: 6/1
- Letters of Recommendation: Optional

Important:

- Reminder: Parts of the application will be sent separately to colleges (application, test scores, recommendations, etc.)
- APPLY EARLY! Do not wait until the “deadline” to apply. The longer you wait to apply, the harder the applicant pool will be (for colleges on Rolling Admissions).
- **Deadlines may have changed after printing. Please double check deadline dates and requirements on college websites.**

SELF-REPORTING COURSEWORK (SSAR)

SSAR is a student self-reported academic record that lists the classes and associated grades that have been attempted, or will be attempted, for high school and/or college credit. It replaces the high school and college transcripts used by a few college admissions offices (ex. UF, FSU, FAU) during the initial review process. Official transcripts will only be requested and sent AFTER graduation to validate what is entered on the SSAR. Please research which colleges on your list require you to submit a SSAR and which require an official transcript. Since accuracy is critical, you are advised to have a copy of your high school summary sheet (unofficial transcript) available to use as a reference when filling out the SSAR.

Start your SSAR here: <https://ssar.selfreportedtranscript.com/login.aspx>

Tips:

- District GPA = Weighted GPA
- Plant does an exact rank, not a percentile
[example: 175 (your rank) /592 (total number of seniors)]
- You should list the high school you are graduating from and all of the courses listed on your summary sheet regardless of how many different schools you attended.
- All senior year courses must be included and listed as “in progress.” If you are unsure of what courses you will be taking second semester, provide your best estimate and update the SSAR if anything changes. If your schedule changes, you must immediately update your SSAR. To make changes to the SSAR, simply log in to the SSAR website with the email address and password used to create your original SSAR.
- Every course listed on your summary sheet must be entered in the SSAR (including middle school, online, dual enrollment, etc.) This also applies to any courses of these types that the student is taking in their senior year.
- Most of the grades on your summary sheet are semester grades. If there is a course that is a single grade for one credit, enter that grade twice (once for first semester and once for second semester). This also applies to dual enrollment courses that were awarded a full high school (1.0) credit.
- Summer courses: You will record the course and grade in the preceding school year. For example, if you took a course between the 9th and 10th grades, you would enter the course in the 9th grade.
- If you are unsure of what subject area a course falls into, please reach out to the admissions office of your college(s).
- **After you complete and submit your SSAR on the SSAR website, you are NOT DONE. It must be individually linked through the application status check portal at each respective college that requires it.**

Some of these tips were copied from the SSAR FAQ sections of UF and FSU's websites. Please visit these websites for how-to videos and the most up to date information.

COLLEGE ESSAY TIPS

For many students, the most intimidating part of the college admissions application is the essay. The essay is a college's way of understanding what makes you different from other applicants. A great essay will present a vivid, personal, and compelling view of you to the admissions staff. Essay questions have no right or wrong answers. The most important part of your essay is the content and how you organize your thoughts. Your essay should demonstrate your ability to think analytically and creatively.

TIPS:

- Start writing early.
- Make a point.
- Keep your focus narrow and personal. The reader should be able to find your main idea.
- The essay is not about showing them what you've done- since they will see that in your list of activities- instead, it's about showing them who you are. Think of specific vignettes from one or more of your activities.
- Don't try to cover too many topics. Instead, focus on one aspect of yourself so the readers can learn more about who you are.
- Illustrate with details, examples, scenarios, quotations, and specific facts.
- Answer the question as you think it should be answered, not as you think the admissions counselor might want you to answer it.
- Follow the directions. If you are to answer only one of three questions, then answer only one. Also, keep your essay within the word limits.
- Prepare before you write. Think about the topic, make notes, write a rough draft and revise. Remember to ask at least 2 people to read your essay to check for grammar and style.
- Have fun with the essay. Use the essay as an opportunity to distinguish yourself from others.
- Use your own experiences. Anecdotes from your world are always more interesting than abstractions.
- The most important sentence in any essay is the first one. Hook the reader with a first sentence that surprises or piques.
- Write in your own voice.

Tip: For your main personal statement, please consider writing about a topic other than Covid. Many application platforms have a specific section elsewhere on the application to address any special circumstances that occurred due to the pandemic.

HCC INFORMATION

Step to apply to HCC:

1. Apply online at www.hccfl.edu during 2nd semester of your senior year.
You need 2 proofs of residency when filling out the application (i.e. parent's driver's license information, parent's voter registration, or parent's vehicle registration).
2. Set up your HCC Login. After submitting your application, you will receive an email notifying you of your next steps, including information on setting up your login.
3. Submit the FAFSA (Financial Aid) form online at www.fafsa.gov.
4. Sign up for the New Student Group Orientation
5. Go to HCC campus or schedule a phone call to meet with an academic advisor. Have SAT or ACT scores and a copy of your high school transcript with you.
Students can also take the PERT test at HCC if you do not have SAT or ACT score. Visit <https://www.hccfl.edu/support-services/testing/testing-locations> for specific testing information.
6. Register for classes (on campus or online)
7. Send final transcript to HCC at the end of your senior year.

