

College Guidance Information for Junior Year



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What to Expect

As your counselors, we will:



- Work on schedules and academic choices
- Make sure students meet academic requirements for graduation
- Organize opportunities to meet college representatives
- Make students aware of scholarship opportunities
- Guide students in college and career choices
- Send transcripts to prospective colleges
- Work alongside and pray for parents and students

What to Expect

As the Parent of a Junior, you will:



- Discuss college options with your student
- Decide what parameters are appropriate for your family
- Discuss major and career expectations
- Visit prospective colleges and universities
- Help your student apply to colleges and universities next year
- Look for and apply for scholarships

Parents...



- Choosing a college is one of the biggest decisions one can make. Pray about it!
- Have an open dialogue with your student.
- Encourage your student to take the initiative in the process.
- I'll do my part, you do your part, and let's stand back and watch your student grow!

What to Expect

As a Junior, you will:



- Think about what kinds of colleges interest you
- Consider what you eventually want to do professionally
- Devise a list of colleges now and over the summer before senior year
- Take the SAT, ACT, and/or CLT (ECS Code: 100-512)
- Make sure you are receiving the best grades possible!
 - Your transcript through Junior Year is your Initial Transcript, which is the first transcript colleges will see.
- Schedule a meeting with the College Counselor, if needed!
 - Send the College Counselor any achievements you have completed as an ECS student.

SAT, ACT, & CLT



- SAT, ACT, and CLT are very different tests
 - SAT = Verbal & Math (1600)
 - ACT = Verbal, Math, Science, and Writing (36)
 - Note: Science is optional for Florida Bright Futures
 - CLT = Verbal Reasoning, Grammar/Writing, Quantitative Reasoning (120)
- Visit www.collegeboard.org , www.actstudent.org , and cltexam.com to register.
 - If you are taking the SAT or ACT at ECS on a school day, make sure to follow the Testing Coordinator's instructions.
- ECS school code is 100-512.
- ACT and SAT will superscore!
- ACT/SAT Conversion Chart: <https://www.princetonreview.com/college-advice/act-to-sat-conversion>
- Reminder: add a PUBLIC Florida University in order for Florida Bright Futures to have access to student scores.
 - You can add the university when registering or wait to send the scores until after you have received them

Transcripts

Transcripts are the official record of high school coursework



- Included on your transcript:
 - Demographic information
 - Cumulative GPA (weighted and unweighted)
 - All High School courses taken with semester grades
 - ECS Achievements
 - Community Service Hours
- SAT, ACT, and CLT scores are NOT reflected on your ECS transcript.
 - You are responsible for sending your scores to the colleges and universities that require them.

GPA



- Your GPA will be recalculated by each college. Each college will recalculate differently.
 - A recalculated GPA is also sometimes called Academic GPA.
- Most colleges will only use the following academic courses: English, Math, Science, History, and Foreign Language
- Weighted GPA includes Honors, AP, and DE credits. (0.5 GPA weight added for honors, 1.0 GPA weight added for AP and DE)
- Unweighted GPA means Honors, AP, and DE weights are not included. (A=4.0, B=3.0, C=2.0, D=1.0)

Dual Enrollment



- Southeastern University: both in-person and online course offerings
 - In-person course offerings are taught by ECS staff/faculty who hold a Master's Degree in the subject area
- University of Florida: online course offerings only
- GPAs and standardized test scores are used to determine eligibility.



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Dual Enrollment Eligibility Requirements



