FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST

ACTION	TIMETABLE/DEADLINE
Complete college admissions applications	August – September – October
Take and earn a college ready test score of the ACT, SAT, or PERT assessments	August – September – October
Complete an education resume and scholarship essay (Revise as necessary)	August – September – October
Contact the Financial Aid office at the college(s) you are planning to attend for scholarship and financial aid opportunities	Early and often during senior year
Conduct a scholarship search and apply for scholarships: Fastweb.com/Scholarships.com	Early and often during senior year
Check for scholarships with your school's guidance office	Early and often during senior year
Complete and Submit a 1040 tax form	As early as possible in February
Complete and Submit a Florida Financial Aid Application online https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/ua/SAWSTUA uaform.asp. NOTE: Students must complete a Florida Financial Aid Application after December 1 st and prior to graduation During the student's senior year. Students who fail to Complete a Florida Financial Aid Application prior to high school graduation lose their opportunity to access state grants and scholarships including Bright Futures Scholarships – even if they are eligible.	After December 1 st and <u>prior to</u> high school graduation
Obtain a FAFSA Pin number – Student http://www.pin.ed.gov/PINWebApp/pinindex.jsp	Prior to completing a FAFSA form (Free Application for Federal Student Aid Form): December to March 1
Obtain a FAFSA Pin number – Parent http://www.pin.ed.gov/PINWebApp/pinindex.jsp	Prior to completing a FAFSA form (Free Application for Federal Student Aid Form): December to March 1
Complete and Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid Form (FAFSA) online http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/ NOTE : A FAFSA form must be completed for all state Scholarships including Bright Futures Scholarships and need-based financial aid	By March 1 st to maximize financial aid eligibility

Complete and Submit a Santa Fe College Scholarship Form online http://www.sfcollege.edu/development/index.php?section	Opens January Deadline: February (See your school counselor for exact deadline dates)
Complete and Submit a Education Foundation Scholarship Form online http://50.116.98.179/~acpsf/?page_id=48	Opens January Deadline: March (See your school counselor for exact deadline dates)
Southern Scholarship Foundation http://www.southernscholarship.org/	No application deadline Applications accepted year round
NOTE: Low cost student housing for honors students at UF, FSU, FAMU, FGCU, Santa Fe College and Tallahassee Community College	