College Handbook for Seniors

H.B. PLANT HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 2024

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 4
End of 1st Grading Period……………………………………………….……………….…...October 12
Non-Student Day….……………………………………………………………………….…October 16
Veterans Day Holiday/Non-Student Day…………………….................................November 10
Fall Break/Schools Closed…………………………………………………...……………November 20 - 24
End of 2nd Grading Period (1st Semester)…………………………………......…………..December 22
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End of 3rd Grading Period…………………………………………………...............……… March 20
Non-Student Day………………………………………………………………….……,..March 29
Last Day of School/End of 4th Grading Period………………………………….……………May 24

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 by the requested early deadline. There is a separate deadline for regular decision deadlines: see December)

October

- 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

December

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) available online
- www.fafsa.gov
- Plant Scholarship applications open
- 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: 2/1
- 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.
- Turn in volunteer hours (on Profferfish) and/or work hours (paper form on guidance website & Canvas)

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 2024!!!

ACT/SAT REGISTRATION

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

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (extra fee)
September 9, 2023	August 4, 2023	August 18, 2023
October 28, 2023	September 22, 2023	October 6, 2023
December 9, 2023	November 3, 2023	November 17, 2023
February 10, 2024	January 5, 2024	January 19, 2024
April 13, 2024	March 8, 2024	March 22, 2024
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 17, 2024
July 13, 2024	June 7, 2024	June 21, 2024

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

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (extra fee)
August 26, 2023	July 28, 2023	August 15, 2023
October 7, 2023	September 7, 2023	September 26, 2023
November 4, 2023	October 5, 2023	October 24, 2023
December 2, 2023	November 2, 2023	November 21, 2023
March 9, 2024 *Digital*	February 23, 2024	TBD
May 4, 2024 *Digital*	April 19, 2024	TBD
June 1, 2024 *Digital*	May 17, 2024	TBD

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

Resource Books:
- ACT for Busy Students (Kaplan. Available through Amazon)
- The Real ACT Prep Guide (Prices vary. Available through Amazon or local bookstores)
- Preparing for the ACT (free copies in Room 101 and online at www.act.org)
- SAT Preparation Booklet- free copies available in Room 101

Resource Websites:
- Collegeboard- www.collegeboard.org (View your PSAT score report and evaluate strengths/weaknesses)
- ACT Academy (free)- Academy.act.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

Plant High School is not permitted to promote any specific private tutoring agency.

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 December (exact date to be announced) 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 19.

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/planths**

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 2023

College	Location	Enroll-ment	Avg GPA Summer	Avg GPA Fall	Avg SAT Summer	Avg SAT Fall	Avg ACT Summer	Avg ACT Fall	Earliest Deadline
FAMU	Tallahassee	7,803	3.53	3.91	990-1140	1070-1240	19-24	22-27	11/1
FAU	Boca Raton	29,614	3.58	3.70-4.30	1010-1150	1090-1250	20-24	22-28	11/1
FGCU	Fort Meyers	16,004	3.57-4.39	3.76-4.51	1020-1180	1080-1230	19-24	21-26	11/1
FIU	Miami	55,687	3.9-4.4	4.1-4.7	1060-1170	1240-1370	21-24	26-30	10/23
FL Poly	Lakeland	1,593	3.8-4.5	4.0-4.7	1120-1220	1250-1390	25-27	28-32	11/15
FSU	Tallahassee	44,161	4.1-4.5	4.3-4.6	1230-1320	1340-1450	26-30	29-33	10/15
NCF	Sarasota	689	N/A	4.03	N/A	1100-1310	N/A	22-29	11/1
UCF	Orlando	68,406	3.9-4.3	4.1-4.5	1170-1240	1260-1380	23-26	26-30	Rolling
UF	Gainesville	60,795	4.4-4.6	4.4-4.6	1240-1390	1370-1510	27-31	31-34	11/1
UNF	Jacksonville	16,517	3.11-3.74	3.8-4.44	950-1120	1060-1250	21-27	21-27	11/1
USF	Tampa	49,766	3.90-4.29	4.1-4.59	1100-1200	1250-1390	22-25	27-31	11/1
UWF	Pensacola	13,504	3.81	3.95	970-1150	1050-1230	19-24	21-27	12/1

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.flbog.edu/resources/admissions-tour/)

FLORIDA COLLEGES: APPLICATION INFORMATION

Florida A & M University (Tallahassee)

- www.FAMU.edu
- Early Action/Scholarship Deadline: 11/1
- Letters of Recommendation: For scholarship only