Here are some of the programs available at Hillsborough Community College:

Associate in Arts Degree

The Associate in Arts degree is designed for students who wish to transfer to a university. A student who is awarded an Associate in Arts degree by HCC has met the general education requirements for admission to the upper division of public universities.

Associate in Science Degree

The Associate in Science degree is awarded to students who successfully complete one of the technical programs. These areas of study are designed primarily to prepare students for immediate employment.

Some program titles: Accounting & Business, Architecture & Building Trades, Communications, Counseling, Education, Engineering, Environment, Health & Medical, Hospitality & Culinary, Information Technology, Office Administration, Law & Public Safety, Transportation, Veterinary Technology, and Welding

College Credit Certificate and Applied Technology Diploma

A College Credit Certificate is awarded for programs of less than 2 years in selected technical areas. Each of the certified programs is designed to prepare students for entry into a particular field, or to upgrade skills in the field

CAREER AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES

Career and Technical Colleges provide job preparation and continuing workforce education training to high school graduates. Many technical schools offer full-time, part-time, day and evening classes. Here is a listing of the local technical colleges and some of the programs they offer:

Aparicio-Levy Technical College **(813) 740-4884** **hillsboroughschools.org/altc**

Computer Systems and Information Technology, EMT, ESOL, Firefighter, Veterinary Assisting

Brewster Technical College **(813) 276-5448** **hillsboroughschools.org/brewster**

Automotive Service Technology, Central Sterile Processing, Diesel System Technician, Distribution & Logistics Management, Early Childhood Education, ESOL, Pharmacy Technician, Web Development

Erwin Technical College **(813) 769-5180** **hillsboroughschools.org/erwin**

Accounting Operations, Automotive Service Technology, Barbering, Carpentry, Cloud Computing & Virtualization, Computer Systems & Information Technology, Cosmetology, Dental Assisting, Drafting, Electricity, Fundamental Foodservice Skills, Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration, Massage Therapy, Medical Assisting, Medical Clinical Laboratory Technician, Medical Coder/Biller, Phlebotomy, Plumbing, Practical Nursing (LPN), Solar Photovoltaic, Surgical Technology, Welding Technology

Contact the school directly for admission and financial aid information.

NAVIANCE STUDENT

Naviance Student is Plant's online resource for college and career planning. Students and parents can research colleges and admissions requirements, request transcripts for college, explore careers, research scholarship opportunities, and much more!



ALL PLANT STUDENTS AND PARENTS NEED A NAVIANCE STUDENT ACCOUNT!

Log on at <http://student.naviance.com/planths>

Your username is your email address and your password is one you created when you first registered.

STUDENT LOGINS WERE CANVAS MESSAGED TO ALL STUDENTS LAST MAY!

When you log on, get familiar with the following links:

- Messages: We will post announcements and other important information here so check it often.
- College Search Tools: You can enter criteria such as location, cost, size, and majors to create a list of potential colleges. You can edit your search and list at any time.
- College Lookup: You can look up a specific college and quick reference admissions requirements including average GPA and test scores, cost, majors, extracurricular activities, etc. This also provides a graph showing GPA and test scores of Plant students who were admitted to that specific university.
- Colleges I'm Interested In/Applying To: Once you've researched colleges, you can create a list of colleges that you are interested in and ones you are applying to. If one of these colleges visits Plant, you will receive an email to sign up for the session. It is very important this list is accurate before you begin requesting transcripts/recommendations.
- Scholarship List: Click here for a complete listing of scholarships we receive. Website links are provided so many can be completed online.
- Resume: Input your activities and accomplishments from high school on this link. It will format a resume for you and allow you to print at a moment's notice. Also, counselors and teachers have access to your resume if you've completed it.
- Transcripts/Recommendations: All students will request their transcript for college admissions on the site. This can only be done on the student account. Keep in mind, you are *requesting* the transcript on Naviance Student, not sending it. Our registrar will send the transcript after you request it. See page 20-21 of this handbook for specific instructions to request transcripts and letters of recommendation.

Email Lauren.Moseley@hcps.net for parent account information and/or login questions.

