

## ACCESS TO FLBFS ELIGIBILITY STATUS

Open the CHS web page

Scroll down to the picture on the right of 2 seniors in their caps and gowns - click anywhere on that picture

You are now at the Postsecondary Planning Page. At the top of the left hand column under **Scholarships and Postsecondary Planning**, you will find the blue **FloridaShines** link - click on it You can also Google: FloridaShines (as one word, no space) to access the same site.

You will now see 3 icons in circles. Place your cursor over the left circle - an icon of the school house - and look all the way to the bottom of the list of links where it says **Pay For College** - click on that

In the center of the page are several paragraphs of info with headings. Scroll down to the **Bright Futures Scholarships** heading (2nd paragraph) and then look to the end of the passage and you will see a blue rectangle with **Check Now**. Click on that blue box.

Before you should be a log in page - Select Charlotte as your **District**, Type (Student's last name), and then you will need to type (student's) **SS#** with an **X** at the end for the "**Florida Student Identifier Number**" and then click **Submit**. If a student's SS# is not used in Focus, then use the student's CHS School ID#; type o8 immediately followed by his/her 8 digit CHS ID #. (o8-----) If neither the SS# nor the o8 with school ID# work, contact the CHS Career Specialist for assistance. (941) 575-5450 ext. 1422

If all was correct above, you should see the student's FLBFS eligibility screen. Under the top heading of information are the titles of the 3 scholarships available:

FAS - Florida Academic Scholarship

FMS -Florida Medallion Scholarship

GSV -Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship

Whichever one is highlighted in Gray, is the one the information shown below is pertaining to. Please note that the last update occurred on the date at the top right of page opposite corner to the student's name. This means that no new information has been loaded/evaluated since that date.

Updates to FLBFS occur at the end of each SEMESTER when a district report is sent to the state. There are specific reporting periods so updates may take 2-3 weeks following the close of semester grades.

Once seniors complete and submit their FFAA (Florida Financial Aid Application), they will access this same account through the FLBFS website using their FFAA assigned log in ID and password.