Buford High School

College and Career Planning Guide

2026-2027

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https://bhs.lancastercsd.com/ then click the School Counseling tab.

Direct link to

School Counseling Homepage is:

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All information contained in this planning guide can be found at the BHS School Counseling webpage.

<u>**Requirements for Graduation & Entrance for S.C. 4-Year Colleges/Universities**</u>

S.C. High School Graduation Requirements	Requirements for Entrance for S.C. 4-Year Public Colleges & Universities
English/Language Arts …………….. 4 units	English……………………….. 4 units All four units must have a strong reading (including works of fiction and non-fiction), writing, communicating, and researching components. It is strongly recommended that students take two units that are literature based, including America, British, and World Literature.
Mathematics………………… 4 units	Math……………………………. 4 units These units must include Algebra 1, Algebra 2, and Geometry. A fourth higher-level mathematics unit should be taken before or during the senior year.
Science……………………………. 3 units	Lab Science……………………… 3 units Two units must be taken in two different fields of the physical, earth, or life sciences and selected from among biology, chemistry, physics, or earth science. The third unit may be from the same field as one of the first two units (biology, chemistry, physics, or earth science) or from any laboratory science for which biology, chemistry, physics and/or earth science is a prerequisite. Courses in general or introductory science for which one of these four units is not a prerequisite will not meet this requirement. It is strongly recommended that students desiring to pursue careers in science, mathematics, engineering or technology take one course in all four fields (biology, chemistry, physics, or earth science.)
U.S. History………………………………. 1 unit	Social Studies……………………… 3 units You must have one unit of U.S. History, a half unit of economics, a half unit of government and one additional unit of social studies.
Other Social Studies……………….…1 unit	See above (World History or World Geography recommended)
Government…………………………..1/2 unit	See above
Economics……………………………. 1/2 unit	See above
Physical Education/JROTC……….. 1 unit	P.E./JROTC………………………………. 1 unit One unit of physical education to include one semester of personal fitness and another semester in lifetime fitness. Exemption applies to

	students enrolled in JROTC and for students exempted because of physical disability or for religious reasons.
Computer Science……………………… 1 unit	Computer Science ………………………. 1 unit
Personal Health…………………………1/2 unit (Starting with Class of 2027 and beyond)	Personal Health……………………………1/2 unit (Starting with Class of 2027 and beyond)
Personal Finance………………………1/2 unit	Personal Finance…………………………………1/2 unit
Foreign Language/Vocational….. 1 unit	Foreign Language…………………. 2 units Two units with a heavy emphasis on language acquisition.
Electives………………………………. 6 units	Academic Elective……………………………….. 2 units Two units must be taken as electives. A college preparatory course in Computer Science (ie., involving significant programming content, not simply keyboarding content, not simply keyboarding or using applications) is strongly recommended for this elective. Other acceptable electives include college preparatory courses in English; fine arts; foreign languages; social science; humanities; mathematics; physical education; and laboratory science (courses for which biology, chemistry, physics or earth science is a prerequisite).
____	Fine Arts…………………………………………. 1 unit One unit in appreciation of history of, or performance in one of the fine arts. The units should be selected from among media/digital arts, dance, music, theater or visual and spatial arts.
Total required for graduation………24 units	These are minimal requirements for four-year public college admission in South Carolina. Students should check with the college of their choice to see if there are additional requirements.

South Carolina Uniform Grading Scale

10 Point Grading Scale

South Carolina Uniform Grading Scale Conversions				
Numerical Average	Letter Grade	College Prep Weighting	Honors Weighting	AP/IB/Dual Credit Weighting
100	A	5.000	5.500	6.000
99	A	4.900	5.400	5.900
98	A	4.800	5.300	5.800
97	A	4.700	5.200	5.700
96	A	4.600	5.100	5.600
95	A	4.500	5.000	5.500
94	A	4.400	4.900	5.400
93	A	4.300	4.800	5.300
92	A	4.200	4.700	5.200
91	A	4.100	4.600	5.100
90	A	4.000	4.500	5.000
89	B	3.900	4.400	4.900
88	B	3.800	4.300	4.800
87	B	3.700	4.200	4.700
86	B	3.600	4.100	4.600
85	B	3.500	4.000	4.500
84	B	3.400	3.900	4.400
83	B	3.300	3.800	4.300
82	B	3.200	3.700	4.200
81	B	3.100	3.600	4.100
80	B	3.000	3.500	4.000
79	C	2.900	3.400	3.900
78	C	2.800	3.300	3.800
77	C	2.700	3.200	3.700
76	C	2.600	3.100	3.600
75	C	2.500	3.000	3.500
74	C	2.400	2.900	3.400
73	C	2.300	2.800	3.300
72	C	2.200	2.700	3.200
71	C	2.100	2.600	3.100
70	C	2.000	2.500	3.000
69	D	1.900	2.400	2.900
68	D	1.800	2.300	2.800
67	D	1.700	2.200	2.700
66	D	1.600	2.100	2.600
65	D	1.500	2.000	2.500
64	D	1.400	1.900	2.400
63	D	1.300	1.800	2.300
62	D	1.200	1.700	2.200
61	D	1.100	1.600	2.100
60	D	1.000	1.500	2.000
59	F	0.900	1.400	1.900
58	F	0.800	1.300	1.800
57	F	0.700	1.200	1.700
56	F	0.600	1.100	1.600
55	F	0.500	1.000	1.500
54	F	0.400	0.900	1.400
53	F	0.300	0.800	1.300
52	F	0.200	0.700	1.200
51	F	0.100	0.600	1.100

Senior Year

1. Make sure that your schedule reflects the courses you selected at the end of 11th grade. Check your transcript carefully! Courses required for graduation are in the first column of the table on pages 4-5 of this planning guide. If you have questions or concerns, see your counselor.

2. Narrow your list of colleges to 3-5. Visit each school's website and search for application deadlines, scholarship deadlines, and financial aid opportunities they may offer. Plan to visit as many colleges as possible. (You will have 2 excused days to visit colleges as long as you do not owe recovery.)

3. Complete college applications

- Be sure to keep up with any username and passwords colleges and scholarships.

- Complete applications for Early Decision, Early Action, or rolling Admissions as soon as possible. (Some schools have deadlines as early as October.) Pay close attention to deadlines.

- If you plan on attending a two-year or technical college (ie. USC-L or York Tech) then transferring to a four-year college, be sure to check articulation guidelines (if attending a state college visit **sctrac.org**.) It is advisable to contact your Four-Year College Admission Counselor to verify transferability of courses. Remember to advocate for yourself. It is your responsibility to make sure you are taking the classes that will transfer for your intended major.

- Notify your counselor and/or college advisor of all college acceptances.

4. Request Transcript(s)

*****Transcripts **MUST** be ordered when applying for colleges. Transcript requests can be made on the Guidance homepage or at this link: https://lancastersc.scriborder.com/

- Requests for final transcripts can be done beginning the day **AFTER** graduation through July 31 Note: Fees for processing of transcripts will be applied after July 31. **Be sure to select the Current Student option until July 31st.**

5. Tests Dates and Registration deadlines

- This includes the SAT, ACT, or the Accuplacer or COMPASS tests. Please note some colleges are test optional which means they may NOT require an SAT or ACT test score. Refer to the Guidance Website for these dates.

- When registering to take the SAT and/or ACT, be sure to send a report to the colleges of your choice.

- If you plan to participate in collegiate sports be sure to send a score report to the NCAA (code is 9999.)

• Be sure to keep up with any username and passwords created

•If you receive free or reduced lunch see your counselor to request a fee waiver. (Please note SAT sends their college waivers to the student's College Board account.)

6. Scholarships- Check the BHS scholarship spreadsheet weekly for new scholarships.

•Keep in mind that some scholarships are based on SAT or ACT test scores so you may still want to consider taking one of these tests.

•Notify your counselor and/or college advisor of any scholarships received.

•Request a transcript through the BHS Counseling website if applicable.

7. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at https://studentaid.gov/ Opens October 1.

• Be sure to keep up with any username and passwords created.