NAVIGATING NAVIANCE STUDENT

Naviance Student allows Plant to send transcripts, our school profile, and recommendations electronically, which is the fastest and most reliable method. Please review this information in order to use the program appropriately. Remember, you must be on the **STUDENT ACCOUNT!** student.naviance.com/planths

“Colleges” > “College I’m Applying To”: This list should include every college you are applying to. See below...

The screenshot shows the 'Colleges I'm applying to' page in Naviance Student. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Colleges', 'Careers', 'About Me', and 'My Planner'. Below that, a search bar and a notification banner are visible. The main content area features a table of colleges with columns for College, Type, Deadline, Transcripts, Office materials, Submission Type, and Application. Callout 1 points to the '+ Add' button. Callout 2 points to the 'REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS' link. Callout 3 points to the 'EDIT' link in the Application column. Callout 4 points to the 'Submission Type' column, which shows icons for electronic submission (computer), Common Application (CA), and mail (stamp). Callout 5 points to the 'College that I'm attending:' dropdown menu.

College	Type	Deadline	Transcripts	Office materials	Submission Type	Application
<input type="checkbox"/> The University of Alabama	RD	Regular Decision	- requested	Pending		Unknown EDIT MORE
<input type="checkbox"/> Boston University	RD	Regular Decision	January 2 requested	Pending		Unknown EDIT MORE
<input type="checkbox"/> University of Florida	RD	Regular Decision	November 1	Pending		Unknown EDIT MORE
<input type="checkbox"/> Georgetown University	RD	Regular Decision	January 10	Pending		Unknown EDIT MORE
<input type="checkbox"/> University of Virginia	RD	Regular Decision	January 1	Pending		Unknown EDIT MORE

College that I'm attending: N/A Update

Letters of recommendation Update

Some colleges require letters of recommendation to be submitted with your application. Please visit the [letters of recommendation section](#), accessible from the main colleges page, for more information

1. **“add to this list”**- Click this icon in order to add colleges you are applying to this year. You will have the option to request the transcript when you add to the list. You should only request a transcript if you already submitted the application for that college or you are about to submit.
2. **“Request Transcripts”**- Click on this link to request a transcript for a college that you’ve already added to your list and you’re now ready for our office to send your transcript.
3. **“Application”**- Click the Edit icon next to each college to enter information about each college application. It is critical you indicate how you are applying (Common App or directly to the institution), your deadline, and whether you have submitted your application.
4. **“Submission Type”**- A blue computer means we can send transcripts and recommendations electronically. A blue computer with a CA in the middle means “Common Application” and we can send transcripts and recommendations electronically. A red stamp means we have to mail recommendations to the college. If any of your colleges have a red stamp, and a recommendation is required, bring the teacher a stamped, addressed envelope so he/she can mail the recommendation directly to the college.
5. **“Letters of Recommendation”**- If a counselor and/or teacher recommendation is required, click on this link after you’ve completed Steps 1-3 on page 20 of this handbook.

COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR PLANT STUDENTS

STEP 1: Student submits college application online on the college's website, on www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org, or on www.commonapp.org. Make sure you submit all required materials such as essay, resume, fee, etc.

STEP 2: Student requests their SAT and/or ACT scores be sent to each college. **Please research the test score requirements of your colleges.** If required, official scores must be sent directly from Collegeboard (www.collegeboard.org) or ACT (www.act.org). Scores can take 2-4 weeks to get to the college so request NOW! **Plant transcripts do NOT include test scores.**

STEP 3: Student submits transcript request on Naviance Student. Log on to your student account on student.naviance.com/planths. Click on "colleges" then "colleges I'm applying to." Make you all of your colleges are listed. If they are not, add them. If you are applying using the Common Application, you must enter your Common App username and password in the box and click "match". If not, skip that step. Then, click on "+ Request Transcript" then check the box next to the type of transcript you want us to send (initial: freshman through junior year grades, midyear: freshman through first semester of senior year grades, final: freshman through end of senior year grades) and choose your college from the dropdown menu. NOTE: Midyear and final transcripts are not available until February and June respectively. Click "Request and finish." **Transcripts should not be requested more than a month before you submit the application.**

Most students will be done after STEPS 1-3. Only some colleges require recommendations. It is your responsibility to research requirements at each college.

