

# College Information

Start applying to colleges early. Know the deadlines for each college you are applying to, including the financial aid deadline. Double check your applications for accuracy. Know your rank and GPA.

Transcript Request forms are available at [www.sprucecreekcounseling.weebly.com](http://www.sprucecreekcounseling.weebly.com) under the “Registrar” link. Transcript requests will be handled by our Registrar, Mrs. Young. Counselors **do not** send transcripts. An unofficial copy of your transcript can be emailed to you to assist you in completing the SSAR (Self-Reported Student Academic Record) for UF, FSU, UNF, FAU, UCF (Spark), etc.

If you apply to colleges on the **Common Application**, list your counselor as your *Recommender*. The Counselor will **automatically be notified to upload** your transcripts, a formal request is not needed.

Do not make multiple requests. Colleges are BUSY and websites are not being updated regularly. If something is truly missing, your college will email you.

**I**f you need a recommendation letter from a counselor OR teacher you must:

- \*Give us at least 2 weeks notice

- \*Provide us with a resume or information about your school involvement, leadership activities and community involvement. If we do not have this information we cannot write a letter. Teachers you have had in the past are usually a good resource for letters of recommendation. Teachers and counselors do not work over winter break; submit a request by December 2<sup>nd</sup> or wait until January.

(Keep in mind, state schools DO NOT require a recommendation letter.)

Scholarship opportunities are listed on [www.sprucecreekcounseling.weebly.com](http://www.sprucecreekcounseling.weebly.com) under the “Planning” tab. There are also links to college planning and scholarship websites on this page.

We will meet with all seniors to sign up for Bright Futures after October 1<sup>st</sup>. Make sure to complete a FAFSA application after December 1st with your parents at: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Some colleges also require a CSS/Financial Aid Profile and have very strict deadlines for completion. Please contact the college financial aid office if you have questions about completing the CSS/Financial Aid Profile.

Be sure to pay attention to our scheduled college campus visits at lunch.

We have a senior Financial Aid Night/UF Admissions in SCHS Auditorium on September 14th.

Make sure to send your SAT/ACT to a university even if planning to go to DSC if you are eligible for Bright Futures; free for 4 schools; great opportunity is to use school day SAT on October 26th.

DSC will be on campus in spring to sign up students who will be going there—listen for announcement of actual day they are on our campus.

Are you receiving Coach Zablo’s emails? You should be receiving important messages for seniors from him regularly.

We will have a career expo in April; our military recruiters are on campus regularly as well.

We have an ASVAB career aptitude test on Thursday, November 16 from 8:30-12:00 in media center. This is a good career placement test for anyone, not just those interested in the military. Sign up to take the ASVAB in the school counseling office.

(Students who entered 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 2020 - 2021)

## COLLEGE COSTS - ESTIMATIONS FOR 2024-2025

| CATEGORIES (24 Credit Diploma)   | CREDITS           |
|--|-------------------|
| <b>ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS</b>   | <b>4</b>          |
| <b>MATHEMATICS</b>   |                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 credit in Algebra I (EOC = 30% of final course grade)</li> <li>1 credit in Geometry (EOC = 30% of final course grade)</li> <li>2 credits in additional math courses                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Industry Certifications that lead to college credit may substitute for up to 2 math credits (excluding Algebra 1 &amp; Geometry) *</li> <li>An identified computer science credit may substitute for one math credit (excluding Algebra 1 and Geometry) **</li> </ul> </li> </ul>              | <b>4</b>          |
| <b>SCIENCE</b>   |                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 credit in Biology (EOC = 30% of final course grade)</li> <li>1 credit in a physical science course (Earth/Space Science, Physical Science, Chemistry, or Physics)</li> <li>1 credit in an additional science credit                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Industry Certifications that lead to college credit may substitute for 1 science credit (excluding Biology) *</li> <li>An identified computer science credit may substitute for 1 science credit (excluding Biology) **</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <b>3</b>          |
| <b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>  |                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 credit in World History</li> <li>1 credit in United States History (EOC = 30% of final course)</li> <li>½ credit in Economics</li> <li>½ credit in United States Government</li> </ul>  | <b>3</b>          |
| <b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>  |                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>½ credit in Personal Fitness</li> <li>½ credit in any other PE course</li> </ul>  | <b>1</b>          |
| <b>Performing or Fine Arts/Speech &amp; Debate/CTE</b>   | <b>1</b>          |
| <b>ELECTIVES</b>   | <b>8</b>          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>24 Credits</b> |
| <b>Other Graduation Requirements:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.0 Grade Point Average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale</li> <li>Passing score on the Grade 10 ELA Reading or concordant score.</li> <li>Passing score on the Algebra 1 End of Course Assessment or comparative score.</li> </ul>  |                   |
| * Credit earned by industry certification does not count for SUS admission.  |                   |
| ** A computer science credit may not be used to substitute for both a math and a science credit.   |                   |

| Average Cost per Academic Year (fall & spring semester) * |         |         |       |             |
|---|---------|---------|-------|-------------|
| Public/Private Institution*                               | Tuition | RM & BD | Books | Total Costs |
| Bethune-Cookman University                                | 13,844  | 10,846  | 1,450 | 30,540      |
| Daytona State College                                     | 3,072   | 3,000   | 1,800 | 10,196      |
| Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ.                           | 20,592  | 17,288  | 1,160 | 49,168      |
| Flagler College   | 19,940  | 12,540  | 1,400 | 32,580      |
| Florida A&M University                                    | 4,554   | 12,084  | 1,138 | 22,302      |
| Florida State University                                  | 5,666   | 11,088  | 1,000 | 23,136      |
| Stetson University  | 49,140  | 14,640  | 1,400 | 64,140      |
| University of Central Florida                             | 5,954   | 11,498  | 1,200 | 18,652      |
| University of Florida                                     | 6,380   | 10,590  | 890   | 21,430      |
| University of North Florida                               | 6,394   | 9,846   | 1,200 | 21,730      |
| University of South Florida                               | 6,410   | 11,836  | 770   | 19,016      |

\* Information taken from individual school web sites. Some are approximations.

