**THE *SIMPLE* COLLEGE CHECKLIST**

\_ **YEAR ROUND**

* Check the Scholarship Opportunities on TSHS website monthly for scholarships! <http://www.pcsb.org/Page/5920>

 **FIRST SEMESTER**

* Pick up the SAT and ACT test schedule in the Guidance Office and sign up to take test(s).
* Apply to 4-year Universities and Colleges.
* Visit College Websites and Campuses. Check deadlines!
* Consider making a housing deposit at each college campus you are interested in. Housing goes fast!

 **September**

* Complete the first Senior Credit Check with your Guidance Counselor. Check over your transcript for accuracy.

 **October**

* Attend Financial Aid Seminar presented by Pinellas County Financial Aid Specialist. Different high schools take turns hosting this event each school year.

 **October-December**

* Apply for County Scholarships through the Pinellas Education Foundation (online only) at [www.pinellaseducation.org](http://www.pinellaseducation.org) One application and one essay qualifies you for all Pinellas County scholarships!

 **SECOND SEMESTER**

* Apply to Community Colleges and Technical/Vocational Programs.

 **December-February**

* Apply for financial aid (online only):
	+ **STATE (including Bright Futures)**: Apply at [www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org)
	+ **FEDERAL**: FAFSA (Must apply for the FAFSA to qualify for Bright Futures) Apply at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)

 **February**

* Complete the second Senior Credit Check with your Guidance Counselor.

 **February-March**

* Apply for local community scholarships

\_ **April-May**

* Request final transcripts to be sent to your college. See Mrs. Elgawly, Records Clerk upstairs in the Administration Building for request.