



## COLLEGE & CAREER PLANNING CHECKLIST FOR SOPHOMORES

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- ❑ **1.** Schedule an appointment via email with your school counselor at least twice a year to make sure your courses fit the Academic Pathway you wish to follow through in high school.
- ❑ **2.** Check out [Launch Your Plan](#) and [Get There Florida for Career & Technical Education](#) for more information.
- ❑ **3.** Become familiar with SMA's Student Services and resources online and posted on our website: [www.sarasotamilitaryacademy.org](http://www.sarasotamilitaryacademy.org)
- ❑ **4.** All sophomores will take the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test). However, only junior year scores are eligible for the National Merit Scholarship competition. The sophomore testing gives a student a good idea of what to expect from the SAT, helps to identify strengths and weaknesses, and helps counselors and teachers advise students.
- ❑ **5.** Attend the Sarasota/Manatee Fall College Fair if available.
- ❑ **6.** Check with your school counselor to make sure your courses fit the program and if you are planning for dual enrollment in a technical program or college.
- ❑ **7.** Whether you are considering dual enrollment or attending a four-year university, Suncoast Technical College (STC), or State College of Florida, learn about the scholarship opportunities that may be available to you. Follow application deadlines for dual enrollment and speak with your counselor.
- ❑ **8.** Complete 25 hours of community service every year. You will need **75 to graduate and 100 for Bright Futures Scholarship**. Logs located in the main office. Submit to the registrar.
- ❑ **9.** Complete the JROTC cadet portfolio, profile, college and career plan.
- ❑ **10.** Be sure you investigate the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program at [www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org) - If you have questions regarding this or other scholarship programs, see your school counselor.