

# COLLEGE-BOUND

## PREPARING FOR APPLICATION SEASON

- Student responsibilities in the college application process
  - Find the right fit for your career
    - Explore Florida Universities
    - ACT/SAT/CLT Test Information
    - Arrange University Visits
  - Start the application process
- Student tips during application season
  - College Essay
  - Bright Futures and FAFSA



# The Pathway to University Applications





# SENIOR YEAR COURSE ENROLLMENT

1

## HOW MANY CLASSES DO I NEED?

Most universities want seniors to take at least 5 academic classes. In competing with your peers, you want your academic resume to show you want to learn. For more selective universities, students usually take more than 5 academic courses.

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## DO I NEED A FOREIGN LANGUAGE?

Yes! All public Florida Universities do require 2 sequential years of a foreign language. More selective universities recommend more than two years. Bright futures also requires two years.

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## WHAT SUBJECTS SHOULD I TAKE?

University advisers always recommend taking the following core subjects in your senior year, even if you surpassed the high school graduation requirement: English, Math, Science, Social Science.

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## DO I NEED TO TAKE ALL AP OR DE COURSES?

No. You need to choose a rigorous schedule that challenges you, but allows you to be successful. Your senior grades do count for admissions as offers can be rescinded for low grades. Concentrate on your core courses.

Need to see the classes you chose? Your registration form is in your documents in HAC or make an appointment with your counselor. For schedule change requests, see the link on the TCHS website. Changes cannot be made after May 30th!

# STANDARDIZED TESTING FOR UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS

## SAT

- Tests in Math and Verbal Reasoning
- Accepted by most schools nationwide.
- Digital exam at a test location
- You can superscore for Florida Universities and Bright Futures.
- Register at [collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org)

Test Date	Registration By	Late Registration By
Jun 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025
Aug 23, 2025	Aug 8, 2025	Aug 12, 2025
Sept 13, 2025	Aug 29, 2025	Sept 2, 2025
Oct 4, 2025	Sept 19, 2025	Sept 23, 2025
Nov 8, 2025	Oct 24, 2025	Oct 28, 2025
Dec 6, 2025	Nov 21, 2025	Nov 25, 2025
Mar 14, 2026	Feb 27, 2026	Mar 3, 2026

## ACT

- Tests in math, reading, English, and science (optional).
- Bright Futures REQUIRES the science section!
- Accepted by most schools nationwide.
- Digital with paper option for limited exams at a testing location
- You can superscore for Florida Universities and Bright futures.
- Register at [ACT.org](https://ACT.org)

Test Date	Registration By	Late Registration By
Jun 14, 2025	May 9, 2025	May 26, 2025
Jul 12, 2025	Jun 6, 2025	Jun 20, 2025
Sept 6, 2025	Aug 1, 2025	Aug 19, 2025
Oct 18, 2025	Sept 12, 2025	Sept 30, 2025
Dec 13, 2025	Nov 7, 2025	Nov 24, 2025
Feb 14, 2026	Jan 7, 2026	Jan 21, 2026

## CLT

- Tests in math, reading, and English.
- Accepted by Florida Public Universities, but may not be accepted at private universities or out of Florida.
- Digital exam at a testing location or at home.
- You can superscore for Florida Universities and Bright futures.
- Register at [CLTexam.com](https://CLTexam.com)

Test Date	Registration Deadline
Jun 18, 2025	Jun 12, 2025
Jul 17, 2025	Jul 10, 2025
Aug 16, 2025	Aug 7, 2025
Sept 18, 2025	Sept 11, 2025
Oct 11, 2025	Oct 2, 2025
Nov 8, 2025	Oct 30, 2025
Dec 3, 2025	Nov 20, 2025

Tests dates highlighted in green insure that scores can be sent by the Early Action Materials deadline of November 1<sup>st</sup>.



# EXPLORING UNIVERSITIES

Ask questions to find a school that is the right fit for you!

- How many students attend the university?
- How far is the university away from home?
- What do the living arrangements look like?
- Does the university have my major?
- How much money does it cost to attend?
- What is the retention rate?
- What percentage of students graduate on time?
- What are the class sizes?



# Types of Post-Secondary Institutions

1

## 4-Year College or University

- Earn a Bachelor's Degree
- Selective admission based on university

2

## State College

- Earn an Associate's degree in Arts or Science, a Bachelor's degree, or a career certification.
- Open admissions without test scores for admission

3

## Technical or Certification School

- Earn a technical certificate or an Associate of Science
- Open admission with some competitive programs

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## Military Active Duty or Academy



# THE STATE COLLEGE OPTION

## ST. JOHNS RIVER OR FSCJ

- Obtain an associate's or bachelor's degree in many career fields close to home.
- Open enrollment for admission only requires a high school diploma.
- No test scores required for admission. They may be used for course placement.
- Guaranteed admission to a Florida Public University after completion of an Associate Degree.
- You can check the university website for special connection options for particular state colleges in Florida.