The amounts listed above are **estimated** costs only. Most students will, of course, have additional miscellaneous expenses associated with all the "extras" - like pizza, "school logo gear," pizza, long-distance phone bills, pizza, laundry, more pizza, etc. These costs may add up to an additional \$3,000 or more per year, depending on lifestyle, budget, and appetite.

**Housing** - Early application in the fall of the senior year usually improves housing options at the larger universities.

**Bright Futures Scholarships\*\*** - There are four types of Bright Futures Scholarships. In addition to general eligibility requirements, each scholarship has specific eligibility requirements related to GPA, test scores and curriculum. Benefits of the scholarships are noted below.

| SCHOLARSHIP                      | BENEFIT   | RENEWAL                        |
|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Academic Scholar                 | 100% of tuition and applicable fees and \$300 for both fall and spring semesters for additional educational expenses. | Renewable for up to four years |
| Medallion Scholar                | 75% of tuition and applicable fees  | Renewable for up to four years |
| Gold Seal Scholar & CAFE Scholar | \$45.00 Per Semester Hour (AS, AAS, CCC)<br>\$39.00 Per Semester Hour (PSAV & ATD)                                    | Renewable for up to two years  |

\*\*for specific Bright Futures Scholarship details visit [www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SFAD/bv](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SFAD/bv).

The Academic Scholar Scholarship and the Medallion Scholar Scholarship include tuition for the summer 2024 and summer 2025.

**Financial Aid** - Many local scholarships are available throughout the year. Scholarship newsletters will be available on our website. Students are encouraged to review the daily bulletin to stay up to date with the latest newsletter release. Also, parents and students should contact the financial aid offices of the colleges/universities under consideration to determine what types of financial aid may be available.

## PREPARING FOR A JOB INTERVIEW

There are a few things you should keep in mind before your first interview. Review your personal data so that you will be able to answer whatever questions may be asked of you. The interviewer will generally want to learn about you:

- attitude toward people and work
- educational and work experience
- future career plans

### BEFORE THE INTERVIEW

- Prepare clothing
- Verify the day, time and location of the interview
- Verify the interviewer's name and correct spelling
- Gather up a resume, list of references, social security card and a pen
- Practice introducing yourself and shaking hands
- Give yourself a 20-30-minute leeway, but be prepared to walk in 5 minutes early

### WAITING FOR THE INTERVIEW

- Be courteous, especially to the receptionist
- Be aware of your actions, you may be observed
- Read any company literature, if available

### DURING THE INTERVIEW

- Be aware of your body language
- Listen carefully to the questions and reflect before responding
- Be honest, positive and direct when responding to questions
- Ask questions of the interviewer: show interest and knowledge of the job

### CLOSING THE INTERVIEW

- Express a continued interest in the job.
- Find out when a decision will be made
- Initiate follow-up/call back
- Thank the interviewer

### AFTER THE INTERVIEW

- Send a thank you letter /not e-mail.
- Follow through on follow-up/call back
- Continue job search efforts

### TOP FIVE QUESTIONS AN INTERVIEWER ASKS:

- Tell me a little bit about yourself
- Why do you want to work for this company?
- Where do you see yourself in three to five years?
- Why should I hire you?
- Do you have any questions?

## RESUME WORKSHEET

Complete the following sections to use as a guide in starting your resume. Do not limit yourself; list everything even if it seems trivial. Using this worksheet will help you not only keep track of your "stuff and activities" for four years but will also help guide you. Fill in the missing pieces or areas in which you might be weak in. This worksheet will be helpful for whoever is writing your letter of recommendation also.

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### EDUCATION

High School: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Diploma: \_\_\_\_\_  
Major: \_\_\_\_\_

### HONORS AND AWARDS

Any academic, athletic, or community honors

### AWARD:

Sponsoring organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date awarded & what grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reasons for recognition: \_\_\_\_\_

### ACTIVITIES

Describe the activities you are involved in, both in and out of school. Include any leadership positions held. Include club, athletics, drama, music, newspaper, yearbook, student council, community service.

### Position held:

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates of involvement and what grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of activities: \_\_\_\_\_

### WORK EXPERIENCE

Include both paid and unpaid after school, weekend, or summer employment. Describe your skills, qualifications, and accomplishments.

### Job Title:

Name of employer or organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates worked: \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of work, skills used, special projects and accomplishments: \_\_\_\_\_

### SKILLS (AND SPECIAL INTERESTS)

Languages: \_\_\_\_\_  
Computer skills: \_\_\_\_\_  
Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

## MILITARY OPTIONS

Many opportunities await the student who joins one of the branches of the armed services upon graduation. Recruiters from the United States Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy, Marines and National Guard visit our campus regularly. They are eager to meet with interested students.

You will need to earn a regular high school diploma to be considered by most, if not all the services.

Each branch of the service offers different opportunities, and you may want to ask about...

- Opportunities for further education
- Scholarship opportunities
- Career training, jobs, and your choices
- Military lifestyle (travel, impact on family life, etc.)
- Time commitments
- Expected income
- Basic training
- Military training
- Duty stations (what type? where?)



The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) test is required.