**9th GRADE GUIDE**

* Track your student’s quarterly status with TSIC:

**Q1: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Q2: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Q3: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Q4: \_\_\_\_\_\_**

* Helpful websites resources for financial aid and planning for college: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/FAFSA/app/f4cForm>, [www.knowhow2go.org](http://www.knowhow2go.org), <https://www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>, [www.act.org](http://www.act.org), [www.collegescholarships.com](http://www.collegescholarships.com), [www.collegeispossible.org](http://www.collegeispossible.org), [www.collegequest.com](http://www.collegequest.com), [www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com), [www.takestockinchildren.org](http://www.takestockinchildren.org)
* Review the GPA goals set by your student. There GPA should take into consideration scholarship guidelines and college admission expectations. The current Bright Futures Academic Scholarship requires a weighted core of 3.5!
* Students should attend TSIC meetings and events
* Students should take ***at least 2 Honors*** courses in 10th Grade.
* Students should be meeting weekly with their assigned mentors
* Students should begin working on high school volunteer hours
* **100** hours are needed for the Bright Futures Academic Scholarship & **75** are needed for the Medallion Scholarship.

**Service hours earned by end of 9th Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**10th GRADE GUIDE**

* Track your student’s quarterly status with TSIC: **Q1: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Q2: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Q3: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Q4: \_\_\_\_\_\_**
* Students take the **PSAT**. *(Usually in October)*
* Students should take ***at least 2 Honors and 1 AP*** courses in 11th Grade.
* Students should attend TSIC meetings and events
* Helpful websites resources for financial aid and planning for college: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/FAFSA/app/f4cForm>, [www.knowhow2go.org](http://www.knowhow2go.org), <https://www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>, [www.act.org](http://www.act.org), [www.collegescholarships.com](http://www.collegescholarships.com), [www.collegeispossible.org](http://www.collegeispossible.org), [www.collegequest.com](http://www.collegequest.com), [www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com), [www.takestockinchildren.org](http://www.takestockinchildren.org)
* Students should be meeting regularly with their assigned mentors.
* Students should continue working on their volunteer hours
* **100** hours are needed for the Bright Futures Academic Scholarship & **75** are needed for the Medallion Scholarship.

**Service hours earned by end of 10th Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**11th GRADE GUIDE**

* Track your student’s quarterly status with TSIC: **Q1: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Q2: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Q3: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Q4: \_\_\_\_\_\_**
* Students need to attend a local College Fair
* Students should begin looking for scholarship opportunities and cataloging them in their Scholarship Planner. Visit this website: bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/scholarships-grants
* Students should look at SAT/ACT Prep classes & attend if possible.
* Students should register for the SAT & ACT; each test should be taken at least **once** in the spring of their junior year.

*Remember: register for Free & Reduced lunch;   
fee waivers for the tests are received from the school’s Advisor!*

* **TSIC College Tour** **Tour Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Usually held during spring break

* Students should take ***at least 2 Honors and 2 AP*** courses in 12th Grade.
* **100** hours are needed for the Bright Futures Academic Scholarship & **75** needed for the Medallion Scholarship. **Service hours earned by end of 11th Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
* Students should continue to meet regularly with their mentor
* Students should attend TSIC meetings and events
* **Applications to colleges need to be filled out this summer**
* **Helpful websites resources for financial aid and planning for college:** <https://fafsa.ed.gov/FAFSA/app/f4cForm>, [www.knowhow2go.org](http://www.knowhow2go.org), <https://www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>, [www.act.org](http://www.act.org), [www.collegescholarships.com](http://www.collegescholarships.com), [www.collegeispossible.org](http://www.collegeispossible.org), [www.collegequest.com](http://www.collegequest.com), [www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com), [www.takestockinchildren.org](http://www.takestockinchildren.org)

*Remember: Many schools will waive their application fee if you qualify for the SAT and ACT fee waiver; see your high school guidance counselor for more information on waivers*

**12th GRADE GUIDE**

* Track your student’s quarterly status with TSIC: **Q1: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Q2: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Q3: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Q4: \_\_\_\_\_\_**
* Early Decision deadlines are often October 1st. Students need to complete all Early Decision applications first!
* FAFSA applications are available October 1, <https://fafsa.ed.gov/FAFSA/app/f4cForm>
* Students should register for either the SAT and/or ACT to retake **before December** of this year.
* Your student should plan on having ALL of his/her applications completed by **December**!
* Students should attend the **Mandatory** **Financial Aid & Scholarship Workshop**.

*You will* ***complete*** *important paperwork for activating your student’s scholarship at this workshop.* ***DO NOT MISS IT!***

* Student’s apply for the **Florida Bright Futures Scholarship** after October 1st , [www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org)
* **Begin completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).** [www.fafsa.ed.gov/](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/)

*Even if you have not filed your taxes yet you* ***should*** *still begin the FAFSA application!*

* Students should continue to meet regularly with their assigned mentor.
* Students should attend TSIC meetings and events
* **Attend the Take Stock in Children Graduation Ceremony**! *(Usually in May)*
* **Make sure your student has completed the necessary volunteer hours and apply for** Bright Futures, if they qualify.
* **Total Number of service hours earned by end of 12th Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
* **Students should attend the Mandatory TSIC College Orientation Event**.

*The final documents for your scholarship activation are given at this event.* ***DO NOT MISS IT!***

* Take an active role in assisting your student to fill out the FAFSA application for financial disclosures.
* Oversee the college/university application process but **ensure that your student is responsible for his/her own words and actions during this exciting process.** This is the beginning of a new chapter in his or her life; share the enthusiasm!

**If you have any questions throughout the year,   
contact your Take Stock in Children College Success Coach!**