8. Complete Application for NCAA Eligibility (If Applicable) www.eligibabilitycenter.org

Final Steps for Eligibility

1. Complete your final NCAA courses as you prepare for graduation.
2. Take the ACT or SAT again, if necessary, and submit your scores to the NCAA using code 9999.
3. Request your final amateurism certification beginning April 1 (for fall enrollees) or October 1 (for spring enrollees) in your NCAA Eligibility Center account at www.eligibilitycenter.org
4. After you graduate, ask your counselor to send or upload your final official transcript with proof of graduation to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Only students on an NCAA Division I or II request list will receive a certification.

*Eligibility must be completed before you can be recruited to play a sport in college.

9. Request Recommendations (If Needed)

•If a recommendation is needed, A *Request for Letter of Recommendation Google Form* must be submitted to your counselor at **least one week** prior to the deadline. To access the form, click the above link or visit the BHS Counseling Website.

10. If you plan to join the military you will need to speak to a recruiter from the particular branch that you are interested in joining. There are recruiters from several branches that visit BHS often during lunches. If you don't see a representative from a branch you are interested in, please refer to page 31 in this planning guide for websites for each branch or talk with Colonel McGilbra or Sergeant Lewis for more information.

11. If you are planning on going directly into the workforce after high school you need to be investigating different jobs and career opportunities that may be available in the career field of your interest. Please refer to pages 28-30 in the planning guide for helpful information on getting a job.

College Admission Policies/Options

Colleges have various admissions policies or options, It is your responsibility to study these practices and determine which policy utilized by a particular school is the best option for you.

• Early Admissions refers to the admission of a student prior to graduation from high school

• Early Decision is the term used to describe the application process in which a **commitment** is made by the students to the institution that if admitted, the student will enroll. **This decision is binding.**

• Early Action is the term used to describe the process which permits a student to apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision during their senior year, well in advance of the normal response dates in the spring.

• Regular Decision describes the process in which an institution reviews most of the applications prior to notifying the majority of its candidates.

• Rolling Admission is the process in which an institution reviews applications as they are received and offers decisions to students as applications are reviewed.

• Wait List is the policy in which the college does not initially offer or deny admission, but extends to an applicant the possibility of admission in the future.

• Deferred Admission practice is used by colleges that guarantee admissions a semester or year after graduation-usually the students will take courses at a two year college and then transfer to the college.

• Open Admissions permit all applicants to enroll in the institution.

College Visits

Visiting a college's campus will provide a firsthand impression of the faculty, staff, students, facilities, and programs, but before you visit you should:

1. Request a tour with the college/university by phone, or internet. Set up the date of your visit.
2. Come by Guidance to get a college visit letter BEFORE you visit a college. You must have this to be excused from school on the day of your visit. (Allowed 2 days)
3. Make a list of questions you want to ask.
4. Turn in your college visit letter to Ms. Jenkins, Attendance clerk in the main office.

<u>College Testing Information</u>

SAT vs. ACT: How do the Tests Compare?

What is the difference between the SAT and ACT? They are both standardized tests and they both factor into the college admissions process. To learn about the differences between the two tests and how they compare, take a look at the chart below.

	SAT www.collegeboard.org	ACT www.actstudent.org 319-337-1000
When is it administered?	Seven times per year (typically)	Six times per year (typically)
What is the test structure?	154 questions 3 hours long + 50 minutes for essay	215 questions 2 hours 55 minutes + 40 minutes for essay
What is the test content?	Reading Test- 65 minutes/52 questions Writing & Language Test- 35 minutes/45 questions Math Test-80 minutes/58 questions Essay optional: Most colleges require	Reading Test-35 minutes/40 questions English-45 minutes/75 questions Math Test- 60 minutes/60 questions Science Test- 35 minutes/40 questions Essay optional: Most colleges require
Is there a penalty for wrong answers?	No	No
How is the test scored?	Composite 400-1600 SAT essay reported in 3 dimensions each 2-8	1-36 for each subject, averaged for a composite score. Writing domain 212
Are all scores sent to colleges?	No. There is a "Score Choice" option. Students can choose which schools will receive their scores and which scores the schools will see.	No. There is a "Score Choice" option. Students can choose which schools will receive their scores and which scores the schools will see.
Are there other uses for the exams?	Scholarship purposes	Scholarship purposes

SAT & ACT Testing Dates 2026-2027

SAT

2026-2027 Test Dates

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration
Aug. 22, 2026	Aug. 7, 2026	Aug. 11, 2026
Sept. 12, 2026	Aug. 28, 2026	Sept. 1, 2026
Oct. 3, 2026	Sept. 18, 2026	Sept. 22, 2026
Nov. 7, 2026	Oct. 23, 2026	Oct. 27, 2026
Dec. 5, 2026	Nov. 20, 2026	Nov. 24, 2026
March 6, 2027	Feb. 19, 2027	Feb. 23, 2027
May 1, 2027	Apr. 16, 2027	April 20, 2027
June 5, 2027	May 21, 2027	May 25, 2027

To register for the SAT visit collegeboard.org Registration Fee is $55.00.

**Be sure to select the colleges you want to receive your scores. Remember that colleges require an official score report from College Board. If you are playing a sport in college you will need to send your scores to the NCAA Clearinghouse.

ACT

2026-2027 Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline (Late fee applies after this date)	Late Deadline	Photo Upload & Standby Deadline	Paper Initial Score Release
September 19, 2026	August 14	September 1	September 14	October 6
October 17, 2026	September 11	September 29	October 12	October 27
December 12, 2026	November 6	November 29	December 7	December 22
February 27, 2027	January 22	February 9	February 22	March 16
April 10, 2027	March 5	March 23	April 5	April 20
June 12, 2027	May 7	May 25	June 7	June 23
July 10, 2027	June 4	June 22	July 5	July 20

To register for the ACT visit www.actstudent.org Registration fee is $60.00.

Be sure to select the colleges you want to receive your scores. Remember that colleges require an official score report from the College Board. If you are playing a sport in college you will need to send your scores to the NCAA Clearinghouse.

***Buford High School code is 411240

Suggestions for Submitting College Applications

These are some helpful websites that you may need during the college application process. For more information and if you have any questions, please contact your counselor.

Application

 Apply through the college website or the Common Application at http://www.commonapp.org/

This is the website that many colleges use as their application.
For colleges that you want to apply to that are not on the common app, look on the school's website for their college application and create an account login for that.
Please be aware; not every college is on the Common App.
There is even a Common App app for the IPhone and Androids you can download!

Unsure about where you want to go to college? Visit Big Future at https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/
This is a great website to search for colleges and to find the college that best fits you! If you are unsure about a major and/or college you can make an appointment with your counselor.

When filling out your college application(s) , have your counselor's email address. Download the counselor recommendation form (if required).

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⌛ Be sure to watch all deadlines. Missing a deadline could mean loss of financial aid or rejection from admissions.

⌛ It is VERY important for you to tell your counselor when you have applied to a college or university. Many online applications require a counselor to submit a transcript, recommendation, and other documents.

⌛ Remember this is your education; self-advocate! Students should be part of the process of applying to college. It is okay for parents to guide students and help with the application process, but students will ultimately be responsible for their affairs once they are in college.

⌛ Students with an IEP or a 504 Plan are responsible for notifying the college of their disability and/or accommodations based on their current IEP or 504 documentation.

NOTE: Out of State College For In-State Tuition! The Academic Common Market, which is administered by the Southern Regional Education Board, allows for S.C. residents who are enrolled in specific programs at public out-of-state institutions to be charged only the appropriate in-state tuition by the institution in which the student is enrolled. Eligible programs are those programs, which are at least 50% different in curricular content than programs offered in
S.C. Participating states include Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia. For a list of approved programs visit https://www.sreb.org/.

Financial Aid Information

Financial Aid is money that is provided to help students pay for their education. This money may come from various sources such as the Federal Government or State Government, the college/university you plan to attend, corporations/businesses, local organizations, or scholarships. Annual college costs can range from $10,000 per year to over $40,000 per year, and college costs continue to rise each year. Tuition, fees, books, supplies, room, and board, transportation, and personal expenses must all be considered when determining the total annual cost. Financial Aid can often make it possible for you to attend a college/university that you and your parents may otherwise think is too expensive. You and your parents/guardians should explore all types of financial aid.

