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OF SARASOTA COUNTY

**Get Ready, Go Further!**

# Scholarships Manager

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# 1:1 Student Success Coaching

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# Life Readiness Support

- Personal Agency and Well-being
  - Project Wayfinder
  - Telehealth & Counseling Support
- Student Support
  - Personal Advising
  - Scholarships
  - Mentoring
  - SAIL (Student Active in Leadership) Peer Leadership Program @ SMA
- LaunchPad4U
  - Student Success Center
  - Alumni Support
  - Student Workshops
  - Education Round Table Talks
- Community Partnership
  - Shannon Staub Library
  - Betty J. Johnson Library (every other Tuesday)
- PLANit Sarasota



# Student Checklists



## Student Success Checklist FRESHMAN YEAR

### Fall

- Grades count towards your future, so start strong and work hard! Reach out to teachers for additional academic support.
- Visit [EdFoundationSRQ.org/Students](http://EdFoundationSRQ.org/Students) for tools and resources.
- Attend club meetings and join at least one.
- Begin documenting and compiling a list of your activities.
- Explore options for community service.
- Begin navigating Florida Bright Futures service requirements. Review requirements per Florida Financial Aid office by visiting [FloridaStudentFinancialAidSG.org](http://FloridaStudentFinancialAidSG.org). Check-in with your high school coordinator for the approval process.

### Spring

- Submit paperwork for over 30 hours of completed work or community service requirements to your high school coordinator.
- Continue to work hard on second-semester grades.
- Register for 10th-grade classes. Select classes that meet or challenge your level of academic rigor. Set up a meeting with your school counselor to discuss your upcoming class schedule.

### Summer

- Plan for summer activities—volunteer, learn a new topic, and further develop a skill or talent. Be productive!
- Consider signing up for a summer camp or educational opportunity.
- Look into PSAT information using [CollegeBoard.org](http://CollegeBoard.org).
- Explore college and career using [bigfuture.org](http://bigfuture.org).
- Student athletes: Review the NCAA process.



## Student Success Checklist SOPHOMORE YEAR

### Fall

- Grades count for your future, so start strong and work hard! Reach out to teachers for additional academic support.
- Visit [EdFoundationSRQ.org/Students](http://EdFoundationSRQ.org/Students) for tools and resources.
- Explore colleges online, take notes, and register on college websites to be notified of their visits in your area.
- Create and maintain a resume that highlights your activities, academics, and volunteer service. Find a template here: [Bit.ly/EFSC-Resume-Template](http://Bit.ly/EFSC-Resume-Template).
- Get involved in a club or organization that meets your interests. Consider assuming a leadership role or involvement in a community impact project.
- Continue to follow Florida Bright Futures service requirements. Review requirements per Florida Financial Aid office by visiting [FloridaStudentFinancialAidSG.org](http://FloridaStudentFinancialAidSG.org). Check-in with your high school coordinator for the approval process.

### Spring & Summer

- Maintain your second-semester grades.
- Register for 11th-grade classes. Select classes that meet or challenge your level of academic rigor.
- Submit paperwork for over 30 hours of completed community or work service to your high school coordinator.
- Student-athletes: Review the NCAA process.
- Plan for summer activities.
- Explore job shadow opportunities in areas of interest. Develop and implement a project to explore interests, skills, and talents.
- Utilize the summer for SAT and/or ACT test prep.
- Continue completing service hours.
- Investigate the Youth Leadership program with the Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce: [SarasotaChamber.com/Youth-Leadership.html](http://SarasotaChamber.com/Youth-Leadership.html)



## Student Success Checklist JUNIOR YEAR

### Fall

- Grades count towards your future, so start strong and work hard! Reach out to teachers for additional academic support.
- Learn more about the National Merit Scholarship opportunities and register for the PSAT at your school.
- Seek out and further develop leadership roles and job shadowing; join clubs and organizations.
- Create and maintain a resume that highlights your activities, academics, and volunteer service. Find a template here: [Bit.ly/EFSC-Resume-Template](http://Bit.ly/EFSC-Resume-Template).
- Attend college rep visits and college fairs.
- Attend Education Foundation SAT/ACT prep workshops.
- Student Athletes: Review the NCAA process.

