

Welcome to Pinellas eCounselor Webinar on Scholarships & Financial Aid

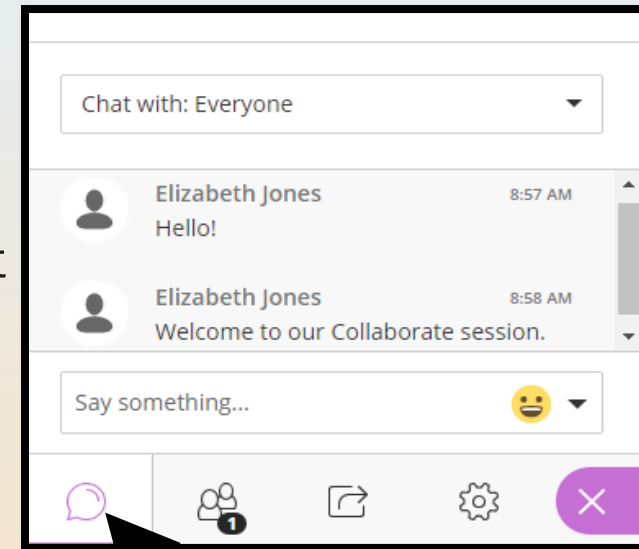
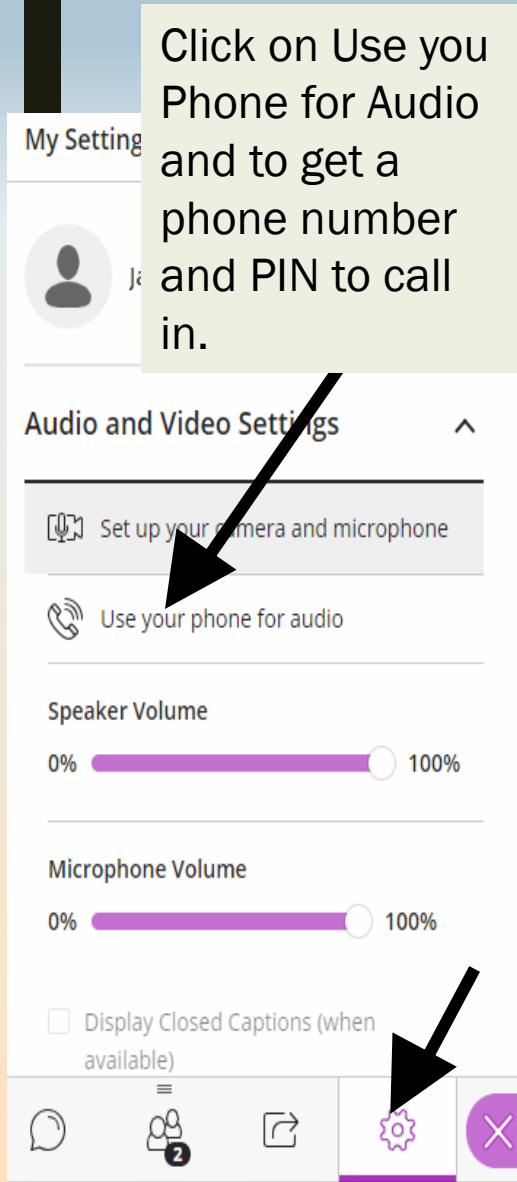
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The session will begin promptly at 6pm.

We will have a chance for questions after the webinar is complete.

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PINELLAS ECOUNSELOR SCHOLARSHIP & FINANCIAL AID WEBINAR

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Where can I find Information about financial aid?

■ District Financial Aid Website-

- www.pcsb.org/financialaid

- Scholarship Opportunities
- Bright Futures information
- Pinellas Education Foundation
- FAFSA
- Scholarship Search Engines



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Financial Aid & Scholarships

[Pinellas eCounselor](#)- **NEW resource for students!**

- Check out Pinellas County School's newest resource for families and students to get answers to your questions after school hours.

Listing of current scholarships that are available

- [Scholarship Opportunities](#) - **Updated 8/30/2018**
- Search for scholarships with the U.S. Department of Labor's [free scholarship search tool](#)

General information regarding the Bright Futures Scholarship Program

- [Florida Bright Futures website](#)
- [Bright Futures Community Service Component and Requirements for Pinellas Students](#)
- Review your Bright Futures evaluation at [FloridaShines](#)
Click on **Pay for College** under the **Go to College** link, then click on the link under **Bright Futures Scholarships**.