SJR will have a free application day in March at TCHS!



Click above to register for the FSCJ Open House



# WHERE CAN I FIND UNIVERSITY INFORMATION?















## THE FLORIDA SUS

Visit the Florida SUS to learn about all Florida public universities.

Information includes the following:

- School Size
- Application deadlines
- Average GPA
- Average Test Scores
- School Location
- Links to every school
- 2 by 2 program transfer from State College and more.

The information link is for the 2024 admission cycle; the 2025 admission cycle SUS will come out in fall 2025.

	NAME OF INSTITUTION	SUMMER SEMESTER							FALL SEMESTER							
		Total Enrollment	Total Undergraduate Enrollment (2023)	Anticipated class size	Average or middle 50% FTIC GPA	Middle 50% Admit FTIC SAT	Middle 50% Admit FTIC ACT	Middle 50% FTIC CLT	Anticipated class size	Average or middle 50% FTIC GPA	Middle 50% Admit FTIC SAT	Middle 50% Admit FTIC ACT	Middle 50% FTIC CLT	SSAR/SPARK	Self-Reported Test Scores	2+2 Program
	FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY	9,742	8,011	348	3.47	1025	19.88		1,100 – 1,400	3.84	1120 – 1150	21 – 23	76	YES	NO	IGNITE
	FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	30,854	23,458	1,150	3.33 – 4.0	1030 – 1090	20 – 24	78 – 91	4,250	3.73 – 4.34	1090 – 1270	22 – 28	76 – 90	YES	YES	Link2FAU
	FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY	16,230	14,243	400	3.16 – 4.21	1030 – 1160	19 – 24	54 – 68	2,400	3.80 – 4.54	1070 – 1230	21 – 26	63 – 67	NO	NO	Destination FGCU
	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY	54,037	38,715	3,600	3.9 – 4.4	1090 – 1190	21 – 24	63 – 78	1,650	4.1 – 4.7	1250 – 1390	26 – 31	83 – 94	NO	NO	Connect4Success
	FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY	1,618	1,569	200	3.96	1130	23	N/A	330	4.35	1160 – 1360	25 – 31	81	YES	YES	N/A
	FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	43,234	32,217	2,600	4.1 – 4.5	1280 – 1360	28 – 30	84 – 86 (6 students)	3,400	4.2 – 4.6	1360 – 1470	30 – 33	92-97 (4 students)	YES	YES	Aspire Transfer Programs through Tallahassee State College (Traditional, Elite, Honors, Online)
	NEW COLLEGE OF FLORIDA	383	361	8	3.36	1045	23	53	230	3.96	1170	24	82	YES	YES	Guaranteed Admission Program
	UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA	69,316	59,547	3,400	3.91 – 4.38	1180 – 1240	24 – 26	81 – 88	4,900	4.01 – 4.55	1300 – 1420	29 – 31	92 – 100	YES	NO	Direct Connect to UCF
	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	60,489	38,347	1,800	4.5 – 4.7	1240 – 1400	27 – 32	N/A too few	5,400	4.5 – 4.7	1380 – 1510	31 – 34	N/A too few	YES	YES	Gator Engineering @ Santa Fe; Gator Design and Construction @ Santa Fe
	UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA	16,575	13,897	1,500	3.63 – 3.96	1000 – 1160	19 – 25	58 – 65	1,500	4.14 – 4.57	1130 – 1300	24 – 29	71 – 86	YES	NO	Transfer2UNF
	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA	48,732	36,452	3,211	3.61 – 4.15	1100 – 1190	22 – 25	67 – 82	4,068	4.07 – 4.55	1250 – 1400	27 – 31	81 – 91	YES	NO	FUSE
	UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA	14,343	9,646	40	3.51 – 4.1	1000 – 1210	19 – 25		1,460	3.69 – 4.24	1040 – 1240	20 – 27		YES	NO	2UWF

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[Florida State University System Access: Click Here](#)

# WHERE CAN I FIND UNIVERSITY INFORMATION?

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## PCUF: PRIVATE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES OF FLORIDA

Visit the PCUF to learn about all Florida private universities. Information includes the following:

- School Size
- AP/DE accepted
- Average GPA
- Average Test Scores
- School Location
- The average merit award is based on merit or financial need.