### Spring

- Maintain second-semester grades.
- Plan to take the SAT and/or ACT by the end of spring.
- Continue to follow Florida Bright Futures service requirements. Review requirements per Florida Financial Aid office by visiting [FloridaStudentFinancialAidSG.org](http://FloridaStudentFinancialAidSG.org). Check-in with your high school coordinator for approval process.
- Attend Junior Night.
- Prepare letters of recommendation request forms. Find a template here: [Bit.ly/EFSC-Letter-Recommendation](http://Bit.ly/EFSC-Letter-Recommendation).
- Begin searching for local scholarships on [EdFoundationSRQ.org/Scholarships](http://EdFoundationSRQ.org/Scholarships). Create a spreadsheet with deadlines.
- Consider applying to be a student board member for the Education Foundation. Application can be found at [EdFoundationSRQ.org/Student-Rep](http://EdFoundationSRQ.org/Student-Rep).
- Plan college visits for summer.
- Visit Khan Academy or ACT Student for study tools and resources.

### Summer

- Stay involved in extracurricular activities!
- Begin working on your college essay.
- Consider applying for a job.
- Consider signing up for a summer camp or an educational opportunity.
- Narrow your college choice list to 8-10 schools.



## Student Success Checklist SENIOR YEAR

### Fall

- Create a professional email address for college and scholarship applications.
- Take the SAT and/or ACT and have official scores sent to colleges by [collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com) and/or [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org).
- Attend Senior Night.
- Continue building your list of colleges to research (8-10 schools).
- Student-athletes, review the NCAA process.
- Review audition process if applying to a VPA program.
- Create and maintain a resume that highlights your activities, academics, and volunteer service. Find a template here: [Bit.ly/EFSC-Resume-Template](http://Bit.ly/EFSC-Resume-Template).
- Finalize your college essay.
- The Common App launches **Aug. 1st**.
- Create a FAFSA ID and apply for Financial Aid (FAFSA application opens **Oct. 1**).
- Attend Financial Aid Night and Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) workshops.
- Complete your Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) for Bright Futures Scholarship (Application opens **Oct. 1**).
- Ask for letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, school admin, community members, or supervisors.
- Complete and submit college applications by posted deadlines. Request your transcripts to be sent to your colleges. See your school counselor to help with this.
- Complete SSAR and SPARK (if applying to UCF) if applicable.
- Start researching and applying for scholarships on [EdFoundationSRQ.org/Scholarships](http://EdFoundationSRQ.org/Scholarships), [GoingMerry.com](http://GoingMerry.com), or other reputable sites.
- Understand \*EA, ED, and RD terminology and application deadlines. The best practice is to have everything submitted by **Nov. 1**.

\*EA = early action; ED = early decision; RD = regular decision



## Student Success Checklist For the Career-Bound Student

### Career and Self-Exploration

- Research careers of interest.
- Learn about the education and degrees/certificates necessary to enter and succeed in those careers.
- Explore the national and regional hiring forecast and earnings potential of these careers.
- Complete an aptitude or career-interest inventory: [Bit.ly/Career-Inventories](http://Bit.ly/Career-Inventories).
- Attend Education Foundation life skills and financial literacy workshops.

### Decision-Making and Planning

- Narrow down the list of career areas and industries of interest.
- Map out the education pathway(s) required and gain real-world experience in these areas. Also, declare a relevant major and/or minor if you have not already done so.
- Create a career plan with concrete goals and objectives.
- Begin to develop your "brand" and professional profile by:
  - Crafting a preliminary resume, cover letter, and thank you notes. Find templates at [EdFoundationSRQ.org/Students](http://EdFoundationSRQ.org/Students)
  - Creating a LinkedIn profile.
- Learn job-search strategies.
- Develop and hone interviewing and networking skills.
- Request letters of recommendation. Find a template here: [Bit.ly/EFSC-Letter-Recommendation](http://Bit.ly/EFSC-Letter-Recommendation).
- Build social capital and professional networks through:
  - Mentors or coaches who can offer general or industry-specific coaching and guidance. Learn more about our mentoring program by visiting: [EdFoundationSRQ.org/Students/Mentoring](http://EdFoundationSRQ.org/Students/Mentoring)
  - Informational interviewing opportunities.