Florida Atlantic University (Boca Raton)

- www.FAU.edu
- Priority Deadline: 11/1
- Scholarship Deadline: 1/15
- Regular Deadline: 4/1
- Letters of Recommendation: NONE

Florida Gulf Coast University (Fort Myers)

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

Florida International University (Miami)

- www.FIU.edu
- Priority Deadline: 10/23
- Scholarship Deadline: 12/1
- Regular Deadline: 3/25
- Letters of Recommendation: NONE

Florida Polytechnic University (Lakeland)

- www.Floridapoly.edu
- Early Action/Scholarship Deadline: 11/15
- 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
- Priority Deadline: 11/1
- Scholarship Deadline: 1/15
- Regular Deadline: 4/1
- Letters of Recommendation: NONE

University of South Florida (Tampa)

- www.USF.edu
- Priority Deadline:11/1
- 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)]

- Grade Scale: Letter Grades, Course Length: Semester

- 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 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.**

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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

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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

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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

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Contact the school directly for admission and financial aid information.

APPRENTICESHIPS

Tampa apprenticeship programs: https://www.tampa.gov/tpa-wrx/apprenticeships

Examples: Carpentry, Iron worker, HVAC, Electrician, Plumber, Insulation, Dry Wall, Child Care, Information Technology Technician, Cyber Security, Telecommunications Technician, etc.

OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK HANDBOOK

The Bureau of Labor has an Occupational Outlook Handbook online with descriptions of different careers, median pay, education needed, job outlook, and links to similar careers.

Access the Handbook here: https://www.bls.gov/ooh/

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 <u>AND</u> 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 CREATED WITH ALL STUDENTS LAST APRIL!

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 21-22 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…

1. **"Match accounts" -** If you are using the Common Application to apply to any of your colleges, you must click this button to match your Common App to your Naviance account.
2. **"Add to this list"-** Click this icon to add colleges you are applying to this year. You will have the option to request the transcript when you add it to the list. You should only request a transcript if you already submitted the application for that college or are about to submit.
3. **"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.
4. **"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.
5. **"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.
6. **"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 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 sure all 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 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 (you should receive an email 24-48 hrs after submitting)			
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 Dec			
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. <u>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.</u>

<u>Please follow all steps exactly:</u>

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 <u>right to refuse</u> 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/ALL8TFPBZB

*Check with the teacher or counselor to ensure they received your request. It is **<u>YOUR RESPONSIBILTY</u>** 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.

<u>IMPORTANT DEADLINES</u>

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

DEADLINE for requesting transcripts and recommendations for REGULAR decision deadlines (Jan 1-15) is <u>DECEMBER 1</u>

FINAL deadline for all transcript and recommendation requests is <u>APRIL 1</u>

HOW TO REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS FOR COLLEGE

All seniors will request transcripts for college applications on **Naviance Student**.
Hard copies of transcripts may be requested from Mrs. Cachon, our registrar.

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 colleges are already listed…

3. Click "+ Request Transcripts"

4. Check the box next to "Initial" and select the college from the drop-down menu.
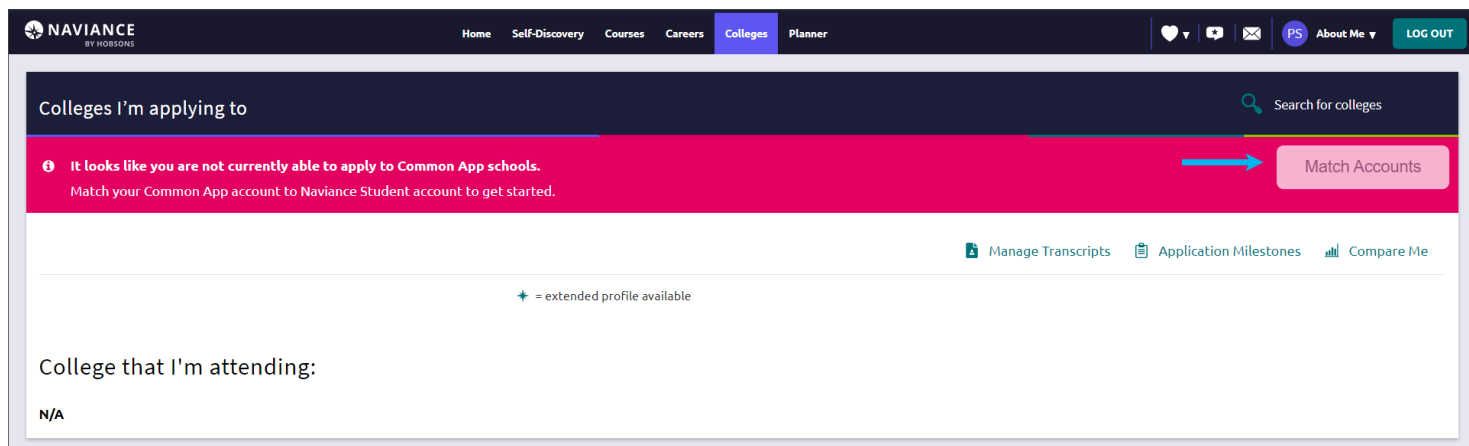
5. Click "Request and Finish"

