

Helpful Information for LBHS Juniors

LBHS and the School Counselors routinely use your school Skyward email to disseminate information.

We also post information to the LBHS Social Media pages and via Twitter @LBHSGuidance

Attending and Paying for Postsecondary Education & Training:

College Night for Juniors - Lake Brantley High is honored to host an evening for SCPS Juniors and their family on March 24, 2020 where all 12 Florida public universities are represented by their Admissions Directors. There will be a College Fair from 5:30 to 6:30, a 6:30 presentation on Financial Aid Basics, and at 7 pm each Admissions Director will present an important topic: college admissions, success in college and timely information for senior year, to name a few.

ASVAB - This Vocational Aptitude Battery instrument aids students in determining which military vocations they are most suited for coupled with their primary interest areas. The ASVAB is free and given at LBHS on Nov 14, 2019 if you've already registered, but if not, sign up in February in the Bldg 5 Counseling Suite for the March 26, 2020 administration.

Colleges visiting LBHS – Throughout the spring and next fall, visit <http://www.lakebrantley.com/student-services/> for a listing of college, university, and technical school visitations to LBHS – Register to attend info sessions there too. Learn about admissions, academic programs, financial aid, and career preparation.

Florida Shines – Research colleges and universities, explore college majors, check your Bright Futures progress, and learn about financial aid and scholarships. floridashines.org

My Career Shines – Free tools to discover your strengths, explore careers that match your interests, and design a plan to reach your goals. mycareershines.org

Get Ready for College and Career Training after High School:

- Attend presentations by college, career, and military representatives
- Attend the March 24 College Night for Juniors (details listed above)
- Take your SAT/ACT. Keep taking them if your scores don't meet with your satisfaction.
- Attain a respectable GPA. You should not expect your participation in college prep classes to substitute for mediocre grades. Junior year grades are extremely important in the college admission process, because they are a measure of how well you do in advanced, upper-level courses. Grades also are used to determine scholarships and grants for which you may be eligible. Put in the extra effort and keep those grades up!
- Begin researching the basics of financial aid at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types>.
- Visit the College Resource Room on Wednesdays during lunch to begin researching and applying for scholarships.
- Take SAT Subject Tests if required or recommended by your desired college(s). These are subject specific exams often required by selective colleges and universities. It's a good idea to take them in May and/or June when you're prepped for AP exams.
- When selecting your senior courses, be sure to challenge yourself academically. In competitive college admissions, the rigor and depth of your senior schedule will be compared with other applicants from other schools in our area.
- If you are interested in playing collegiate sports, register with the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- Collect writing samples, audition tapes, portfolios, and other material for the fall application season.
- Line up your summer activities. What activities will further bolster you as an applicant? Consider a career-related job, summer programs, dual enrollment courses, or community service.
- Research your interests and career preferences at

Self-Directed Search http://www.self-directed-search.com/	Human Metrics www.humanmetrics.com/cgi-win/Jtypes1.htm
Big Future - https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/explore-careers	My Majors www.mymajors.com
STEM type job quiz - http://stemtype.stemjobs.com/#/	Occupational Outlook Handbook www.bls.gov/ooh/
US Dept of Labor source for career exploration: https://www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Careers/interest-assessment.aspx	
O*NET includes info on skills, abilities, knowledge, and interests associated with occupations - http://online.onetcenter.org/find/	
Roadtrip Nation - https://roadtripnation.com/edu/careerfinder	
Temperament Sorter - https://profile.keirsev.com/#/b2c/assessment/start	

- Make a preliminary list of colleges and career programs you would like to investigate further. Visit campuses before summer begins if possible.

- Ask your parents for your Social Security number. If you were never issued one, contact the closest Social Security office as soon as possible to obtain your number.
- Meet with your counselor to discuss your plans following high school. Discuss whether your initial list of colleges and career programs meets your needs and interests (academic program, size, location, cost, etc) and whether you are considering institutions where you are likely to be admitted. You should be both optimistic and realistic when applying.

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- Develop a list of colleges and career programs to which you are considering to apply and use the College Application Worksheet to organize application requirements.
- Learn more about college costs and financial aid. <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>.
- Set aside money for college from part-time jobs, gifts, or any other source. Saving any amount can make a big difference in what you can afford to pay for college.

Meet with your School Counselor

Get to know your School Counselor. It's a lot easier for them to guide you if they know you. Schedule an appointment to talk with your assigned Counselor at <http://www.lakebrantley.com/student-services/contact.html>.