# SAT/ACT

## Prep Workshops



 EDUCATION  
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Student Workshop Series

**ACT/SAT Prep**

REGISTER NOW

January 2024

SAT  
**13**

January 13, 2024 @ 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

### ACT and Digital SAT Prep Workshop

**LaunchPad4U** 1413 Blvd of the Arts, Sarasota, FL, United States

Practice for the SAT and ACT during this workshop. Learn strategies and tips so you can prepare for these important tests—and improve your scores. This three-part workshop will build on each previous week, so attendance for all three days is required:

- Saturday, Jan 13 | 9 am – 1 pm
- Saturday, Jan 20 | 9 am – 1 pm
- Saturday, Jan 27 | 9 am - 1 pm

\$125

# Workshops

- Academic Resume Writing
- Requesting LOR's
- College Essay Writing
- Career Chats
- Tips & Hints to Scholarships
- SCOIR
- Career Fairs
- College Fairs

EXAMPLE of RESUME format – customize for your life!

SEE page 2 for general notes.

Consider each entry as a deposit that may be utilized for the college application!

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address, City, ST, Zip</b>	<b>Phone Number • E-Mail</b>
<b>Honors and Awards</b>		
County High School Academic Award (Honor Roll)		(9,10,11,12)
National Honor Society		(11,12)
Employee of the Month		(11)
<b>Extra-Curricular Activities</b>		
Key Club; 15 hrs/40wks		
President		(12)
Coordinate community service opportunities for the student body, lead weekly meetings of 40 members to discuss past and future projects, recruit new members through posters and attendance at school fairs		
Vice President, Membership		(11)
Committee Chair		(10)
Member		(9)
Orchestra: Viola; 15hrs/40wks		
Youth Orchestra, Pickettville, TX		(9)
County District Music Performance Assessments:		
Superior rating		(10,11)
<b>Athletics</b>		
Varsity Baseball; 20hrs/20wks		(11,12)
Captain Pitcher		(12)



## Comprehensive Program (Coming soon!)

FREE 1:1 Student Success Coaching  
Mentor

SAT/ACT Prep

College Essay Writing

Career related workshops

College tours

FEE Waivers

College Application Assistance

Academic Resume Writing

And more!

NORTH PORT HIGH SCHOOL



# College FAIR

MARCH 4

North Port High School

6400 W Price Blvd  
North Port, FL 34291  
8:30 am - 10:00 am

## You're Invited!

Register your college/university today for the 2024 North Port High School College Fair!

TABLE FEE: \$12



Registration:  
[bit.ly/3v9tKCV](https://bit.ly/3v9tKCV)

# Community Partners - Join us!



For more information please contact Jenna Thiel  
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# FAFSA

## OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

FOR MORE  
DETAILS  
ABOUT THESE  
FREE EVENTS!



### WHAT TO BRING:

1

FSA ID for student and  
parents

2

SSN for student and  
parents (if applicable)

3

2022 tax return or record  
of money earned

4

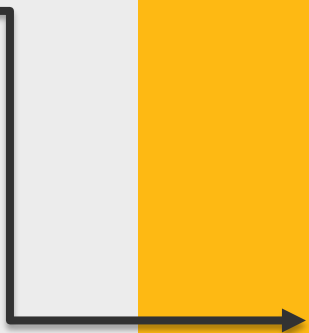
Records of investments  
and/or other income  
not reported elsewhere

# HEY SENIORS, NEED HELP? THERE'S STILL TIME!

Drop by one of our open houses. A financial aid advisor will be available to assist you and your family with your free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) application and/or your Florida Bright Futures Scholarship application.