STEP 4: If a teacher recommendation and/or counselor recommendation is required, please see page 20 of the handbook for specific instructions. There are specific deadlines for when these items need to be requested: see pages 2-3 of your handbook.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- All of your college applications should be completed during the 1st semester so you can focus on housing, financial aid, and scholarships during the 2nd semester.
- Submit applications even if you are waiting to take a fall SAT or ACT. Colleges will recognize when you have updated scores sent in. Make sure you have at least one test score sent to the college by their deadline.
- There is no such thing as "one perfect school" or a "sure bet," so make sure you apply to a variety of colleges.
- Submit only what is required by the college. Do not be overzealous by sending more recommendations than required.
- PROOFREAD the application before submitting online.
- If a teacher recommendation is required, ask an academic teacher or a teacher of a specific discipline (i.e. drama teacher if applying to a drama program). Be respectful of their time constraints and ask them EARLY!
- It is the student's responsibility to follow up with the teacher to ensure he/she sent the recommendation by the college's deadline. Always send them a thank you note or email for writing on your behalf.
- On the application form, it is recommended to waive your right to view the recommendation letters. This gives more credibility to the recommendation in the eyes of the college.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST	College #1:	College #2:	College #3:
Regular Deadline:			
Early App Deadline:			
APPLICATION			
Apply Online			
Application Fee			
Sign Application			
Print app for records			
Confirm receipt of application			
GRADES			
Request official transcript on Naviance Student (if required)			
Self-Report Grades (if required)			
Request midyear transcript (if required)			
SCORES (If required)			
Send SAT scores at collegeboard.org			
Send ACT scores at act.org			
RECOMMENDATIONS (If required)			
Request teacher recommendation			
Request counselor recommendation			
Send thank you note/email for rec.			
ESSAYS			
Write essay(s)			
Proofread essay(s)			
Have 2 people read essay(s)			
FINANCIAL AID FORMS			
Submit FAFSA online after Oct. 1			
Submit supplemental forms/CSS form (if required)			
Submit Bright Futures app after Oct. 1			
AFTER APPLICATION IS SENT			
Receive admissions decision			
Give college your decision by May 1			
Send deposit			
Submit housing application			
Register for orientation			
Send final transcript			

Use this checklist to help you stay on top of your application tasks and deadlines.

Information from the Collegeboard.

REQUESTING LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Please check the colleges' websites to determine if a teacher or counselor recommendation is required. A counselor letter of recommendation is different from a Secondary School Report, which is also a form prepared by your counselor. Follow these steps if you need a LETTER.

Please follow all steps exactly:

STEP 1: Ask the teacher or counselor IN PERSON if he/she is willing and able to write a recommendation on your behalf. If he/she agrees, move on to step 2. DO NOT REQUEST A PERSON WHO YOU HAVE NOT SPOKEN TO REGARDING A RECOMMENDATION.

STEP 2: On NAVIANCE STUDENT, click on "about me" then on "Surveys from Your School." Click on "Brag Sheet." **Completing this questionnaire ACCURATELY is MANDATORY!** Think of the questionnaire as a cover letter that provides information to counselors and/or teachers so that they can speak more expertly and uniquely about you. If you do not complete this questionnaire, your counselor and/or teacher has the right to refuse to complete a letter of recommendation for you.

STEP 3: On NAVIANCE STUDENT, click on "about me" then "Resume." Make sure to add all activities, clubs, sports, community service, etc. on this page. If you already have created a resume in a different format, please feel free to email that one instead.

Do not do Step 4 if you haven't finished Step 1 AND Step 2.

STEP 4: On NAVIANCE STUDENT, click on "colleges" then "colleges I'm applying to." Make sure you have listed all your applications in this section. If you need to add a college, click on the link that says "+ add." Fill in all required information, including how you intend to apply. Match to the Common Application if necessary.

STEP 5: Teacher Recommendations: On NAVIANCE STUDENT, click on "colleges" then "letters of recommendation." Click the button that says "Add Request". Using the drop down menu, click on the specific teacher who will write on your behalf. In the second section, select which applications the letter of recommendation will be sent. Click "Submit Request" at the bottom of the page.

Counselor Recommendations: Please fill out this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/ajpX1S67FG>

*Check with the teacher or counselor to ensure they received your request. It is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to check that the college has received all required materials in advance of their deadline.*

Remember to send the teacher/counselor a thank you note or email for taking the time to write a letter of recommendation for you.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

DEADLINE for requesting transcripts/recommendations for EARLY action/decision deadlines (Oct 15-Nov 15) is **SEPTEMBER 30**

DEADLINE for requesting transcripts and recommendations for REGULAR decision deadlines (Jan 1-15) is **DECEMBER 1**

FINAL deadline for all transcript and recommendation requests is **APRIL 1**

H.B. Plant High School

HOW TO REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS FOR COLLEGE

All seniors will request transcripts for college applications on **Naviance Student**. You can track the status of your transcript on the site!

Follow these steps:

1. Log on to your student account:

student.naviance.com/planths

(If you need login information, see Mrs. Moseley in Room 101.)

2. Click on “colleges I’m applying to” on the right side of the page.

If your college list is blank...