Four categories of financial aid:

1. Scholarships-money that is awarded because of exceptional academic achievement, outstanding talent or skill, and or financial need.
2. Grants-money that is awarded usually based on financial need
3. Loans-borrowed money that must be repaid
4. College Work Study-money that you earn toward paying college expenses by working on campus

Generally, all financial aid money is awarded in the form of a financial aid package from the college/university listing the amount and types of financial aid you are eligible to receive. Most financial aid award letters arrive either by mail or email in late March or early April. Your financial aid package may vary from college to college. It is important to note that the college that offers you the most financial aid may not be the college you can attend for the lowest cost. You should always compare the amount of aid with the cost of attendance to identify the college that is most affordable for you. Be sure to keep all records you receive from each college.

Scholarships

Some scholarships have specific requirements such as a certain GPA, class rank, and/or SAT/ACT score, a specific ethnic or religious affiliation, or particular college major, outstanding leadership skills, talent, athletic ability, etc. Other scholarships may not have any specific requirements. Scholarship applications may require essays, recommendations, and strong extracurricular activities or community service. You can learn about scholarships several ways; including contacting the financial aid office at the school you plan to attend, checking the Guidance website (or coming by the Guidance office), or searching online. Remember… you DO NOT have to pay to find scholarships or other financial aid.

Planning Financially for College

If you need help planning for college, check out the new Palmetto Calculator and see just how much you'll have to pay for higher education in S.C.

www.getsmartsc.com/palmetto_calculator

The Palmetto Calculator can assist parents/students

• Compare the cost of different schools

• Compare the cost of different majors at each school (and see the average salary for that major) • See how

much you'll have to pay monthly after you graduate

List of Scholarships

Please note, there are more scholarships available throughout the year that may not be listed below. Please periodically check the BHS Scholarship spreadsheet for the most updated list of scholarships.

*SC Association of Educational Office Professionals Marian Garrett Student Scholarship: Seniors who are pursuing a degree in the business field, preferable in the educational area. $1,500. Fall semester.

*SC Association of Educational Office Professionals Student Scholarship: Applicants must complete a SCAEOP Scholarship Application $1,500. Fall Semester

SC Teaching Fellows: A program designed for high school seniors who want to enter the teaching profession. http://www.cerra.org/teaching-fellows-overview.html. Up to $6,000 for four years. Fall Semester

McNair Scholars Program at Francis Marion: GPA of 3.0 or higher, SAT score of 1160 or ACT 24 or higher. Participate in learning/public service, agree to travel and study abroad. McNair Scholars will receive free tuition, fees, book allowance, and room and board. Fall semester

College of Charleston Honors College and Honors College Scholarships: These are awarded on top of any other merit based or need-based scholarship. You can apply for Honors at the same time you apply to the College of Charleston.
Fall Semester

Tech Titans Diversity Scholarship: Open to 10th, 11th, 12th and current college students interested in the STEM field. https://everipedia.org/wiki/everipedia-tech-titans-diversity-scholarship. $1,000 Fall Semester

Freshman Academic Recruiting Scholarship: Clemson University. Entering freshmen must apply by December 1 and complete the admission process by December 31. Fall Semester.

Southern Automotive Women's Forum Scholarship: For women to be enrolled or enrolling in a STEM field at an accredited two-year technical program, four-year undergraduate program, or graduate program that can be used for a career in the automotive industry.
Apply online at http://southernautomotivewomen.org/scholarship/$500-$5,000 Fall Semester

Calhoun Honors College/National Scholars Program at Clemson University: National Scholars at Clemson covers all tuition, fees and other required expenses. In order to be considered for the National Scholars Program at Clemson, you must complete an application for the Calhoun Honors College. For more information, please go to https://www.clemson.edu/academics/programs/national-scholars/ Selection is based on a review of top applications to the Calhoun Honors College. Apply online at https://www.applyweb.com/calhhonr/ Fall Semester

Lyceum Scholars Program and Scholarship: Open to incoming freshmen, the Lyceum curriculum develops students' faculties of inquiry and ignites their passion for knowledge (philosophy).
Those interested in becoming Lyceum Scholars should apply in their senior year of high school to Clemson University and to the Lyceum Scholars Program. Apply online at https://capitalism.sites.clemson.edu/apply.html $10,000 disbursed over four years while attending Clemson University. Fall Semester

Burger King Scholars: Created in memory of BURGER KING Co-founder James “Jim” W. McLamore, the BURGER KING Scholars program has awarded $32 million in scholarships to more than 30,000 high school students, BK employees, and their families across the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico since 2000. For more information, please go to https://bkscholars.com/ Apply online at https://www.scholarsapply.org/burgerkingscholars/?utm_source=commercial&utm_medium=commercial&utm_campaign=commercial1 $1,000 to $5,000

The AXA Achievement Scholarship: The AXA Achievement Scholarship offers college scholarships of $2,500, $10,000 and $25,000 to high school seniors who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their activities in school, the community or the workplace. Apply online at https://www.scholarsapply.org/axa-achievement/$2,000, $10,000, and $25,000

2021 Future of Assisted Living Scholarship: The annual scholarship award is for three (3) students enrolled in an associate's degree, bachelor's degree or graduate level program at an accredited 2-year college or 4-year university during the 2021-2022 academic year.

Applicants must include a 250-word maximum introductory bio with their 500-750 word essay and sign the Scholarship Award Agreement.

A $2,000 scholarship will be awarded to three (3) individual students who write the most compelling essay as judged by SeniorAdvisor.com staff.

Please include the following three items in your submission:

- 250 word maximum introductory bio about yourself – you may choose to include your work or educational background, why you're seeking a degree in your field, and why this scholarship interested you.
- 500-750 word essay response to the question: How can your major of study improve the lives of seniors in assisted living facilities in your town?

Signed and dated Scholarship Award Agreement. Email scholarship@senioradvisor.com to submit your essay, introductory bio, and signed Scholarship Award Agreement. Award recipients will be notified individually and announced by January 31, 2018. $2,000

JFK Profile in Courage Essay: The John F. Kennedy Library Foundation invites U.S. high school students to describe and analyze an act of political courage by a U.S. elected official who served during or after 1917; the year John F. Kennedy was born. Students must write an essay and selected winners can receive up to $10,000. For more information, please go to https://www.jfklibrary.org/Education/Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest.aspx to register and submit your essay, go online to https://www.jfklibrary.org/Education/Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest/Registration-andSubmission.aspx First-place winner receives $10,000. Second-place winner receives $1,000. Five finalists receive $500 each.

Erskine College Presidential Scholarship Competition: Students who are interested in attending Erskine College should apply to this scholarship. It will only be awarded to a student who is accepted to Erskine and will attend Erskine. Apply online at http://visit.erskine.edu/apply/presidential-scholarship/. The scholarship covers tuition, room, board, and fees for the winners and is valued at approximately $185,000.

Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Program: The APIASF General Scholarship online application usually opens in September and closes in January. Scholarship awards range from one-time $2,500 awards to multi-year $20,000 awards. APIASF provides scholarships to underserved AAPI students with a special focus on those who:

- Live at or below the poverty level, or are otherwise of low socioeconomic status;
- Are the first in their families to attend college;
- Are representative of the AAPI community's diversity, geographically and ethnically, especially those ethnicities that have been underrepresented on college campuses due to limited access and opportunity Apply online at http://www.apiasf.org/scholarship_apiasf.html?ep_mid=11403777&ep_rid=303936783 Range from one-time $2,500 awards to multi-year $20,000 awards.

Kittie Moss Fairey Educational Fund Scholarship Program: To be eligible for this scholarship, you must meet the following guidelines:

- Must be high school senior
- Must be South Carolina resident
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale through the spring semester
- Applicants must have a combined SAT score of 1100 or a composite ACT score of a 26
- Applicant's parents must have a household adjusted gross income not exceeding $40,000.

Applicants must be planning to attend an accredited, four-year college or university located in South Carolina Apply online at https://csascholars.org/kmfr/index.php

South Carolina Junior Golf Foundation Scholarship Program: Applicants must meet the following guidelines:

- Be a senior in a South Carolina High School
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale through the spring semester.
- Be a resident of South Carolina
- Have a competitive or recreational interest in golf

Recipients must attend an accredited public or private, four-year college or university located in South Carolina in the fall of 2018 Apply online at https://www.scholarshipprograms.org/golf/index.php?&testing=N

National Beta Scholarship Program: This year, the National Beta Club program will award over 250 scholarships to deserving 12th grade Beta members. They are looking for students who: demonstrate academic excellence, leadership, commendable character, school and community service involvement and participation in National Beta activities. For more information, please go to http://www.betaclub.org/scholarship Apply online at http://www.betaclub.org/scholarship/scholarship-info Range in value from $1,000 to $15,000

David M. Cline Scholarship: The scholarship consists of $2,000, for one-time only and to a resident of SC to help a student further their education in law enforcement, criminal justice, forensics or forensic science. See the college advisor for details.

