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 **FINANCIAL AID FOR SENIORS 2016 - 2017**

**FEDERAL AID – All federal aid is generated by completing a FAFSA, Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Information from your tax return will be needed to complete the FAFSA. FAFSA deadlines have changed this year. You may complete a 2017 – 2018 FAFSA after October 1, 2016 using 2015 tax information. ALL STUDENTS SHOULD COMPLETE THIS FORM REGARDLESS OF THEIR PARENTS INCOME. You can apply on line at** [**www.fafsa.ed.gov**](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)**.**

**STATE – The Florida Bright Futures Program is one of many state programs. Community service hours are required for state aid. You may read more about the programs at** [**www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org**](http://www.floridastudentfinanicalaid.org)**. All seniors will be applying for this through one of their classes in December 2016. Students should log into** [**www.floridashines.org**](http://www.floridashines.org) **to verify their eligibility for the Florida Bright Futures Program.**

**LOCAL – The PCHS Local Scholarship Application will be available in the Career Information Center after January 1, 2017. It is a three-page application which includes the application page, a resume, and a personal statement. The deadline is usually the end of February and will be printed on the application.**

**SCHOLARSHIP BOX – All scholarship applications received by PCHS are duplicated and placed in the Scholarship Box located in the Career Information Center, D107. Each scholarship is labeled with a title and a deadline for applying. Seniors should check the box once a week for any new scholarships.**

**OTHER – When you receive your acceptance letter from the college you are planning to attend, you may contact the college financial aid office for their scholarship application procedure.**

**OTHER HELPFUL WEBSITES**

[**www.act.student.org**](http://www.act.student.org) **&** [**www.collegeboard.com**](http://www.collegeboard.com) **– exams required for college admissions**

[**www.floridashines.org**](http://www.floridashines.org) **– career, college, and Florida Bright Futures Scholarship information**

[**www.NCAAstudent.org**](http://www.NCAAstudent.org) **– athletes only**

[**www.Floridanext.com**](http://www.Floridanext.com) **– planning for your future beyond high school**

[**www.todaysmilitary.com**](http://www.todaysmilitary.com) **– students interested in military careers & ROTC Scholarships**

**To receive updated messages about financial aid text 81010 and place @mrsdtat in the message box**

**NEVER PAY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP OR SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH**

 **SCHOLARSHIPS ARE FREE!**