3. Click the  on the right side of the page.

4. Type in the name of the college, indicate how you are applying, and then click “add and request transcript.”

Make sure you select the application type (i.e. Early Action, Regular Decision, etc. If you apply Early Decision to a college, make sure to let your School Counselor know so she can complete that form.)

If your colleges are already listed...

3. Click “+ Request Transcripts”

4. Check the box next to “Initial” and select the college from the drop down menu.

5. Click “Request and Finish”

You should request transcripts within a few weeks of submitting the college’s application online. Transcripts should not be sent more than a month before you submit the application.

If you are applying to a college that needs a Secondary School Report and you are NOT using the Common Application, you MUST notify your COUNSELOR.

See Mrs. Cachon, Registrar, in the Guidance Office if you have any questions about your transcript.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**College is expensive. There's tuition, room and board, books, food...it all adds up fast!
The following list provides information about where to find scholarships:**

- Check **NAVIANCE STUDENT** (student.naviance.com/planths) AND **Canvas** often. We post all scholarships that come to Plant on these sites. On Naviance, click on "colleges" then "scholarships and money" for a complete list.
- Participate in Collegeboard's Opportunity Scholarships program: opportunity.collegeboard.org
- Check college websites. Many universities offer merit scholarships. These are typically posted under "financial aid" or "scholarships." Check early: deadlines are typically during 1st semester.
- Check other scholarship search engines such as:
www.scholarships360.org www.scholarships.com
www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search www.cappex.com
- **Hillsborough Education Foundation** offers many scholarships for Hillsborough County seniors. The application will open at www.educationfoundation.com in October.
- Apply for **Bright Futures** starting **October 1st** of your senior year. You must submit before graduation. **You can apply before meeting all the requirements.**
Directions: Go to www.floridastudentfinancialaidsq.org. Click on the following links:
"First Time Applicants"
"Create a Student Account"
Complete the required fields
Click Submit
SAVE the Username and Password automatically generated for you. You will use this to log back in and check on the status of your application once it has been submitted.
Fill out the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)
- **ROTC Scholarships** through various branches of the military. These scholarships can potentially be full tuition scholarships, and have various test score and gpa requirements. Deadlines are early, so please visit our website, <http://planthighguidance.weebly.com/military-career-information.html> for more information.
- Make sure to follow scholarship directions and be aware of deadlines. Type all parts of applications (essay, resume, etc.). Make copies and keep on file.

Start your scholarship search EARLY!!

PLANT SCHOLARSHIPS

The following scholarships are offered to Plant students only and are sponsored by the PTSA and local families, foundations, organizations and businesses. Applications are available in November and will be due on February 3rd. The scholarship recipients are notified at the annual awards ceremony in April. Students should pay attention to announcements and emails regarding these scholarships. Students can check **CANVAS** for application information.

Academic Foundation IMPACT: 3.5 unweighted GPA, community service, significant obstacle overcome, essay

Al Barnes Memorial: 2.5 GPA, extracurricular/athletic involvement, promote diversity, practice our motto: Strength through Unity, essay

Amy Gail Buchman Memorial: strong GPA, community service, involved at Plant, compassionate, ethical, energetic, essay

Beta Honor Club: Must be in the Beta Honor Society, essay

Cindy Ruff Tuff Memorial: basketball player, academics, leadership

Cheung Family: Female; 3.5 unweighted GPA; declared engineering as college major

Gorman Scholarship for the Trades: pursuing a trade/technical education after high school

Hill, Ward, Henderson: financial need, academic achievement, community service, extracurricular and leadership activities, strong moral character, essay

Hope for Hondo: 3.0 unweighted GPA, leadership in SADD

James and Amy Shimberg: 3.0 unweighted GPA, financial need, leadership, community & extracurricular involvement

Merrie Miller Memorial: ranked in top 20% of class, extracurricular involvement, interest in politics and women's issues, essay

PTSA Judy Blanchard Memorial: academics, extracurricular activities, leadership, essay

PTSA Paw Print: 2.5 unweighted gpa, eligible for free or reduced lunch

Plant Athletic Foundation: 3.0 weighted GPA, lettered 2yrs or in 2 sports at Plant, accepted to a college

Jack Romano Memorial: strong community involvement; extracurricular and leadership activities; academic achievement; financial need; essay

Sallie Scudder Memorial: awarded to the Valedictorian (no app)

Robert H. & R. Craig Cooley: football player planning to play at a Div. II or III college, academics, essay

Rosa Lee Reinhart: 3.0 unweighted GPA, pursuing a career in education

Bill Shields Memorial: strong Latin student (4yrs), high GPA, teacher rec, essay

Turn Around: selected by Administration for overall improvement from 9th to 12th grade (no app)

Scholarships and requirements are subject to change.