Harry Hampton Fund Scholarship: Awarded annually to a S.C. resident student to attend an institution of higher learning in the state with a major area of study in wildlife, fisheries, forestry, biology, zoology, marine science, environmental science or related fields See the college advisor for details. $5,000 annually for up to four consecutive years

James O. Thomason Scholarship: This scholarship consists of $2,000 annually, for up to four (4) consecutive years, to help a student further their education in print or photo journalism, advertising, public relations or mass communications. See the college advisor for details.

Wallace F. Pate Scholarship: This scholarship consists of a $2,500 scholarship awarded annually to a S.C. resident student to attend an institution of higher learning in the state with a major area of study in wildlife, fisheries, forestry, biology, zoology, marine science or environmental science. NOTE: General biology, pre-medical biology and veterinary science are NOT eligible for this scholarship. See the college advisor for details. One-time award of $2,500 Spring Semester

USCL Freshman Scholarships: Scholarships are awarded for the regular academic year and are not available in the summer. Recipients are usually required to maintain a "B" or 3.0 USC GPA (Institutional Grade point average) to continue receiving the award for the second year. Students selected for scholarships must enroll full time at USCL in order to receive their awards. Apply online at http://usclancaster.sc.edu/finaid/scholshp.htm Spring Semester

Scholarships for Winthrop University: A completed admission application must be received by the deadline set forth by Winthrop for scholarship consideration. A completed application includes: application form, application fee, official high school transcript, and SAT or ACT scores. A completed application includes: application form, application fee, official high school transcript, and SAT or ACT scores. Spring Semester

Archibald Rutledge Scholarship Program: The Archibald Rutledge Scholarship program, named for South Carolina's first poet laureate, offers twelfth-grade students (enrolled in a public school in South Carolina) the opportunity to compete for a scholarship in creative writing, dance, music, theatre, or visual arts as well as encourages and recognizes academic and artistic excellence among South Carolina students. Students will mail or deliver original compositions, process folios, and other required documentation in one of the five arts disciplines (creative writing, dance, music, theatre, or visual arts) to the South Carolina Department of Education. For more information and for the various applications, please go here: https://ed.sc.gov/instruction/standards-learning/visual-and-performing-arts/archibald-rutledgescholarship-program/ Eligible and interested students must talk with the college advisor for details. $2,000 Spring Semester

Seth Muennich Scholarship: The Seth Muennich Scholarship Fund awards scholarship on the basis of a competitive process that considers academic achievement, extracurricular activities, one essay, educational goals, financial need and references.
Please thoroughly review the Seth Muennich Scholarship page for complete information, including the required forms and other eligibility requirements, before beginning the application below. Please note, you will not be able to save and return to the application once you start.
Apply online using this form: https://yourfoundation.wufoo.com/forms/zp72b4q0a7rk3a/ Spring Semester

Gordon A. Rich Memorial Foundation: Applicants must be dependent children of full-time employees in the financial services industry (commercial banks, investment banks, securities brokerage firms, insurance companies, fund and asset management companies, credit card and finance companies and similar businesses as determined by the Foundation). Employees must be presently employed with five years of experience OR no longer employed in this field but had ten years of experience. Apply online at http://www.gordonrich.org/html/req.html Up to $50,000 ($12,500 per year) Spring Semester

South Carolina Press Association Foundation Scholarship: The Foundation also awards up to three scholarships each year to S.C. college students interested in pursuing newspaper careers. The premier scholarship, worth $3,000 per academic year, is named for the Foundation's first president, the late Frank R. Mundy of the Greenwood Index-Journal. Scholarships are open to student journalists who attend a four-year college in South Carolina or who reside in South Carolina and attend a four-year college elsewhere. Rising juniors and seniors are eligible to apply. Talk with the college advisor for details.

Francis Marion University Scholarships Students who are planning on attending Francis Marion must fill out this separate application to be considered for scholarships. These awards may be from the University or outside sources. Generally, full-time enrollment is required to receive a scholarship. Unless otherwise stated in your initial award letter, scholarships are non-renewable. For more information and to see a list of awards, please go to http://www.fmarion.edu/financialassistance/scholarships/ Each scholarship application is available online at http://www.fmarion.edu/financialassistance/scholarships/ Varies based on award.

Leavitt Machinery Scholarship

1. Be currently enrolled or expect to be enrolled in a degree program (2 years of length or greater) by September.
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and submit an answer to the essay question prior to the submission deadline.
3. Be a US resident or a Canadian resident and must also attend a school in Canada or the US.

Essay Topic: Write an Essay about a situation you have been involved in or someone you know has been involved in where better safety procedures would have prevented an injury. Explain in detail what safety procedures you believe should have been in place to prevent the injury and how they would have prevented the injury Apply online here: http://www.forkliftcertificationedmonton.com/apply.php Spring Semester $500

Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants Scholarship: Abbott & Fenner are committed to continuing our efforts at helping those who have the desire and ambition to succeed. The winner(s) of this annual scholarship will receive their award within 2 weeks of the listed deadline. All applicants should include their full name and mailing address with their submissions as well as the school they are currently attending.

To apply for this scholarship you will need to write an essay on the topic below. The essay should be between 500 and 1000 words.

Topic: Describe your educational career and life goals. Explain your plan for achieving these goals. Include your degree/major, why you selected it, and how this degree/major will help you achieve your goals. Your submissions must be sent to us by email at: scholarships@abbottandfenner.com Spring Semester $1,000

2022 Aspiring Nurse Scholarship: The winner will demonstrate:

- A track record of academic excellence, particularly in science and mathematics courses
- A passion for the nursing profession and the overall field of healthcare

This scholarship competition is open to all U.S. high school seniors who plan to pursue college education in nursing, including LPN / LVN, ADN, and BSN programs. Interested students may find the complete scholarship application form here. We recommend composing the 500-word essay in your favorite word processor and then pasting the finished product into this form. Spring Semester $1,000

Resources for Scholarships and Financial Aid

• https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarship-directory/school-attendancestate/south-carolina Scholarship Directory

• http://www.collegescholarships.com/local/south-carolina-scholarships College Scholarships

• https://fftcscholarships.communityforce.com/Funds/Search.aspx#4371597136646D517975544F5976596D4E73384E69673D3D Foundation For the Carolinas

• http://www.collegerank.net/scholarships-south-carolina/ College Rank: The Best Scholarships in S.C.

• http://www.hamptonwildlifefund.org/scholarship.html Harry Hampton Memorial Wildlife Fund

• The Financial Aid office at your college/university of choice

• U.S. Department of Education- https://www2.ed.gov/fund/grants-college.html?src=pn

• S.C. Department of Education- www.ed.sc.gov

• Smart Student Guide to Financial Aid- www.finaid.org (Loans, Scholarships, Financial Aid, Applications, Calculators..)

• South Carolina Commission on Higher Education- www.che.sc.gov

• FastWeb- www.fastweb.com

• Free publications and resources- www.studentaid.ed.gov/resources

• www.collegeboard.org (Site for financial aid calculations, scholarship search, etc.)