**Southeastern
University**

Juniors and Seniors

**Minimum
Test
Scores** **3.5 Weighted**

PSAT Reading & Writing 490
Math 480

PreACT Reading 22
English 18
Math 22

SAT Reading & Writing 490
Math 480

ACT Reading 19
English 17
Math 19

CLT Verbal Reasoning &
Grammar/Writing 38
Quantitative Reasoning 16



**University of
Florida**

Juniors and Seniors

**Grade
Levels**

**Minimum
GPA**

3.6 Unweighted

**Minimum
Test
Scores**

PSAT 1130 Composite

SAT 1100 Composite

ACT 22 Composite

CLT 72 Composite

CLT10 83 Composite

College Applications



Scoir & Common App Integration - Looking ahead to next year

- Using Scoir is a great way to streamline your college search and application process. To apply to multiple colleges at once, you can use Scoir or the Common App, if preferred. These apps allow you to input your personal information one time and send your information to all of the colleges you have listed.
 - If a college does not use Scoir or Common App, you will need to apply directly on the college website.
- Scoir is now integrated with Common App.
 - College List In-Sync: If you apply through Common App, I'll be able to see it in Scoir.
 - No More Duplicate Recommendation Requests: Common App will recognize students attending a "Scoir school" and will no longer prompt them to request teacher evaluations and counselor recommendations.
 - Application Flexibility: Students may continue to apply in whichever manner best suits them.

College Applications

Early Action versus Early Decision



- Early Action
 - Students can apply early (typically between October 15 and November 15) without committing to attend if they are accepted.
 - You will be able to be accepted to multiple colleges/universities, compare financial aid packages, and then decide whether to commit to a college.
- Early Decision
 - A student who is accepted as an early decision applicant MUST attend the college to which they are accepted.
 - We don't normally recommend this, unless the student and family have decided that one college is their DEFINITE first choice.

Community Service Hours

ECS requires 10 hours per quarter = 40 hours per high school year

Try to work in an area you think you may be interested in

Use your summer wisely!



- Church Ministries
- Animal Refuge Center (ARC)
- Cape Coral Animal Shelter
- Kiwanis Thrift Store (16 and up)
- Gulf Coast Humane Society
- Local hospitals
- Hope Hospice (14 and up)
- Mentor Students
- Little League or teams for younger children
- USA South Little Spikers Program - volleyball club
- VBS over the summer
- Community Cooperative
- Harry Chapin Food Bank
- Alliance for the Arts Summer Camps

College Applications

Extracurricular Activities - list all clubs and activities you have been involved in:



- Remember, you are building a high school resume!
- Colleges are looking for more than good grades. They want well-rounded students.
- Take on any leadership positions for which you are suited.
- Examples:
 - Church
 - Employment
 - School Clubs
 - Volunteer Work
 - *More on the next slide*

College Applications

Extracurricular Activities - list all clubs and activities you have been involved in:



- Mission Trips
- Worship Team
- Student Government (Student Senate)
- National Honors Society
- Sentinel Scholar Candidate
- Fine Arts
- Athletics
- Musicals and Plays
- Community Service Hours
- Etc.

Florida Bright Futures Scholarships



- The Florida Bright Futures Scholarships are funded by the lottery.
- There are two possible Florida Bright Futures Scholarships:
 - Florida Academic Scholars Award (FAS)
 - Florida Medallion Scholars Award (FMS)

Florida Bright Futures Scholarships

Florida Academic Scholars Award (FAS)



- Public institution - award recipients will receive 100% tuition and applicable fees
- Private institution - fixed award amount based on the agreement the institution has with the state
 - Some private institutions do honor the Florida Academic Scholarship

Florida Bright Futures Scholarships

Florida Academic Scholars Award (FAS)



- Requirements:
 - Weighted Grade Point Average (GPA): 3.5 based on the following courses:
 - 4 English, 4 Math, 3 Natural Sciences, 3 Social Sciences, 2 Foreign Languages
 - GPAs are not rounded. Students either have the required GPA or they do not.
 - SAT score of 1350 (Verbal and Math) AND/OR ACT score of 29
 - AND/OR Classical Learning Test (CLT) score of 96
- Community Service:
 - 100 hours

Florida Bright Futures Scholarships

Florida Medallion Scholars Award (FMS)



- Public institution - award recipients will receive a scholarship that covers 75% of the tuition fees and applicable fees
- Private institution - fixed award amount based on the agreement the institution has with the state
 - Some private institutions do honor the Florida Medallion Scholarship

Florida Bright Futures Scholarships

Florida Medallion Scholars Award (FMS)