If you are using the Common App…

3. Make sure you have added all your colleges to the Common App & completed the FERPA release authorization. We recommend you WAIVE your right to view docs.

4. In Naviance, click "Match Accounts"

5. Sign into your Common App account with the email and password you used to create your Common App account.

6. Review the information, select I agree, and then click Connect to match your accounts.

If you are NOT using the Common App…

1. Click the (+) on the right side of the page.

2. Type in the name of the college, indicate how you are applying (select "direct to institution", and then click "add and request transcript."

Tips:

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/he can complete that form.)

You should request transcripts within a few weeks of submitting the college's application online. Transcripts should not be requested 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 <u>COUNSELOR</u>.

See Mrs. Cachon, Registrar, in the <u>Guidance Office</u> 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.

- 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.unigo.com   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.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.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 1st. 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

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 involvment

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)

Vernon F. Korhn Jr.: 3.0 gpa, 2 varsity letters, leadership, community service

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 grants (i.e. Pell Grant), work-study, and loans for college tuition. 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 December 2023.

If you plan to start college in the fall, complete the 2024-2025 FAFSA.

The 2024–25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) includes unprecedented changes to how students and families apply for federal student aid and how we determine eligibility, giving students a better and simpler experience with the FAFSA form.

If you plan to start college in the summer, complete the 2023-2024 FAFSA AND the 2024-2054 FAFSA.

Before you apply:

Parents: Gather your income tax return information. 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 your complete the FAFSA. **SAVE THESE LOGINS!**

Timeline:

FAFSA opens in December 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

BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP

For the C/O 2024 and after

www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org

Florida Academic Scholars	Florida Medallion Scholars	Gold Seal Vocational
Pays 100% tuition & fees at a FL public college or comparable amount at a FL private college - 3.5 weighted academic GPA - 1340 SAT OR 29 ACT - 100 volunteer hours OR 100 paid work hours OR 100 combo of both	*Pays 75% tuition & fees at a FL public college or comparable amount at a FL private college* - 3.0 weighted academic GPA - 1210 SAT or 25 ACT - 75 volunteer hours OR 100 paid work hours OR 100 combo of both	*Can ONLY be used at a technical degree education program or career certificate* - 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 volunteer hours OR 100 work hours OR 100 combo of both
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.

Mid July: Final transcripts are sent to Bright Futures by our district office.

Aug 31st: ACT and SAT test deadline for final evaluation. Test scores AFTER Aug 31st will not be considered for Bright Futures.

<u>VOLUNTEER SERVICE AND PAID WORK GUIDELINES</u>

Any volunteer service and/or paid work hours submitted after the graduation date, even if earned *prior* to graduation will not be accepted. **No Exceptions**.

Florida Academic Scholarship	**=**	**100 volunteer hours**
		OR 100 paid work hours
		OR 100 hours combo of both
Florida Medallion Scholarship	**=**	**75 volunteer hours**
		OR 100 paid work hours
		OR 100 hours combo of both
Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship	**=**	**30 volunteer hours**
		OR 100 paid work hours
		OR 100 hours combo of both

Volunteer Service or Paid Work may include, but is not limited to, a business or governmental internship, work for a nonprofit community service organization, or activities on behalf of a candidate for public office. These hours will meet the requirement for the Florida Bright Futures Award Program.

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 volunteer service/work documentation MUST be submitted by the school's graduation date.
- Any volunteer service/work 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 or work contact.

Hours that are NOT acceptable:

- Court mandated community/volunteer service.
- An activity where there is no leader or responsible adult on site to evaluate and confirm student performance.
- Donations (ex. blood, Locks of Love, canned food)
- Hours submitted after graduation.
- Fostering of animals
- Hours performed overnight at camps or designated events (exception Relay for Life).