• www.fafsa.ed.gov (Free application for Federal Student Aid)

• www.ed.gov/finaid.html (Information about Financial Aid from the U.S. Department of Education)

• www.college-scholarships.com (List colleges by state with phone numbers and email addresses to contact for Financial Aid

• www.suntrust.com (Loan options)

• www.christianconnector.com (Scholarship resources, information about Christian colleges & universities)

• www.coca-colascholars.org (scholarship opens in August)

• www.legion.org/scholarships (scholarships)

• www.gacollege411.org (college assistance schools in Georgia)

• www.usagrantapplications.org

• www.princetonreview.com (Princeton Review online test prep)

• www.educationconnection.com (Degree program information)

- www.universities.com (Discover careers, colleges, & universities)
- www.salliemae.com (Student Loans)
- www.campustours.com (Virtual campus tours)
- www.collegeview.com (Search colleges & scholarship information)
- www.allaboutcollege.com (College information, test prep, Financial Aid)
- www.petersons.com (College search & scholarship information)
- www.scholarshipamerica.org (Scholarships)
- www.supercollege.com (Scholarship & college search engine. Articles with tips to pay for college)
- https://www.collegeexpress.com (Focuses on careers & colleges)
- http://www.multiculturaladvantage.com/scholarship.asp (Grants, fellowships, & scholarships for students of diverse backgrounds and all academic levels)
- http://studentaid.ed.gov (Programs through the U.S. Depart of Ed., Academic Competitiveness, TEACH Grant, etc)
- http://federalstudentaid.ed.gov (Information, guidance, & tools to help students find federal funding)
- http://www.ed.gov/programs/fpg (Site for Federal Pell grant program)
- http://www.ed.gov/programs/iduesbyrd/index.html (Helps students apply for federally funded scholarships administered by states. Recognizes exceptional high school seniors)
- http://www.ed.gov/programs/fws (Federal work-study program)
- http://www.ed.gov/programs/fseog (Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant. Need-based grants to low income undergraduate students)
- http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/grantapps/index.html (Listing of grants provided via discretionary funds from the federal government)
- http://http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/grants/index.html (Scholarships for disadvantaged students. Students must be enrolled in health professions or nursing programs)
- http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/index.html (Publications focused on Financial Aid resources)
- https://scholarshipprograms.org (Scholarships for S.C. students)

- www.cfnc.org (Scholarships for N.C. students-research schools & careers)
- http://www.finaid.org/students/checklist.phtml (Calendar checklist of steps in applying for financial aid)
- http://www.finaid.org/fafsa/awardletters.phtml (Detailed look at financial award letters and packages)
- www.DunkinDonuts.com/scholarship
- www.ScholarshipPoints.com (Scholarships awarded every month. Also available to students already in college)
- www.scholarshipsonline.org
- https://accessscholarships.com/
- www.cappex.com (Merit scholarships, scholarship matches from companies)
- www.schoolsoup.com
- www.scholarshipexperts.com
- www.mycollegedollars.com
- http://www.collegeweeklive.com/en_CA/guest/app-scholarships
- http://scholarshipzone.com/scholarship-application (No GPA, No Essay required)
- www.spaceclub.org/education/goddard.html (Dr. Robert H. Goddard Scholarship. Applicant must be studying science or Engineering)
- www.rankinfoundation.org/students/resources/
- www.burgerkingscholarship.com
- www.gwcf.org (Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship. Applicants must be planning a career of service in a local, state, or federal government)
- https://www.reaganfoundation.org/education/scholarship-programs/ (Ronald Reagan College Leaders Scholarship Program. Applicants must demonstrate leadership on behalf of the cause of freedom)
- www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org (Applicants must be high school seniors)

- http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/applicants/#.UmgD_RDr5yU

- https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search

- https://www.studentscholarships.org

- http://www.collegecosts.com/

- http://www.howtogetin.com/pay-for-college/

- http://www.bankrate.com/brm/news/cheap/20030528a1.asp (Information about loans, calculators, etc.)

- http://www.vaarsityedge.com (Information about the recruiting process and resources on how to make a recruiting video

- http://parentplusloan.com (Parent PLUS loans are loans borrowed by parents or guardians to help fund their children's education)

- http://www.staffordloan.com (Fixed rate federal student loans for undergraduate or graduate students

- http://www.jackierobinson.org/ (Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship. Applicants must be a graduating, minority high school senior and attending a four year institution. Show leadership potential, dedication to community service, and evidence of financial need)

Federal Student Aid

To apply for federal student aid, you need to complete the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA). Completing and submitting the FAFSA is free and it gives you access to the largest source of financial aid to pay for college. In addition, many states and colleges use your FAFSA information to determine your eligibility for state and school aid, and some private financial aid providers may use your FAFSA information to determine whether you qualify for their aid. Even if you and your parents don't feel you qualify for any need-based aid because of your income, you should still complete the FAFSA. A FAFSA must be submitted in order to receive the Life, Palmetto Fellows, and Hope Scholarships, and Lottery Assistance and other needs based grants. Also, many colleges and organizations often want to verify that students are not eligible for federal or state aid before they award institutional and/or private funds. Some loan programs also require completion of the FAFSA.

If you do not complete the FAFSA, you could be missing out on financial aid!

Completing the FAFSA

1. Complete the FAFSA application online at https://studentaid.gov/as soon as possible. The new FAFSA opens on October 1, 2024. When you apply for the FAFSA you will create a username and password. This will allow you to electronically access personal information on the Federal Student Aid Web sites as well as electronically sign your FAFSA. Paper and PDF applications are available but applying online will allow your application to be processed faster. Parent's tax returns need to be completed, not necessarily filed, before completing the FAFSA. If the student worked his/her tax returns may be needed as well. If you are completing the FAFSA before January 1 you will need your parents 2024 taxes. If you are completing the FAFSA after January 1, you will need to use your parents 2025 taxes.

- FAFSA is FREE to complete.

- Carefully review your responses on the FAFSA before submitting the completed form. If there are any errors, your FAFSA will be returned to you and this may delay the processing of the application. Remember to make a copy of your completed FAFSA for your records.

2. Some private colleges/universities may require you to complete the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE. The CSS/Profile is an online application that collects information used by certain colleges and scholarship programs to award institutional aid funds. All federal funds are awarded based on the FAFSA. Complete the CSS/Profile online at https://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile

3. After you have completed your FAFSA application you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR). A copy of your SAR will report your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) amount. The EFC is the amount of money you and your parents are expected to be able to contribute toward your college expenses based on the earnings you reported. IF the cost of the college is more than your EFC, you have a financial need and will be eligible for financial aid. This aid may come in the form of grants, loans, or college work study.

Some federal aid is awarded on a first come, first served basis so it is important that you complete the FAFSA as soon as possible. Also, be sure to check your college/university's deadlines for completing the FAFSA…college/university deadlines may vary from the state deadline.

For more information about FAFSA visit http://www.finaid.org/fafsa/

Types of Federal Aid

Federal Pell Grants

These grants do not have to be repaid. Those students with a significant financial need usually qualify for this type of aid. This aid is only awarded to undergraduate students. These award amounts can vary depending on the cost of tuition and the availability of funds. The maximum award amount is $5,815 per year. You can be eligible for this grant as a full or a part-time student.

Stafford Loans

These loans can be from private lenders (called a “Federal Family Education Loan”) or the U.S. Government (called “Federal Direct Loans”). Which type of lender will depend on the school you attend. Eligibility for either loan are the same. A dependent undergraduate student can borrow $5,500 freshman year (up to $3,500 subsidized), $6,500 sophomore year (up to $4,500 subsidized), and $7,500 ($5,500 subsidized) for each remaining year (a full year) of the student’s program. These amounts vary for independent students.

Stafford loans come in two forms: Subsidized and Unsubsidized. Subsidized loans are loans that do not charge interest while the student is in school or deferment (sometimes used by students continuing onto graduate school). Those students who do not qualify for Subsidized loans can get the Unsubsidized type; with this loan interest is accumulated while the student is still in school, in grace periods, or deferment.

Federal Perkins Loan

These are low-interest loans that the university awards through government funds. These loans are partially generated through previous loan repayments. Schools that have a low rate of defaulted student loans are usually the schools that have the most Perkins loans available. These loans are for undergraduate and graduate students. Undergraduate have the ability to borrow up to $5,500 (total undergraduate $27,500) a year. Graduate students can borrow up to $8,000 (total graduate $60,000). These payments are given directly to students or are credited to their account. The interest rate for this loan is a fixed 5% and the interest does not accrue while the student is in school.

Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students (PLUS Loans)

These are loans that parents (with acceptable credit history) acquire on behalf of their child. The student has to be enrolled at least part-time. These loans are available through private lenders and the U.S. Government. Eligibility requirements and loan amounts are similar. Parents are required to be U.S. citizens, pass a credit check, and no defaults on any current loans. These loans will cover the amount left after all other financial aid has been applied. The PLUS loan money is sent directly to the student’s school account. Parents are required to begin paying on the interest and the principal of this loan immediately.

***You will need to complete the FAFSA each year to be considered for these grants/loans.

Financial Aid Programs

*Programs, eligibility, and award amounts are subject to change.