- Requirements:
 - Weighted Grade Point Average (GPA): 3.0 based on the following courses:
 - 4 English, 4 Math, 3 Natural Sciences, 3 Social Sciences, 2 Foreign Languages
 - GPAs are not rounded. Students either have the required GPA or they do not.
 - SAT score of 1200 (Verbal and Math) AND/OR ACT score of 25
 - AND/OR Classical Learning Test (CLT) score of 83
- Community Service:
 - 75 hours

Florida Bright Futures Scholarships



Type	16 High School Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/CLT®/SAT®)	Volunteer Service Only	Paid Work Hours Only	Combination of Volunteer/ Paid Hours
FAS	4 - English <i>(three must include substantial writing)</i> 4 - Mathematics <i>(at or above the Algebra I level)</i> 3 - Natural Science <i>(two must have substantial laboratory)</i>	3.50	2026-27 Graduates ² : 29/95/1330 2027-28 Graduates ³ : 29/96/1350	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours
FMS	3 - Social Science 2 - Foreign/World Language <i>(sequential, in same language)</i>	3.00	2026-27 Graduates ² : 24/82/1190 2027-28 Graduates ³ : 25/83/1200	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours

Florida Bright Futures Scholarships



- To receive either of the Florida Bright Futures Scholarships, parents must complete and submit the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) during Senior Year at:
 - www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org and click the link for “State Grants, Scholarships, and Applications”
 - Completing this step releases transcripts and test scores to FBF
- The FFAA application opens this year on **October 1st** (but it could vary), and you must submit your FFAA by **August 31** of the year that you graduate from ECS.
- Your College Counselor will put all of your courses, grades, and service hours in the FBF system
- It is YOUR responsibility to ensure you meet the qualifications (SAT, ACT, or CLT scores, weighted GPA, and service hours).
- FBF will notify the college you choose, and the money will be applied.

Financial Information for College

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



- Parents must submit the FAFSA during Senior year. It is scheduled to open this year on **October 1st**, but this could vary year to year. It is typically due June 30 of the year you graduate.
- It is available at: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- The government determines your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC).
- **If you do not think you will qualify, please complete the form anyway!**
- You must fill out the FAFSA to qualify for Federal and State aid. Several colleges (both Public and Private) will want to see the FAFSA completed before deciding to award merit-based aid.
 - No scholarships will be given to your student until the FAFSA application is completed!

Financial Information for College

College Scholarship Service (CSS) Profile



- CSS Profile is used by many private institutions to provide institutional aid. It collects more detailed financial information to help provide access to additional funding opportunities beyond what FAFSA can provide.
 - Note: the FAFSA is free to apply, while the CSS Profile has a \$25 fee for the initial application. Fee waivers might be available based on family income.
- It is scheduled to open this year on **October 1st** (though this may vary), and each college will set its own deadline.
- It is available at: cssprofile.collegeboard.org, and you can fill it out during your Senior year.
 - You can check the website to see whether your future college requires the CSS Profile.

Scholarships

Where to look?

- Civic organizations
- Scholarship Websites
- Scholarship groups on social media
- www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search
- <https://www.appily.com/scholarships>
- www.bold.org
- www.fastweb.com
- www.floridashines.org/financial-aid
- <https://www.scholarships.com/>
- <https://collegedebtfree.org/>
- More continued on the next page...



Scholarships

Where to look?



- www.myscholly.com/
 - www.nhs.us/scholarship
 - www.rotaryfortmyers.org/scholarships/
 - www.salliemae.com/scholarships/search
 - www.scholarshipowl.com/
 - www.scholarshipsearch.com
 - <https://bold.org/scholarships/by-state/florida-scholarships/>
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- It is the parents' and each student's responsibility to apply for scholarships.
 - If I am made aware of a scholarship opportunity, I will keep you informed!
 - Remember, there is always a deadline!
 - Check "Counselors' Hub" for additional scholarship opportunities!

Counselors' Hub Website

Launched August 2026!