## OPEN HOUSES:

Jan 9	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Venice High School
Jan 10	5:00 - 7:00 pm	Riverview High School
Jan 11	5:00 - 7:00 pm	North Port High School
Jan 17	5:00 - 7:00 pm	Sarasota High School
Jan 17	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Suncoast Polytechnical
Jan 18	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Imagine @ North Port
Jan 24	5:00 - 7:00 pm	Sarasota Military Academy
Jan 24	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Booker High School



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### FAFSA OPEN HOUSE

Coke Florida, Exclusive Sponsor of the Sarasota County 2024 High School FAFSA Challenge  
\$100 GIFT CARD RAFFLE FOR STUDENTS WHO ATTEND

Venice High School  
VHS MEDIA CENTER  
**RESCHEDULED FOR**  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 30 6-8 PM  
VHS MEDIA CENTER  
6:00pm-8:00pm

**WHAT TO BRING:**

- 1 FSA ID for student and parents
- 2 SSN for student and parents (if applicable)
- 3 2022 tax return or record of money earned
- 4 Records of investments and/or other income not reported elsewhere

To register FAFSA: <https://bit.ly/FAFSA-Open-House>

SPONSORED BY YOUR LOCAL COCA-COLA BOTTLER

Complete your FAFSA so you don't leave money on the table!

For more information and to register, visit:  
**[HTTPS://BIT.LY/FAFSA-OPEN-HOUSE](https://bit.ly/FAFSA-OPEN-HOUSE)**

The Education Foundation of Sarasota County is a not-for-profit organization powered by philanthropy. We want to ensure each and every student graduates with purpose, fully prepared to succeed in life.



Scan for REGISTRATION

# Scholarship Database

- One stop shop scholarship database for Sarasota County students
- Focus on local scholarship opportunities
- Includes each scholarship's eligibility criteria, deadline, how/where to apply, and contact info for questions
- Students can search and filter results relevant to them
- Updated weekly during Spring scholarship season
- Regular scholarship communication to school guidance counselors, college and career advising staff, and local youth serving organizations

# Scholarships

<https://edfoundationsrq.org/scholarships/>



Watch on YouTube

## Fund Your Future. Explore our scholarships now!

### American Legion Scholarships

Organization: The American Legion

Deadline: Varies

Award: Varies

Various scholarship opportunities available including the American Legion Legacy, Baseball, Samsung, National High School Oratorical Contest, Eagle Scout of the Year, Junior Shooting Sports Scholarship.

### Andrew Monroe Memorial Scholarship

Organization: Community Foundation of Sarasota County

Deadline: 3/15/24

Award: \$1,000

[Clear My Choices](#)

### Scholarship Search

### Application Deadline

- January (3)
- February (3)
- March (7)
- April (5)
- May (1)

# Want to join the database?

Complete a simple google form with details about your scholarship - <https://edfoundationsrq.org/scholarships/scholarship-application-form/>

We'll contact you annually and remind you to send us the most current scholarship information

# EFSC Scholarships



**JUMP START**  
Scholarship Program

1-year scholarship valued up to **\$3,400**

**Class of 2024!**  
Apply now to attend a Florida technical college, state college or state university.

**Eligibility:** \*Skip over for financial criteria

- Student must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA).
- Student must show demonstrated financial need.
- Student must be a US citizen or legal permanent resident.
- Student must be attending a Sarasota County public school.
- Student must be a Florida resident for at least one year.

**Application Opens January 1, 2024 & Closes April 12, 2024**  
Learn More: [EdFoundationSRQ.org/Jumpstart](https://EdFoundationSRQ.org/Jumpstart)

Jump Start Scholarships can only be used at a Florida public university, college, or technical school.

In partnership with



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**Suncoast Credit Union Scholars Scholarships**

Two \$2,000 Scholarships Available  
Made possible by a grant from Suncoast Credit Union.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- Sarasota County high school senior.
- Plan to enroll in an accredited 4-year college/university, 2-year college or technical school in Florida.
- Demonstrated financial need.

**Apply through Friday, March 1, 2024**  
[EdFoundationSRQ.org/SCUScholarship](https://EdFoundationSRQ.org/SCUScholarship)

For questions, please contact Heather Ferrigno at [hferrigno@edfoundationsrq.org](mailto:hferrigno@edfoundationsrq.org)

**Suncoast Credit Union**

And more!

**QUESTIONS?**