Refer to CHE Website. http://www.che.sc.gov

Program	Award Amount	Renewal Criteria	Eligibility	When/How to Apply
Federal Parent Loan Undergraduate Students (PLUS)	Up to cost of education minus other aid	Complete the FAFSA each year	Parents of full-time dependent students. Financial need is not a requirement.	Complete FAFSA as soon as possible. Opens October 1
Federal Pell Grant	Up to $6,195 per year (dependent on federal appropriations)	Complete the FAFSA each year Demonstrate continued financial need	Full or part-time students with financial need.	Complete FAFSA as soon as possible. Opens October 1
Federal Perkins Loan	Up to $5,500 per year	Complete the FAFSA each year Check with your college if they offer loans	Full or part-time student Loan for students with exceptional financial need. No interest accrual while in college. Payment begins 10 months after graduation.	Complete FAFSA as soon as possible. Opens October 1
Federal Direct Loans	Amount varies Subsidized and Unsubsidized loans	Complete the FAFSA each year	Based on FAFSA information	Complete FAFSA as soon as possible. Opens October 1
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG)	$100 to $4,000 per year (dependent on federal appropriations)	Complete the FAFSA each year	Full-time students with proven financial need	Complete FAFSA as soon as possible. Opens October 1
SC Needs Based Grant	Based on financial need Up to $5,000 a year	Complete the FAFSA each year *Foster youth may receive the maximum reward.	Can be used at any 2 or 4 year institution in S.C.	Complete FAFSA as soon as possible. Opens October 1
Federal College Work-Study Programs	Provides jobs for those with financial need	Federal government and college/university attending	Demonstrates continued financial need	Complete FAFSA as soon as possible Opens October 1
South Carolina Lottery Tuition Assistance	Up to $1, 140 for full time student	Complete a FAFSA each year	Maintain 3.0 average Enroll in at least 6 credit hours	Complete FAFSA as soon as possible. Opens October 1. Degree seeking student at a technical college, two year USC satellite campuses, or Spartanburg Methodist
South Carolina HOPE Scholarship	Must attend a Four-Year institution Awarded $2,800 cost includes $150 book allowance towards cost-of-attendance during the first year only	No renewal Earn a 3.0 GPA	Enroll as full-time student Cannot be a LIFE, Palmetto Fellows or Lottery Tuition recipient More info at http://www.che.sc.gov	No application necessary. Awards are handled by the college/university financial aid office. Must attend a four year school

South Carolina LIFE Scholarship	Two-Year institution: Up to the cost-of-tuition, not to exceed $5,000, includes $300 book allowance Four-Year institution: Up to the cost-of-attendance, not to exceed $4,700, includes $300 book allowance	Maintain 3.0 GPA and at least 30 credit hours per academic year	Two year institution must have 3.0 GPA (SC UGP) upon graduation Four year institution must have 2 out of 3-3.0 GPA (SC UGP) -1100 SAT or 24 ACT Rank in top 30% of the graduating class Must earn 30 credit hours each academic year	No application needed Awards are handled at the college/university
LIFE Enhancements	1st year up to $5,000 2nd, 3rd, 4th years up to $7,500	Must earn 14 credit hours of math and/or science by the end of the 1st academic year and meet all LIFE eligibility requirements Can receive up to 3 years	Must earn 14 credit hours in math and/or science	No application needed. Awards are handled at the college/university
South Carolina Palmetto Fellows Scholarship	1st Year: Up to $6,700 2nd, 3rd, & 4th years: up to $7,500	Must earn 30 credit hours each academic year and maintain a 3.0 GPA and attend a four year school	Rank in the top 6% at the end of 10th or 11th grade academic year. Earn a 1200 on the SAT or a 25 on the ACT (through June test administration of the graduating year) or earn a 1400 on the SAT or a 32 on the ACT (though the June test administration of the graduating year) Earn a 4.0 cumulative GPA (SC UGP)	See Counselor for details
Palmetto Fellows Enhancements	Additional funds for upperclassman with in declared science or math related majors	Must earn 14 credit hours of math and/or science by the end of the 1st academic year Must meet Palmetto Fellow eligibility requirements and be making satisfactory academic progress and declare a major in a CHE approved math or science major	Must earn 14 credit hours in math, science, and/or health fields.	Awards handled at the college/university
South Carolina Teacher Loan	Freshman & Sophomores can borrow up to $2,500 a year Juniors & Seniors can borrow up to $5,000 a year	South Carolina Student Loan Corporation	Top 40% of class SAT 987 (2 parts) or 1458 (3 parts) ACT 18 Other requirements visit www.scstudentloan.org	Students must complete application.
Teacher Education Assistance for College & Higher Education (TEACH) Grant	Undergraduate, post baccalaureate, or graduate students who are or will be taking courses to become an elementary or secondary school teacher Up to $3,724	Must agree to serve for a minimum of four year (within in eight years of completing one's academic program) as a full-time teacher in a high need field in a school or educational service agency that serves low income students Must attend a participating school and meet certain academic achievement requirements. Failure to meets these guidelines will result in grant being converted to a Direct Unsubsidized Loan		
South Carolina Teaching Fellows	Up to $24,000	South Carolina Commission on Higher Education www.cerra.org		Applications at www.cerra.org/teachingfellows/
South Carolina Tuition Grant Program	Based on financial need up to $3,500	Can be renewed for four years Must be making progress Complete application deadline by June 30 each year Must still demonstrate a financial need SC Higher Education Tuition and Grants http://www.sctuitiongrants.com	Rank top 75% of class OR score 900 on SAT or 19 on ACT OR final GPA of 2.0 based on (SC UGP) Students must attend one of 21 eligible private colleges Must earn at least 24 credit hours each academic year	Complete FAFSA as soon as possible. Opens October 1

Tuition Waivers for children of Veterans	Free tuition	n/a	South Carolina Division of Veteran Affairs http://va.sc.gov/documents/2015%20Free%20Tuition%20Application.pdf	Application online
Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant	For students whose parent or guardian was a member of the U.S. armed forces and died as a result of performing military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after the events of 9/11. Up to $5,413.77	Must be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant due to having less financial need than is required to receive Federal Pell Grant funds Must be younger than 24 years old or enrolled at least part-time at a college or career school at the time of the parent's or guardian's death		

**Note: The Commission on Higher Education (CHE) may make changes to eligibility and/or money available.

College and Career Opportunities

If you are looking for information about college and career opportunities check out www.GetSmartSC.com. This is a new website for future students to find information about South Carolina colleges, scholarships, student loans, apprenticeships, and more! This new website puts resources from all over the web into one comprehensive, easy-to-use tool to help students and families find the information they need, without the hassle of endless searches.

Big Future

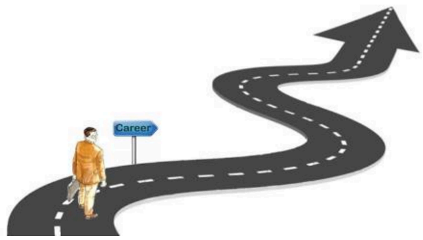
Unsure about what you want to major in or where you want to go to college?

Visit Big Future at https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/

This is a great website to explore different majors and to search for colleges and scholarships.

If you are unsure about how to begin your college and scholarship search you can make an appointment with your counselor.

Choosing a Career Path instead of College



Career Planning

What is Career Planning?

When you were very young, you were asked, "What are you going to be when you grow up?" You probably had several answers. Career planning begins very early in life and is the accumulation of the experiences (in school and out) that you have had in your life. In high school, you should begin to pursue the issue of career planning in a more purposeful and systematic manner.

To assist in determining the right career path for you, the BHS counseling department website has a tab entitled, ***Career Planning***. Here you will find various resources to help guide you in the right direction of your future career choice. Be sure to check this site periodically throughout the school year for important updates and opportunities available to BHS students.

The counseling department at Buford High School is available to help guide you in the career decision making process. Along with your counselor, Darby Johnson is trained in assisting you through this process. Please email, call, and/or stop by the counseling office to request a career planning session(s) with her. Her email is darby.johnson@lcsd.k12.sc.us and phone number is 803-286-7015.

Career Path Resources

S.C. Works

SC Works Centers in most counties offer job seekers and businesses access to employment and training opportunities, as well as other services provided by SC Works system partner agencies that support employment and training.