FINANCIAL AID (FAFSA)

The **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** is the financial aid form you will need to complete with your parent(s) in order to apply for student grants (i.e. Pell Grant), work-study, and loans for college tuition. Also, some colleges require students complete the FAFSA to be considered for their institutional scholarships.

Everyone is encouraged to apply for financial aid.

Income and assets are not the only factor reviewed for eligibility. Family size, number of children in college, and cost of the college are also important factors.

Apply online at www.fafsa.gov starting October 1st every year in college.

If you plan to start college in the fall, complete the 2023-2024 FAFSA using 2021 tax information.

If you plan to start college in the summer, complete the 2022-2023 FAFSA using 2020 tax information AND the 2023-2024 FAFSA using 2021 tax information.

Before you apply:

Parents: Gather your income tax return information for the 2020 or 2021 year. Much of the information asked will be the same. You do NOT have to file your income tax return before you fill out the FAFSA, but gather all the tax information so you can fill out the form completely.

Get an FSA ID: The FSA ID serves as your electronic signature. Both the student AND the parent need to apply for an ID. You will each have a separate ID. To get the ID, fill out a brief application at <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>. Parent(s) and student can create an ID on this site that you will use to sign the FAFSA application. You will use this same ID each year you complete the FAFSA. **SAVE THESE LOGINS!**

Timeline:

FAFSA opens on October 1st and our state deadline is typically mid-May. However, you should submit your FAFSA as soon as possible because college and private aid deadlines may be much earlier than state deadlines. Some colleges will require you to submit an additional financial aid form (such as CSS/Financial Aid Profile). Check college's website for requirements and the form is available at cssprofile.collegeboard.org.

Many colleges will have institutional financial aid forms you must access and complete through each college's financial aid portal. Please check these one by one and make sure to complete all requirements.

Other Information:

You will need to reapply for financial aid every year. If your family's financial situation changes, you will get more or less aid. You do not need to be accepted to college to apply for financial aid. However, to actually receive funds, you must be admitted and enrolled in college. After applying, you will get an award letter and have the opportunity to accept or deny any of the aid offered to you.

Questions or problems with the FAFSA: [Call 1-800-433-3243](tel:1-800-433-3243).

BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP

For the C/O 2022 and after

www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org

Florida Academic Scholars	Florida Medallion Scholars	Gold Seal Vocational
<i>Pays 100% tuition & fees at a FL public college or comparable amount at a FL private college</i>	<i>Pays 75% tuition & fees at a FL public college or comparable amount at a FL private college</i>	<i>Can ONLY be used at a technical degree education program or career certificate</i>
3.5 weighted academic GPA 1330 SAT or 29 ACT 100 community service hours	3.0 weighted academic GPA 1210 SAT or 25 ACT 75 community service hours	3.0 weighted academic GPA 3.5 unweighted vocational GPA (minimum of 3 vocational credits) SAT R: 24 W: 25 M: 24 or ACT Eng: 17 R: 19 M: 19 30 community service hours
Bright Futures requirements and funding are subject to change by Florida Legislature.		

To obtain your official Bright Futures status, including initial eligibility, go to www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org & click 'check status' (you will receive your username & password upon submitting the FFAA application that opens on October 1st of senior year)

Bright Futures Timeline: SENIOR YEAR

- October 1st: Bright Futures application opens on www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org (complete directions will be emailed to you prior to Oct 1).
- January 31st: ACT and SAT test deadline for early evaluations
- February: 1st semester transcripts are evaluated during the Early Evaluation Period.
- March: Early Evaluation letters are posted in the student's floridastudentfinancialaid.org account from the Department of Education. Students who qualify for Bright Futures based on early evaluation will be able to access a pdf indicating they are on track to receive the award. Students who do not qualify will be able to access a pdf indicating they do not qualify AT THIS TIME and will outline the missing requirements.
- Graduation: Bright Futures application and all academic and community service requirements must be met by graduation.
- June 30th: ACT and SAT test deadline for final evaluation. Test scores AFTER June 30th will not be considered for Bright Futures.
- Mid July: Final transcripts are sent to Bright Futures by our district office.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

To access the Bright Futures Scholarship, students must complete **and LOG** the following community service requirements **BY GRADUATION**:

Florida Academic Scholarship	=	100 hours
Florida Medallion Scholarship	=	75 hours
Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship	=	30 hours

Community Service is defined as identifying and addressing a social issue in the community. This requires students to look beyond themselves and reach out to an issue faced by our society today (i.e. poverty, abuse, elderly citizen). These hours will meet the requirement for the Bright Future Scholarships.