Volunteering adds to your college application, Bright Futures, and other scholarships. **Get it done now!**

Need to log hours?

MobileServe is our new online platform for recording Volunteer AND Paid Work Hours!!

Plant High School

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Getting Started Guide

MobileServe is available as a mobile app in the App store and Google Play and can be used on most smart phones and tablets. If you'd rather not use the mobile app, you can create and manage your MobileServe account from any internet-connected device at: app.mobileserve.com.

Download the App

1. Go to the App Store or Google Play.
2. Search "MobileServe".
3. Tap the Get or Install button next to MobileServe App.

Create Your Account

1. Open the app or go to app.mobileserve.com. & select Sign Up.
2. Enter your name, birthday, and create a password. You can skip the Employer / Organization box.
3. Select Next.
4. Add an optional photo to your profile or skip.
5. Select Next.
6. Enter the 6-digit code corresponding to your group (see below). DO NOT SKIP THIS STEP (we won't be able to see your hours)!!
7. When it pops up, select **Join.**

Log Your Hours!

- Click the Log hours button at the bottom of your screen. In the organization box, type the name of the non-profit or employer where you completed your hours. Please review the next section for available service categories. Enter the name & email of your supervisor & upload a picture of your parent signature on the paper hours log form (parent signature is needed for **every** activity).

Service Categories

- **Imported hours:** select this service category to log hours that are already on your transcript. You must upload a copy of your transcript summary in the photos section. Please make sure that the hours total you type in exactly matches the hours total on your transcript summary!

- **Volunteer Service:** select this service category to log any new volunteer hours that you have not previously recorded. If you have a screenshot of Profferfish with hours that were incomplete and have not been recorded, please attach that photo to log your hours.

- **Paid Work Hours:** select this service category to log any new paid work hours that you have not previously recorded. You may choose to either provide a supervisor signature or upload photos of your pay stubs.

Code:

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Volunteer Service/Paid Work Hours Signature Form

For Bright Futures

Student Name_____**Graduation Year**_____

Student Number_____**High School**_____**Total Hours**_____

Organization name:_____

It is the responsibility of the student to keep an accurate record of the actual hours volunteered. A parent/guardian cannot serve as the volunteer agency contact. **All volunteer/paid work hour documentation MUST be submitted by your school's graduation date. Any hours submitted after graduation, even if earned prior to graduation, will not be accepted.**

I agree that I have completed the hours & have logged them in MobileServe.

_____   _____
Student Signature   Date

_____   _____
Parent Signature   Date

This form must be attached as a photo each time hours are submitted!

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 ELIGIBILTY: Eligibility is dictated by your grades in core classes and your ACT/SAT scores. See **http://planthighguidance.weebly.com/ncaa-information.html**, 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.

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 – You can apply to many colleges through this website.

https://ssar.selfreportedtranscript.com/login.aspx - SSAR, you may self-report your grades on this site

Financial Aid/Scholarship Sites:

CANVAS (be sure to join Class of 2024 for Mrs. Moseley & your assigned school counselor) - provides a list of scholarships available for Plant students & timely updates

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

www.fafsa.gov- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (official financial aid application)

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

Volunteer Service Sites:

MobileServe – app.mobilserve.com

www.volunteennation.org - volunteer 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, 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.

🌰 BigFuture®

Helping Millions of Students Plan for Life After High School

Inspired by Students, Powered by College and Career Experts

BigFuture® is a free, comprehensive set of digital resources that helps all students take a productive first step after high school. With feedback from students, insights from professionals, and over 100 years of College Board expertise, the BigFuture personalized dashboard simplifies a complex process into key actions across three categories:

Plan for College

COLLEGE SEARCH
Students can search and filter **over 3,000 college profiles** with rich content about campus life and admissions provided by the colleges themselves.

STUDENT SEARCH SERVICE™
On average, students contacted by colleges through this service receive **29% more college admission offers**.

Pay for College

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH
Students explore and match with over **$4 billion** in scholarships each year.

BIGFUTURE SCHOLARSHIPS
Juniors and seniors who complete steps on their dashboard earn entries for monthly scholarship drawings that award **nearly $3 million each year**.

FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES
We offer guides and an Expected Family Contribution Calculator to help families understand college costs, student loans, the FAFSA®, and more.

Explore Careers

CAREER SEARCH
Students connect their interests and skills to **over 1,000 career profiles** across a variety of education levels. They can view job requirements, projected salaries, and growth potential.