S. C. Lancaster Center 705 N.
White St
Lancaster, SC 29720
Telephone: (803) 285-6966

The Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW)

The Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW) has one of the most comprehensive job databases for job seekers. By following the link below you can search jobs, set up a profile, post a resume and more. SC Works Online Services links all of South Carolina's state and local workforce services and resources. The partners are DEW and South Carolina's 12 Workforce Development Boards, which administer SC Works Centers throughout South Carolina.
(https://dew.sc.gov/)

Vocational Rehabilitation

Vocational Rehabilitation serves anyone ages 16 or older who has a physical, mental, emotional, or cognitive disability who has an impediment to employment, wishes to seek competitive employment at some point, and is in need of services.

(See guidance for more information.)

Lancaster Adult Education: Career Training Opportunities

610 East Meeting Street
Lancaster, SC 29720
(803) 285-7660

Free training and certification in the areas of Auto Body Repair, Welding, CNC (Machine Tools Operator), Intro to Cosmetology, Microsoft Office Systems (MOS), Electrical Skills, CNA, and Phlebotomy.

Employment Services

ResCare Workforce Services

ResCare Workforce Services is a leading provider of services and solutions that are designed to help put people between the age of 17-24 to work. The goal of ResCare Workforce is to help those students and others seeking employment to prepare for employment opportunities. ResCare provides assistance in finding employment, obtaining a GED, or other training. They can also help with child care assistance or transportation for students to attend school.

ResCare Workforce Services uses a combination of career center operations, Job Corps centers, schools, business services and family support to assist individuals seeking employment.

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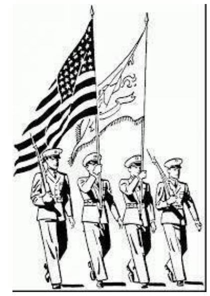
706 North White Street
Lancaster, SC 29720
(803) 285-6966
(803) 385-1179

Helpful Websites:

- http://www.learnatest.com
- http://dew.sc.gov
- http://www.catawbaonestop.com/education.asp

<u>Military Options</u>



- If you are interested in joining the military you can contact a recruiter from the armed services branch in which you are interested or you can talk with Colonel McGilbra or Sergeant Lewis.

- Take the ASVAB test. Each branch has a particular ASVAB score required for admittance to that branch. Usually there are two opportunities to take the ASVAB during the school year.

- You can visit http://official-asvab.com/ for more information on ASVAB testing.

- Helpful sites for the military branches:

- Army- www.goarmy.com/

- Airforce- www.airforce.com

- Marines- www.marines.com

- Navy- www.navy.com

- National Guard- www.nationalguard.mil

- U.S. Coast Guard- www.uscg.mil

Junior Year

• Make sure that your schedule reflects the courses you selected at the end of 10th grade. Check your transcript carefully! Courses required for graduation are in the first column of the table on pages 4-5 of this planning guide. If you have questions or concerns, see your counselor.

• Important Promotion Standards: In order to be promoted to the 12th grade you MUST have a total of 18 credits which MUST include 3 English classes, 3 math classes, and 2 science classes and 10 additional credits.

• If you would like the opportunity to try for the Junior Merit Scholarship you will need to take the PSAT again in October. It is also helpful to take PSAT again to increase your success on the SAT and your opportunity to qualify as a Junior Scholar. Junior Scholars get opportunities for more scholarship money. You can sign up for the PSAT in the Guidance office.

• Determine what college offers the major you are interested in studying. Start to narrow your list of colleges to 5-7 schools. If you need help with this please see your counselor. Visit each school's website and schedule a visit. You will be allowed **ONE** college visit day (as long as you do not owe recovery), but many colleges offer tours and events on the weekend. If you plan on taking a day to visit a college, you will need to get a College Visit Form from the Guidance office. This will need to be done **BEFORE** your visit.

• If you are interested in pursuing a career in the military, do some research into the various branches of the military. You can also talk with Colonel McGilbra or Sergeant Lewis.

•If you plan on going directly to work, determine what training you might need and what type of jobs are available in your area of interest.

• Start preparing to take the SAT/ACT in early spring. You will get to choose which test you will be taking. Whichever test you choose to take, start studying and preparing for the test.

• Start preparing for IGP (Individual Graduation Plan) meetings. During this meeting you and your parent/guardian will meet with your counselor and discuss your course selections, post-secondary plans, and career goals.

• If you are interested in taking Dual Enrollment at USC-L during the Summer and/or Fall, you need to visit the Guidance website under the Dual Enrollment tab and follow the directions and links to apply. Be sure to watch deadlines.

• If you plan on playing a sport in college, you will need to become eligible with NCAA. Refer to page 8 for information.

• If you need a transcript for a scholarship or Dual Enrollment you will need to order a transcript through the Guidance website or at this link: https://lancastersc.scriborder.com/

College & Career Readiness

Note: All 3rd year high school students are given the opportunity to take the ACT/SAT during the school day free of charge. Dates for testing will be announced and posted on the Guidance website under the **Testing Calendar** tab.

<table>
<tr><th>Test Name and Description:</th><th>College/Career Readiness Indicators:</th></tr>
<tr><td>ACT
The ACT is a standardized test designed to measure high school students' general educational development and their ability to complete college-level work. The questions on the ACT test the core subjects that students typically study through their third year of high school (English, reading, mathematics, and science). It is accepted by all U.S. colleges and universities. Approximately 1.5 million students take the ACT each year.</td><td>Scores of 21 or higher indicate the following:
Achievement of SC Standards of College Readiness
In terms of benchmarks for ACT score percentiles, a score of 21 is an average ACT score, at the 50th percentile. A score of 24 means you've scored better than about 74% of students. A 28 means you've scored better than 88% of students, and a 30 means you've scored better than 93% of them! Anything 35 or above is in the 99th percentile—a truly phenomenal score.
Possible acceptance into colleges and universities.
Here are some examples of colleges and required ACT scores:<table><tr><td>Winthrop University</td><td>Composite Score of 19-25</td></tr><tr><td>University of SC</td><td>Composite Score of 25-30</td></tr><tr><td>Clemson University</td><td>Composite Score of 27-31</td></tr></table></td></tr>
<tr><td>SAT
The SAT is a standardized test meant to show schools how prepared you are for college by measuring key skills like reading comprehension, computational ability, and clarity of expression. Because so many students take the test, it also provides schools with data about how you compare to your peers nationwide.</td><td>Scores of 1020 or higher indicate the following:
Achievement of SC Standards of College Readiness
A 1020 places you in the bottom 43rd percentile nationally out of the 1.7 million students taking the SAT this year.
Possible acceptance into colleges and universities.
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<tr><td>WIN:Ready2Work
Ready to Work (R2W) is a career readiness assessment administered to 3rd year high school students .The WIN Ready to Work test consists of four multiple choice timed tests –Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, Locating Information, and Essential Soft Skills. The Ready to Work tests measure real world skills that employers believe are critical to job success.</td><td>Earning a Credential of Silver, Gold, or Platinum indicate the following:
Achievement of SC Standards of Career Readiness
The Ready to Work assessments provide a customized credential that students can add to their portfolio. Credentials show the student has mastered the skills and are ready to work. The assessments are scored on a scale from 3 to 7. The higher the score, the greater your ability to perform more complex tasks and qualify for a broader range of jobs.
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<tr><td>ASVAB
The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery is the most widely used multiple-aptitude test battery in the world. As an aptitude test, the ASVAB measures your strengths, weaknesses, and potential for future success. The ASVAB does not obligate you to join the military. It is just a test used by the military to determine if you are qualified to join and what area or areas you would excel in.</td><td>Scores of 31 or higher indicate the following:
Achievement of SC Standards of Career Readiness
You will receive a college and career readiness score that will help predict future success after high school, as well as, strengths/interests to help map out post-secondary plans that work best for you. Because this is an aptitude test it doesn't just tell what you are currently good at, it will also tell what you may be good at learning. You may know nothing about electronics but your scores may say you have the ability to learn electronics.
Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT) Score also predicts how you will perform on ACT and SAT.
<table><tr><td>AFQT (Total Score)</td><td>ACT (Composite Score)</td><td>SAT (Total Score)</td></tr><tr><td>65-92</td><td>19-26</td><td>910-1180</td></tr><tr><td>93-99</td><td>27-36</td><td>1190-1600</td></tr></table></td></tr>
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<u>**The AS…What?**</u>

What is the (S) ASVAB?