Volunteer Service is defined as assisting where needed and does not necessarily address a social issue. Although these hours are not recorded on the transcript, students can keep a log of these activities for use when applying for college, job applications, awards, and scholarships other than Bright Futures.

General Information for Bright Futures:

- Projects done during the summer before beginning 9th grade will be considered if a proposal is submitted and approved by the high school the student plans to attend.
- Students must perform the service during non-school hours.
- All community service documentation **MUST** be submitted by the school's graduation date.
- Any community service hours submitted after the graduation date even if earned prior to graduation will not be accepted - no exceptions.
- A parent/guardian cannot represent as a service agency.

Unacceptable community service for Bright Futures:

- Family related activities
- Court mandated community service
- Service for the sole benefit of a religious house of worship and/or its congregation
- Fostering animals
- Co-curricular activities that are course requirements
- An activity where there's no leader/responsible adult on site to evaluate and confirm student performance.
- Hours submitted after graduation

Community Service adds to your college application, Bright Futures, and other scholarships. Don't wait until the last minute. Get it done now!

Procedures for Logging Hours

Profferfish website: www.profferfish.com

Students must submit their service hours online through the new district system, Profferfish. Paper forms are no longer accepted. For more information on how to log hours, please visit our guidance website: <http://planhighguidance.weebly.com/community-service.html>

Parent and Student Quick Start Guide

STEP 1: SIGN UP AT PROFFERFISH.COM

1. Select **LOG IN** from top navigation
2. Select “**Don’t Have an Account? Sign Up**”

- ❗ Your name **must** match your Emergency Information Card **exactly**
- ❗ **Do not** use your HCPS email, use a private email
- ❗ Students & Parents use the **same** dashboard

STEP 2: DISCOVER NONPROFITS & SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Pre-Approved Nonprofits & Organizations

View pre-approved Nonprofits and associated service opportunities.

Pre-Approved Service Opportunities

Quickly and easily see ALL service opportunities.

Submit a New Nonprofit or Service Opportunity

If you discover a Nonprofit or service opportunity that is not pre-approved, submit it to your counselor for approval here.

STEP 3: GET YOUR HOURS APPROVED AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3

1

My Florida Bright Futures Plan

First, create your plan:

Take a minute to complete this short plan. You won't be able to submit hours to your counselor for approval without it.

2

Enter Agency Signature, Student Signature & Reflections

After completing an activity, enter:

- Date, time & hours volunteered
- Agency representative info
- Your signature
- Your reflections on the activity

3

Add a Parent/Guardian Signature & Submit for Approval

Once you have completed the first two steps, **your parent or guardian just needs to click on the thumbs up icon** and sign. It will then be sent to your counselor for approval. **Congratulations!**

For FAQs and tutorial videos, please visit <https://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/doc/2785>

REGISTERING FOR NCAA ELIGIBILITY

Prospective student-athletes who plan to participate in intercollegiate athletics at an NCAA Division I or II university need to APPLY ONLINE by the end of their junior year.

Go to www.eligibilitycenter.org. Below the banner, click CREATE AN ACCOUNT.

Type in your email address twice. You will receive an email from NCAA with a verification code and a link to click to complete the registration process.

Click the link. Type in your email and the verification code.

Fill in all information carefully and completely. Be sure to write down the password that you create so that you can check on your NCAA status in the future.

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

You do not have to complete the entire registration process at one time. You can save your work and return later, if necessary. As you are directed in the registration instructions, it is extremely important that you answer all questions HONESTLY and ACCURATELY. Therefore, if you do not understand a question, please ask your parent, coach, or school counselor to explain the question BEFORE you answer.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY: Eligibility is dictated by your grades in core classes and your ACT/SAT scores. See the Guidance page of Plant's website and click on **NCAA Information**, where you will find several links to assist you with determining your eligibility status. We recommend that all student athletes use the **Clearinghouse Calculator** on our website to calculate your status.

TEST SCORES: The NCAA will no longer accept ACT/SAT scores from high schools. Student test scores must be submitted **directly** from the ACT/SAT. When you register for the test(s), there is a section to enter codes for colleges to receive the scores. Student-athletes will need to enter code 9999 to have their scores reported to the NCAA. If you have previously taken the SAT/ACT and did not send your scores to NCAA, you should go the www.act.org or www.collegeboard.com to send scores using the 9999 code.

PAYMENT: To complete the registration process, you are required to submit payment via credit card or e-check. If you have free/reduced lunch, please see Mrs. Moseley in Room 101 for a fee waiver.