State of Florida Grant and Scholarship Programs administered by the Office of Student Financial Assistance

- [State of Florida Grant and Scholarship Programs](#)

Pinellas Education Foundation

- [Pinellas Education Foundation Website](#)
- [Traditional High School Senior Scholarships](#)

Link to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- [FAFSA](#)

Links to Financial Aid Seminars, FASFA Nights, Talented 20 and more

- [Financial Aid Events Information & Additional Links](#)
- [Financial Aid Presentation](#)

Where to Find Scholarships

Pinellas Education Foundation

www.pinellaseducation.org

- Traditional High School Senior Scholarships- **Opens in August/September each year**
- More than 100 different college scholarships to more than 250 high school seniors throughout Pinellas County
 - *Scholarship criteria varies from music & drama to science & math and even sports*
 - *On line application that includes a required essay*
 - *Deadline is in January*
 - *Check website for additional scholarships such as Take Stock in Children & Walker's Rising Stars.*

Colleges/Universities- most common type

- *Check their websites to find out details of how/when to apply*

College Board Opportunities Scholarships

- Open to ALL students, regardless of GPA, test scores & family income
- Helps to simplify the college planning process
- Rewards you for taking action/steps that will help you plan & prepare for college
- Doesn't require an application or essay
- Currently, it is open to the class of 2020
 - *It will also be open to class of 2021 during the 2019-2020 school year*
- <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/>

College Board Opportunities Scholarships

The College Board Opportunity Scholarships recognize students who take six key actions to prepare for college.

1. Build Your College List

Get started by exploring colleges you're interested in with BigFuture™.

\$500 (600 scholarships)

2. Practice for the SAT®

Get ready for test day with Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy®.

\$1,000 (1,500 scholarships)

3. Improve Your Score

Show how practice pays off by improving your SAT score.

\$2,000 (150 scholarships)

4. Strengthen Your College List

Make sure your college list has a mix of academic safety, fit, and reach schools.

\$500 (400 scholarships)

5. Complete the FAFSA

Fill out the free government form to apply for financial aid.

\$1,000 (800 scholarships)

6. Apply to Colleges

Apply to the schools you want to attend.

\$1,000 (500 scholarships)



Complete all six key actions to be eligible for the

Complete Your Journey Scholarship

\$40,000

(25 scholarships)

Build Your College List

■ About the Scholarship

- *Students in the class of 2020 who build a college list with six or more colleges on our college planning site, [BigFuture™](#), can earn a chance at a \$500 scholarship.*
- *The College Board will award 100 **Build** scholarships every month from January through June 2019.*

■ How to Qualify

- *Sign in to your College Board account and build a college list on BigFuture™ with at least six colleges to earn one entry in the monthly drawing.*
- *As you research, update your list of six or more colleges in later months to earn another entry.*

Practice for the SAT

■ About the Scholarship

- *Students in the class of 2020 who use free [Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy](#)[®] can earn a chance at a \$1,000 scholarship.*
- *The College Board will award 150 **Practice** scholarships every month from January through October 2019.*

■ How to Qualify

- *Practice for six hours on Khan Academy[®] to qualify and earn one entry in the monthly drawing.*
- *Earn one entry for each additional hour you practice, up to a total of 20 hours.*

Improve Your Score

■ About the Scholarship

- *Students who practice for the SAT for 12 hours using [Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy](#)[®] and improve their score by 100+ points—either from their PSAT/NMSQT[®] to SAT or SAT to SAT—will earn a chance at a \$2,000 scholarship.*
- *College Board will award 25 **Improve** scholarships at the end of the month after every SAT offering beginning in April 2019 through January 2020*

■ How to Qualify

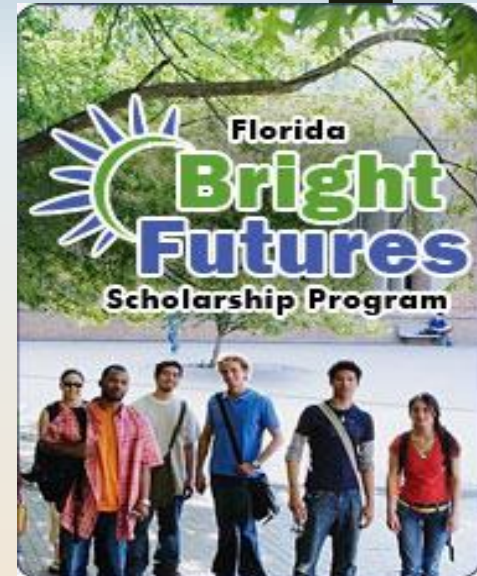
- *Practice for 12+ hours on Khan Academy*
- *Review your scores from the PSAT/NMSQT or previous SAT to set a target score of 100 points higher*
- *Meet your 100 point target*
- *Your entry will roll forward into all later Improve scholarship drawings*

FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES PROGRAM

Awarded to every
student in the state
of Florida who meets the eligibility
requirements.

APPLICATION OPENS ON OCT. 1st

www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org



General Requirements

1. Be a Florida resident and a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen, as determined by the student's postsecondary institution.
2. Complete the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) no later than August 31 after high school graduation.
3. Earn a standard Florida high school diploma or its equivalent from a Florida public high school or a registered Florida Department of Education private high school.
4. Not have been found guilty of, or pled nolo contendere to, a felony charge, unless the student has been granted clemency by the Governor and Cabinet sitting as the Executive Office of Clemency.
5. Be accepted by, enroll in a degree or certificate program, and be funded at an eligible Florida public or independent postsecondary institution within 2 years from the student's year of high school graduation.
6. Be enrolled for a least 6 non-remedial semester credit hours (or the equivalent in quarter or clock hours) per term.