Student Army Service Vocational Aptitude and Battery
It's designed not only for entering the military, but also to assist individuals in exploring possible future career fields.

The ASVAB features eight individual subtests:

Subtest	Minutes	Questions	Description
General Science	11	25	Measures knowledge of physical and biological sciences
Arithmetic Reasoning	36	30	Measures ability to solve arithmetic word problems
Word Knowledge	11	25	Measures ability to select the correct meaning of words presented in context, and identify synonyms
Paragraph Comprehension	13	15	Measures ability to obtain information from written material
Auto and Shop Information	11	25	Measures knowledge of automobiles, tools, and shop terminology and practices
Mathematics Knowledge	11	35	Measures knowledge of high school mathematics principles
Mechanical Comprehension	19	25	Measures knowledge of mechanical and physical principles, and ability to visualize how illustrated objects work
Electronics Information	9	20	Tests knowledge of electricity and electronics

Total number of items: 200
Test Time: 134 minutes
Administrative Time: 46 minutes
Total Test Time: 180 minutes

Why take the ASVAB?

If you aren't 100% sure exactly what your future plans are or even if you know what your future plans are, but don't have all the details worked out, then this test can benefit you!

Around two weeks after taking the ASVAB, there will be an ASVAB interpretation session where your scores are explained and your interests are combined with those scores to explore careers you will likely excel in. Salary, education needed, job opportunities, and colleges that offer academic programs to achieve those careers will also be discussed.

Scholarship Opportunities for Juniors

• It is never too early to start looking for scholarships. If you are interested in searching for scholarships refer to pages 15-18.

The following are scholarship opportunities from College Board. Several of these opportunities are available for Juniors. To learn more about scholarship eligibility log onto cb.org/opportunity

1. Build a College List: $500. Build a college list on BigFuture. This is done your Junior year: December-June.

2. Practice for the SAT: $1,00. Use Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy to get ready for test day. This can be done your Junior and Fall Senior Year: December-October.

3. Improve Score: $2,000. Improve your SAT score. Spring of Junior Year through Fall of Senior Year. March-December.

4. Strengthen College List: $500. Strengthen their college list with a mix of academic safety, fit, and reach schools. This is done Summer and Fall of Senior Year: July-October

5. Complete the FAFSA: $1,000. Fill out the FAFSA form to apply for financial aid. This is done in the Fall and Winter of Senior Year. October-January.

6. Apply to Colleges: $1,000. Apply to schools you want to attend. This is done in the Fall and Winter of Senior Year. October –February.

Complete the Journey: $40,000. Complete all six scholarship steps. Final Drawing will be March.

Sophomore Year

• Make sure that your schedule reflects the courses you selected at the end of 9th grade. Check your transcript carefully! Courses required for graduation are in the first column of the table on pages 4-5 of this planning guide. If you have questions or concerns, see your counselor.

• Be sure to have good attendance. If you must be out due to illness, etc. make sure you immediately turn in assignments you missed. Most teachers have class work and assignments posted in their Google classroom. If you are unsure about any assignment or assessment you have missed; talk with your teacher. Remember you have a short amount of time to get missed work turned in. Be sure to know the expectations of your teachers.

• If you are struggling or need assistance, ask your teacher for help. Your teacher can give you suggestions for improvement in their class.

• Important Promotion Standards: In order to be promoted to the 11th grade you MUST have a total of 12 credits which MUST include two English classes, two math classes, and one science class and 7 additional credits.

• PSAT Test will be given in October- Do your best on the PSAT; this is practice for the SAT.

• Start preparing for IGP (Individual Graduation Plan) meetings. During this meeting you and your parent/guardian will meet with your counselor and discuss your course selections, post-secondary plans, and career goals.

• If you are interested in earning a seal on your diploma go ahead and look at the criteria on page 38 and be prepared to talk with your counselor about this during your IGP meeting.

• If you are interested in taking Dual Enrollment at USC-L during the Summer and/or Fall, you need to visit the Guidance website under the Dual Enrollment tab and follow the directions and links to apply. Be sure to watch deadlines.

• If you want to play a sport in college you need to become eligible at NCAA. Refer to page 8. You will also want to consider taking the SAT/ACT. NCAA suggests that students take the SAT/ACT by the end of their 10th grade year. Refer to page 12 for dates and times. Be sure to watch deadlines.

Freshman Year

• Make sure that your schedule reflects the courses you selected at the end of 9th grade. Check your transcript carefully! Courses required for graduation are in the first column of the table on pages 4-5 of this planning guide. If you have questions or concerns, see your counselor.

• Be sure to have good attendance. If you must be out due to illness, etc. make sure you immediately turn in assignments you missed. Most teachers have class work and assignments posted in their Google classroom. If you are unsure about any assignment or assessment you have missed, talk with your teacher. Remember you have a short amount of time to get missed work turned in. Be sure to know the expectations of your teachers.

• If you are struggling or need assistance, ask your teacher for help. Your teacher can give you suggestions for improvement in their class.

• It is very important that you do your best. The final grades you receive in your classes from this point forward will be reflected on your transcript. Do your best and ask for help if you need it!

• Important Promotion Standards: In order to be promoted to the 10th grade you MUST have a total of 6 credits which MUST include one English class and one math class and 4 additional credits.

• Get to know your counselor. Students with last names ending in A-L see Mrs. Watts and students with last names ending in M-Z see Ms. Rose. Although the student body is divided by the alphabet; you can speak with either counselor at any given time. Mrs. Johnson is the Testing Coordinator and Career Counselor; she works with all of our students. She is also available to help when you need assistance. We are all here to help you!

• Start preparing for IGP (Individual Graduation Plan) meetings. During this meeting you and your parent/guardian will meet with your counselor and discuss your course selections, post-secondary plans, and career goals. In preparing for your IGP meeting, begin thinking about what you might like to do for a career. You began this process in the 8th grade.

• If you are interested in earning a seal on your diploma go ahead and be looking at the criteria on page 37 and be prepared to talk with your counselor about this during your IGP meeting.)

Diploma Pathways and Seals of Distinction

Honors: Seal of Distinction	College-Ready: Seal of Distinction	Career: Seal of Distinction	Specialization: Seal of Distinction (complete one area to qualify)
GPA 3.5 or higher	GPA 3.0 or higher or ACT Composite Score=20 or SAT=1020 combined math and evidence-based reading/writing scores)	GPA 3.0 or higher (Innovative courses may be approved and must align with the student's post-secondary plan.)	GPA 3.0 or higher (all areas)
English- *4 Credits 3 at honors or higher level **Math**- *4 Credits 3 at honors level or higher (Alg. 2 as prerequisite for the 4th higher level credit) **Lab Science**- *3 Credits 2 at honors or higher level **World Languages**- *2 Credits of the same language for the Class of 18-19 9th graders *3 Credits of the same language for entering 9th graders 19-20 and beyond **Advanced Coursework**- *4 Credits of honors or higher in Jr./Sr. years (or the last 2 years prior to graduation)	**English**- *4 Credits **Math**- *4 Credits Alg.1 (or the equivalent of Alg. 1), Geometry, Alg.2, and 4th Math with Alg. 2 or Integrated Math 3 as a prerequisite **Lab Science**- *3 Credits **Social Studies**- *3 Credits **World Language**- *2 Credits of the same language **Fine Arts**- *1 Credit	**English**- *4 Credits **Math**- *4 Credits **Science**- *3 Credits **Social Studies**- *3 Credits And **Completion of an EEDA Major** And one of the following: **Earn at least 2 industry-recognized credential OR** **Silver or higher on WIN OR** **A semester-long WBL placement credit.**	**STEM**- *4 Credits beyond required courses in math, science, and technology; at least 2 at honors level or higher; may be in 1 area of STEM or across 4 areas **World Languages**- *4 Credits in the same language or a score of Intermediate Low on accredited proficiency-based language assessment or 3 + on AP exam, or 4+ on IB exam or score E on CAmbridge AICE Language exam before senior year. **Military**- *4 Credits in JROTC; and an ASVAB score of 31 or higher **Arts**- *4 Credits in single or multiple areas of the Arts; 2 or more at honors or higher level; Mastery on external exam or performance task