Register to take College Admission Tests

LBHS CEEB Code: 100466

ACT		SAT	
\$52 w/o writing \$68.00 with writing \$30 Late Fee \$32 Test Date Change		\$49.50 w/o essay \$64.50 with essay \$30 Late Registration or Test Center Change Fee	
Register at www.actstudent.org		Register at https://sat.collegeboard.org	
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Test Date	Registration Deadline
Dec 14, 2019	Nov 8, 2019	Dec 7, 2019	Nov 8, 2019
Feb 8, 2020	Jan 10, 2020	March 14, 2020	Feb 14, 2020
April 4, 2020	Feb 28, 2020	May 2, 2020	April 3, 2020
June 13, 2020	May 8, 2020	June 6, 2020	May 8, 2020
July 18, 2020	June 19, 2020		

Fee Waivers –SAT & ACT test fee waivers are available for students who meet eligibility criteria (including free/reduced lunch). Use of test fee waivers = college application fee waivers and free resources. See your counselor for the waivers.

School Day SAT will be administered to all juniors Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at Lake Brantley High School.

Transcripts

STOP! First find out how your college wants to receive your transcript. Electronic, Common App, Coalition, or maybe they don't need your transcript and instead ask you to complete the "SSAR". Once you know, complete a transcript request form at <https://forms.gle/v3nofebPNoRwspdr7>. Transcripts can be printed, mailed, faxed, sent electronically, or uploaded to an application platform; they can never be emailed.

Letters of Recommendation

Do your research the summer between junior and senior year. Is a letter of recommendation considered as part of your application for admission? If so, does it need to be from a specific individual. If a letter of recommendation is required, ask your recommenders in person at least two weeks prior to your deadline. Ask if they need additional information about you and provide it promptly.

Athletes -

NCAA: www.ncaaclearinghouse.net

NAIA: www.play.mynaia.org

These websites provides information for athletes who wish to participate and compete at the DI, II, III, NAIA, or Junior/State College level. After you apply for eligibility, LBHS will receive notice to upload your transcript. Students may also complete the LBHS Transcript Request form found at <https://forms.gle/v3nofebPNoRwspdr7>.

FINANCIAL AID

FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid www.fafsa.ed.gov

Gateway to all federal financial aid (grants, scholarships, loans, and work study). You will be able to file a 2021 - 22 FAFSA (that's the year you'll use the money) as early as Oct. 1, 2020. A FAFSA Information Night and the FAFSA Computer Lab night will be offered in the Fall of 2020.

Scholarships

Visit the College Resource Room, located in Bldg 1 behind Student Services, during lunch on Wednesdays to get information about colleges and majors, financial aid, and scholarships. Resources also available at

<https://lbhsptsa.webstarts.com/missions.html>.

The students who receive the most scholarship money apply for more scholarships than others! Check out:

www.fastweb.com	www.collegeboard.org	www.finaid.org
www.niche.com	www.scholarships.com	www.moolahspot.com
www.salliemae.com	www.scholarshipmonkey.com	www.cappex.com
www.chegg.com	www.unigo.com	
Connect to more scholarships by visiting the Freshman Financial Aid webpage for each college/university to which you are applying.		
New Trend: tell your story and receive money for college:		
Youcaring.com	Gofundme.com	Microgiving.com
Raise.me – Florida International University (in Miami) uses this website to award scholarship money		

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Eligibility

Scholarship Name	Florida Academic Scholarship (FAS)	Florida Medallion Scholarship (FMS)	Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship (GSV)
Award Amount	100% tuition & fees plus \$300 (% of Florida Public tuition)	75% tuition & fees (% of Florida Public tuition)	Check website
Minimum GPA	3.5 weighted (core courses only)	3.0 weighted (core courses only)	3.0 weighted in core courses AND 3.5 in 3 years in same voc. program)
Core Courses	4 English 4 Math 3 Science 3 Social Studies 2 Foreign Language	4 English 4 Math 3 Science 3 Social Studies 2 Foreign Language	4 English 4 Math 3 Science 3 Social Studies 1 Fine Art OR 1 Practical Art OR .5 in each .5 Physical Education .5 Personal Fitness 3 Career/Tech Ed credits in a vocational program over 2 academic years
Service Hours	100	75	30
SAT or ACT Minimum Test Scores	Class of 2021 SAT -1330 ACT 29	Class of 2021 SAT - 1210 ACT 25	SAT 440 (CR) & 440 (Math) ACT 17 English, 19 Reading & 19 Math PERT 106 Reading, 103 Writing & 114 Math

- You can check your progress toward obtaining a Bright Futures Scholarship by visiting www.floridashines.org and clicking on “Go to College”, then “Pay for College”, then look under the Bright Futures Scholarship subheading and click on the blue box labeled “Check Now”.
- Bright Futures can be used during summer terms (but it will not be ready for Summer 2021– students who qualify for Bright Futures in July are reimbursed for summer tuition in the fall)
- LBHS School Counselors will schedule a school day in October for seniors to complete the Florida Financial Aid Application. The FFAA covers Bright Futures and all other State of Florida aid programs. The deadline to complete the FFAA is August 31 following high school graduation.
- Students are strongly encouraged to submit their Community Service Hours January of their senior year. The final deadline set by the Office of Student Financial Assistance is by graduation.
- OSFA will accept test scores for Bright Futures eligibility until June 30 following graduation.