Florida Academic and Medallion Scholars Award- **Coursework**

- Must meet the following criteria to be eligible for these awards (continued):
 - *Complete the required high school coursework:*
 - 16 High School Course Credits
 - 4- English
 - 4- Mathematics (*at or above the Algebra I level*)
 - 3- Natural Sciences (*two must have substantial lab*)
 - 3- Social Science
 - 2- World Language (*sequential, in same language*)

Note: These requirements are subject to change with each legislative session.

Florida Academic and Medallion Scholars Award- **Coursework**

- *High School Courses*
 - Align with required coursework for SUS admission requirements.
 - World Language can be met by demonstrating proficiencies based on scores on Credit-by-Exam Equivalencies

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Florida Academic and Medallion Scholars Award- **Grade Point Average**

- Must meet the following criteria to be eligible for these awards (continued):
 - *Achieve the required minimum high school grade point average (GPA).*
 - High School Weighted GPA
 - 3.50- *Florida Academic Scholars*
 - 3.00- *Florida Medallion Scholars*
 - *Unrounded weighted GPA in the 16 college-prep courses*
 - *AP, Pre-IB, IB, Honors, Pre-AICE, AICE and academic Dual Enrollment are weighted .25 per semester*

Florida Academic and Medallion Scholars Award- **College Entrance Exams**

- Must meet the following criteria to be eligible for these awards (continued):
- Achieve the required minimum score on either the ACT or SAT college entrance exam
 - College Entrance Exams (ACT/SAT)
 - *ACT: 29 or SAT: 1290- Florida Academic Scholars*
 - *ACT: 26 or SAT :1170- Florida Medallion Scholars*

Florida Academic and Medallion Scholars Award- **College Entrance Exams**

- *ACT-composite is the average of the 4 subject areas: English, Math, Reading & Science. Composite scored will be rounded up to next whole number.*
- *SAT composite score is the sum of Evidence-Based Reading & Writing and Math sections.*
- *Exams may be taken through June 30 of the student's graduation year (or January 31 for mid-year graduates).*

Note: These requirements are subject to change with each legislative session.

Florida Academic and Medallion Scholars Award- **Community Service Hours**

- Must meet the following criteria to be eligible for these awards:
 - *Community Service Hours*
 - 100 hours- Florida Academic Scholars
 - 75 hours- Florida Medallion Scholars
 - *Hours must be completed by graduation*



Note: These requirements are subject to change with each legislative session.

Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award

- Must meet the following criteria to be eligible for GSV
 - *Graduate from high school with a Standard Diploma*
 - *Achieve the required weighted minimum 3.0 GPA in the non-elective high school courses.*
 - *Take at least 3 full credits in a single Career & Technical program.*
 - *Achieve the required minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA in the career education courses.*

Note: These requirements are subject to change with each legislative session.

Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award

- *Achieve the required minimum score on the ACT, SAT or Florida Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (P.E.R.T.)*
 - ACT: English- 17, Reading- 19 Math- 19
OR
 - SAT:* Reading test-24, Writing & Language test- 25, Math test- 24
OR
 - PERT: Reading- 106, Writing- 103, Math- 114
- *Complete 30 service hours. (Must be completed by graduation and approved by the school district).*

* 3/1/2016 & thereafter

Note: These requirements are subject to change with each legislative session.

Gold Seal CAPE Scholars

- CAPE- Career and Professional Education
- Meet the General Requirements for Bright Futures;
- Earn a minimum of 5 postsecondary credit hours through CAPE industry certifications which articulate for college credit
- Complete 30 service hours.

Note: These requirements are subject to change with each legislative session.

Community Service Process in Pinellas County

- Students determine where they want to complete their community service and complete a Bright Futures Community Service Proposal form.
- Once completed, they will turn in to the high school community service designee for review and to determine if it is acceptable.
- If acceptable, students will be given a Bright Futures Log & Reflection form to track their hours. This is turned in at the high school upon completion.
- Students must complete and have approved a proposal for each agency they wish to volunteer and maintain separate log forms
- Each community service project must have a social issue that is being addressed.

What Cannot Count for Community Service

- Court-mandated community service
- An activity that benefits the student financially or materially
- An activity within the family
- An activity that is a form of religious devotion or can be seen primarily as proselytizing
- An activity with no leader to evaluate & confirm student's activity
- An activity in which the student receives academic credit
- An activity completed before the student was a high school student or after graduation
- Participation on a sports team or performance of any kind

How To Find Out Your Award Level Status

- High school counselors provide 12th graders with a printed copy of their evaluation in the fall.
- All students can check their evaluation on Florida Shines (www.floridashines.org)

Florida Legislative Changes

- Legislative changes happen during the summer so be sure to check to see if there have been any changes to Bright Futures! This includes the award amounts for the following school year.



Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- Federal government is largest source of student aid; FAFSA distributed and processed by the U.S. Department of Education
 - *Manual or **electronic** options*
- Now use PRIOR PRIOR tax information (for the 2020-2021 FAFSA, this means the 2018 tax data)
- FAFSA opens October 1 of each year
- Must be completed **ANNUALLY** (per academic year) to be evaluated for financial aid