TRANSCRIPTS: Plant can now submit transcripts electronically. Once you have completed your registration with the NCAA Eligibility Center, we will receive an email reminder from the Eligibility Center to submit your transcript. You do not have to submit a transcript request in the guidance office or on Naviance Student.

If you have any questions about this registration process, please contact Evanitta Omensetter in the Main Office or Lauren Moseley in Room 101 (The College Resource Room).

HELPFUL WEBSITES

- **Plant Guidance website:** planthighguidance.weebly.com

Check out this website for an abundance of information including community service information, tutoring resources, SAT/ACT information, dual enrollment information, and various presentations.

- **Follow us on Twitter:** @PlantCCC

- **Panther Press**

Subscribe to receive school wide updates and information.

College Sites:

student.naviance.com/planths-online college search and tool to research college requirements, request transcripts for college, search scholarship opportunities, create a resume, and more.

www.act.org- ACT website

www.collegeboard.org- SAT website, college search

www.commonapp.org- Some college applications accessed here and supplemental materials. Also provides a list of colleges that accept the Common Application.

www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org- Official Bright Futures status and eligibility information

Financial Aid/Scholarship Sites:

[CANVAS \(be sure to join Class of 2023 & counselor classes\)](#) - provides a list of scholarships available for Plant students & timely updates

www.fafsa.gov- Free Application for Federal Student Aid

<https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org> - Financial Aid form required by some selective colleges

Community Service Sites:

<https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/Page/4391>- click on "students" then "community service" for guidelines

www.profferfish.com – LOG YOUR HOURS HERE

www.volunteennation.org- community service search site

Technology Tips:

- **Check your email!** It can be helpful to create a special email just for college applications and high school communications (for example, adamcollege@gmail.com) to help filter out important time sensitive information.
- **Save usernames and passwords as contacts** in your phone or in the notepad app on your phone. Save your Naviance Student, Collegeboard, ACT, and college application usernames and passwords as contacts in your phone and back them up on a piece of paper that you keep in your college file.

PHS COLLEGE PLANS FOR CLASS OF 2022

College	# Enrolled
American University	1
Amherst College	1
Auburn University	7
Barnard College	1
Bates College	1
Beacon College	1
Bellevue College	1
Belmont University	1
Bentley University	1
Brewster Technical College	1
Brigham Young University	1
Carnegie Mellon University	2
Carson-Newman University	1
Chipola College	1
Clemson University	2
College of the Holy Cross	1
Colorado School of Mines	1
Covenant College	1
Davidson College	1
Delaware State University	1
Duke University	2
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	2
Emmanuel College	1
Emory University-Oxford College	1
Erskine College	1
Erwin Technical College	1

College	# Enrolled
Fashion Institute of Technology	1
Flagler College	1
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University	3
Florida Atlantic University	15
Florida Gulf Coast University	7
Florida Institute of Technology	1
Florida International University	2
Florida Polytechnic University	2
Florida State University	86
Gardner-Webb University	2
George Washington University	1
Georgetown University	1
Georgia Institute of Technology	4
Hillsborough Community College	63
Indiana University-Bloomington	1
Irvine Valley College	1
Jacksonville University	1
Johns Hopkins University	1
Loyola University New Orleans	1
Miami University, Oxford	1
Mississippi State University	1
New Mexico State University	1
New York University	3
North Carolina State University at Raleigh	1
Northeastern University	1
Oral Roberts University	2

College	# Enrolled
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	1
Rice University	1
Rollins College	3
Saint Leo University	3
Samford University	1
San Diego State University	1
Santa Fe College	10
Santa Monica College	1
Savannah College of Art & Design - SCAD	2
Seton Hall University	1
Southern Methodist University	2
St Petersburg College	4
St. Thomas Aquinas College	1
Stetson University	1
Syracuse University	1
Tallahassee Community College	21
The Catholic University of America	1
The Oberlin Conservatory of Music	1
The University of Alabama	6
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2
The University of Tampa	10
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville	4
Trinity College	1
Trinity University	1
Tufts University	1
United States Air Force Academy	1

College	# Enrolled
University of Alaska Southeast	1
University of Arizona	1
University of Arkansas	1
University of British Columbia	2
University of Central Florida	18
University of Denver	1
University of Florida	56
University of Georgia	6
University of Massachusetts-Amherst	1
University of Miami	6
University of Minnesota	2
University of Mississippi	2
University of Montevallo	1
University of New Haven	1
University of North Florida	7
University of Notre Dame	1
University of Oklahoma	1
University of Pittsburgh	2
University of South Florida	41
University of Utah	2
University of Vermont	2
University of Virginia	2
University of Washington	1
Vassar College	2
Villanova University	1
Wake Forest University	1
Xavier University	1

Direct Military Enlistments	9
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