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Counselors' Hub

Link: <https://sites.google.com/goecs.org/counselors-hub/home>

Individual College Guidance Meetings at ECS



- During the fall of your Senior year, we offer College Guidance Meetings.
- During our first meeting:
 - I will provide copies of your Transcript and Senior Schedule so you have the official course names and your grades for your college applications.
 - We will create a Common App account for you, if desired.
 - We will navigate the Scoir app and explore college search, selection, and application capabilities.
 - We will also use Scoir to begin requesting transcripts from the counseling office and letters of recommendation from teachers.



Helpful Tips

- Be really careful about the types of pictures and content you choose for your social media. College representatives search social media sites for prospective students. Make sure you truly represent who you are and what you're about on social media.
- Choose a college based on what you want in the future, not on the cool mascot, cool colors, or where your friends are going.
- Pray for guidance and wisdom with your child and for your child!



Helpful Websites

- Information on SAT: www.collegeboard.com
- Information on ACT: www.act.org
- Information on CLT: www.cltexam.com
- Request your transcript to be sent to these Athletic Associations:
 - National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA): www.naia.org
 - National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA): www.ncaa.org
- College and career news: <https://usnews.com/education> and www.scoir.com
- Choosing a major: www.mymajors.com
- US Department of Education: www.ed.gov
- Federal Student Aid on the web: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

Semester 1: Dates to Remember



- September 28–October 2: Homecoming Week
- October 9: First Quarter Ends
- October 20: PSAT (9th-11th graders) & SAT (Seniors only) Testing on a School Day
- October 28-October 30: Fall Break (College Visits?)
- November 3: ACT - with Science (Juniors and Seniors) on a School Day
- December 17-18: First Semester Exams
- December 18: First Semester Ends

Semester 2: Dates to Remember



- January 5: Start of Second Semester
- March 9: PreACT & ACT (Juniors only) on a School Day
- March 19: Third Quarter Ends
- March 22-29: Spring Break (College Visits?)
- TBD: SAT (Juniors only) on a School Day
- May 24-25: Final Exams

JUNIOR YEAR GUIDE



FALL

- ☐ Keep your grades up! Junior year is the last chance for a “first impression” for college applications.
- ☐ Get to know your teachers (you may ask them for recommendations later).
- ☐ Attend 11th Grade Parent Night at ECS.
- ☐ Attend Christian College Fair at ECS.
- ☐ Consider attending “College Night” Fair hosted by FSW.
- ☐ Schedule college visits during Fall Break.
- ☐ Take the PSAT/NMSQT at ECS (potential for National Merit Scholarship).
- ☐ Take ACT/SAT/CLT as desired.

WINTER

- ☐ Take the ACT on a school day at ECS.
- ☐ Take the ACT/SAT/CLT as desired.
- ☐ Study for Midterm Exams!
- ☐ Begin researching scholarships (see if you can apply to some now!)
- ☐ Continue to participate in community service, volunteer work, school clubs, or sport activities.
- ☐ Continue researching colleges, majors, trade schools, military, etc.

JUNIOR YEAR GUIDE



SPRING

- ☐ Request transcript to check updated GPAs.
- ☐ Continue to build your achievement list for your transcript.
- ☐ Take the "Principles You" Assessment at ECS with ECS College Counselor.
- ☐ Schedule college visits during spring break.
- ☐ Take the ACT on a school day at ECS.
- ☐ Take the SAT on a school day at ECS.
- ☐ Take the ACT/SAT/CLT as desired.
- ☐ Meet with your ECS College Counselor to make sure you are on track for graduation and/or class schedule help.
- ☐ Update your transcript with junior year extracurricular activities.
- ☐ Attend ECS 11th Grade Workshop (during the school day).
- ☐ Study for Final Exams!

SUMMER

- ☐ Schedule college visits during the summer.
- ☐ Refine your college list (have a list of at least 3-5 colleges you wish to apply to).
- ☐ Think about potential teachers to ask for recommendation letters.
- ☐ Take the ACT/SAT/CLT as desired.
- ☐ Keep extracurricular and community service efforts going.
- ☐ Research and apply for scholarships.
- ☐ Start brainstorming and drafting college essay.
- ☐ Participate in summer jobs, internships, or volunteer opportunities.



College Counselor / School Counselor Information

You've got this! Praying for each and every one of you!

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