"As a low-income, first-generation college student, BigFuture ensured that I had the information I needed to be successful throughout the entire process. Without it, I may not have found, or gotten into, my top choice school."

Shylyne
Class of 2022
Mansfield R-IV
High School, MO

"[BigFuture] has really inspired me to look into new scholarships and showed me that it is possible to get a lot of financial aid if you look in the right places. I have started to plan ahead for my future and this was an encouraging experience!"

Neysi
Class of 2022
Battle Mountain
High School, CO

"I think that this is an amazing program that helps to provide opportunities for kids like me who are low-income and worrying about how they'll be able to pay for furthering their education. [BigFuture] is very helpful and also easy to navigate, which makes the process of going to college less stressful."

Cori
Class of 2022
Lamar High
School, TX

Explore the dashboard, resources, and more at **bigfuture.org**.

PHS COLLEGE PLANS FOR CLASS OF 2023

College	# Enrolled
Advent Health University	1
Arizona State University	2
Art Institute of Houston	1
Auburn University	8
Babson College	1
Belmont Abbey College	1
Belmont University	1
Berry College	1
Brewster Technical College	1
Case Western Reserve University	1
Charleston Southern University	1
Clemson University	1
Culinary Institute of America	2
Daytona State College	1
DePaul University	1
Duke University	1
Eckerd College	4
EHL (Switzerland)	1
Elon University	1
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	2
Emerson College	1
Emory University	1
Erwin Technical College	4
Flagler College	1
Florida Atlantic University	13
Florida Gulf Coast University	13
Florida Institute of Technology	1
Florida International University	8
Florida Polytechnic University	1
Florida State College at Jacksonville	1
Florida State University	89
Florida Technical College	1
Fordham University	1
Full Sail University	1

College	# Enrolled
Georgetown University	1
Georgia Institute of Technology	1
Georgia Southern University	1
High Point University	3
Hillsborough Community College	77
Hillsdale College	1
Hood College	1
Jacksonville University	1
Keiser University	1
La Salle University	1
Lafayette College	1
Lehigh University	1
Livingstone College	1
Louisiana State University	4
Lynn University	2
Manhattanville College	1
Mars Hill University	1
McDaniel College	1
Miami Dade College	1
Michigan State University	1
Mississippi State University	2
New York University	1
North Park University	1
Northeastern University	1
Oregon State University	1
Palm Beach Atlantic University	3
Pasco-Hernando State College	1
Pennsylvania State University	2
Polk State College	1
Princeton University	1
Rochester Institute of Technology	2
Roger Williams University	1
San Diego State University	1
San Francisco State University	1

College	# Enrolled	College	# Enrolled
Santa Fe College	8	United States Naval Academy	1
Savannah College of Art & Design	2	University of Arizona	3
Southern Methodist University	2	University of California-Berkeley	2
Stanford University	1	University of California-Davis	1
Stetson University	1	University of California-Irvine	1
Swarthmore College	1	University of California-Los Angeles	1
Syracuse University	2	University of Central Florida	20
Tallahassee Community College	25	University of Colorado Boulder	2
The Art Institute of Houston	1	University of Dallas	1
The College of the Florida Keys	1	University of Florida	62
Princeton University	1	University of Georgia	5
Rochester Institute of Technology	2	University of Kentucky	1
Roger Williams University	1	University of Miami	3
San Diego State University	1	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities	1
San Francisco State University	1	University of Mississippi	8
Santa Fe College	8	University of Missouri-Columbia	2
Savannah College of Art & Design	2	University of North Florida	4
Southern Methodist University	2	University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus	2
Stanford University	1	University of Oxford	1
Stetson University	1	University of Pennsylvania	1
Swarthmore College	1	University of Richmond	1
Syracuse University	2	University of South Carolina-Columbia	2
Tallahassee Community College	25	University of South Florida-Main Campus	33
The Art Institute of Houston	1	University of Southern California	1
The College of the Florida Keys	1	University of Southern Mississippi	1
The University of Alabama	4	University of the West Indies	1
The Univ of North Carolina Chapel Hill	3	University of Toronto	1
The University of Tampa	13	University of Wisconsin-Madison	2
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville	7	Valencia College	2
The University of Texas at Austin	1	Vanderbilt University	1
The University of the South	1	Washington and Lee University	1
The University of West Florida	1	Wesleyan University	1
Thomas University	1	West Chester University of Pennsylvania	1
Tiffin University	1	Western Michigan University	1
Troy University	1	Wittenberg University	1
Tulane University of Louisiana	1	Yale University	1
United States Air Force Academy	3		