PCUF PRIVATE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES OF FLORIDA										
*An asterisk beside the institution name means the institution is "TEST OPTIONAL".										
	ADVENT HEALTH UNIVERSITY*	BARRY UNIVERSITY*	ECKERD COLLEGE*	EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY*	FLAGLER COLLEGE*	FLORIDA COLLEGE*	FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE*	JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY*	KEISER UNIVERSITY FLAGSHIP CAMPUS*
	<a href="http://www.ahu.edu">www.ahu.edu</a>	<a href="http://www.barry.edu">www.barry.edu</a>	<a href="http://www.eckerd.edu">www.eckerd.edu</a>	<a href="http://daytonabeach.erau.edu">daytonabeach.erau.edu</a>	<a href="http://www.flagler.edu">www.flagler.edu</a>	<a href="http://www.floridacollege.edu">www.floridacollege.edu</a>	<a href="http://www.fit.edu">www.fit.edu</a>	<a href="http://www.flsouthern.edu">www.flsouthern.edu</a>	<a href="http://www.jvu.edu">www.jvu.edu</a>	<a href="http://www.keiseruniversity.edu/residents">www.keiseruniversity.edu/residents</a>
LOCATION	ORLANDO, FL	MIAMI SHORES, FL	ST. PETERSBURG, FL	DAYTONA BEACH, FL	ST. AUGUSTINE, FL	TEMPLE TERRACE, FL	MELBOURNE, FL	LAKELAND, FL	JACKSONVILLE, FL	WEST PALM BEACH, FL
UNDERGRADUATE/FULL TIME ENROLLMENT	1221	2,040	1,950	7,551	2,359	591	3,500	2,721	2,698	1175
PERCENTAGE OF UNDERGRADUATES FROM FLORIDA	83%	69%	20%	28.73%	56%	0	40%	56%	48%	40%
ADMISSION DEADLINE	JULY 1	ROLLING	EARLY ACTION IV (STHEN ROLLING	JAN 15 & ROLLING	NOV 1 (ED) & MARCH 1 (RD)	ROLLING	ROLLING	Nov 1 - ED/EA, Mar 1 - RD	MAY 1	ROLLING
MIDRANGE GPA	3.23	3.42	3.4-3.7	3.99	3.67	3.5-3.9	3.51-3.93	3.4 - 4.1 (weighted)	3.7	3.2-3.4
MIDRANGE/AVG. SAT (CR & M, MIDDLE 50%)	Test Optional	967*	1120-1290*	1250	1157	1065-1130	1150-1330	1170-1360	1220	990 TEST OPTIONAL*
MIDRANGE/AVG. ACT (CR & M, MIDDLE 50%)	Test Optional	18*	23-29*	27	29	21-24	24-30	24-30	25	19
TUITION, FEES, HOUSING AND FOOD	\$43,740	\$48,400	\$66,618	\$58,856	\$45,030	\$31,215	\$59,420	\$58,400	\$65,740	\$53,179
ACCEPTANCE AP/IB? DUAL ENROLLMENT (DE)? ALL?	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL
AVG NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT AWARD	\$5,673	\$8,686	\$29,000	\$1,738	\$16,586	\$6,299	\$4,000	\$26,704	\$30,000	\$6,543
AVG NON-NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT AWARD	\$4,967	\$13,908	\$18,000	\$14,179	\$4,049	\$5,916	\$20,000	\$23,305	\$30,000	\$11,000
TOP 3 MAJORS	NURSING OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY HEALTHCARE ADMIN.	MANAGEMENT NURSING PSYCHOLOGY	MARINE SCIENCE ANIMAL STUDIES ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE	AERONAUTICAL SCIENCE AEROSPACE ENG. MECHANICAL ENG.	BIOLOGY COASTAL ENVIRON. SCIENCE SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP	BUSINESS ADMIN. NURSING KINESIOLOGY	AEROSPACE ENG. AERO SCI, W/ FLIGHT COMPUTER SCIENCE	BIOLOGY NURSING BUSINESS	NURSING AVIATION HEALTH SCIENCES	GOLF MGMT. EXERCISE SCIENCE BUSINESS ADMIN.
	LYNN UNIVERSITY*	NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY*	RINGLING COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN*	ROLLINS COLLEGE*	SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY*	SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY*	STETSON UNIVERSITY*	UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI*	THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA*	WARNER UNIVERSITY*
	<a href="http://www.lynn.edu">www.lynn.edu</a>	<a href="http://www.nova.edu">www.nova.edu</a>	<a href="http://www.ringling.edu">www.ringling.edu</a>	<a href="http://www.rollins.edu">www.rollins.edu</a>	<a href="http://www.saintleo.edu">www.saintleo.edu</a>	<a href="http://www.seu.edu">www.seu.edu</a>	<a href="http://www.stetson.edu">www.stetson.edu</a>	<a href="http://www.miami.edu">www.miami.edu</a>	<a href="http://www.ut.edu">www.ut.edu</a>	<a href="http://www.warner.edu">www.warner.edu</a>
LOCATION	BOCA RATON, FL	FT. LAUDERDALE, FL	SARASOTA, FL	WINTER PARK, FL	SAINT LEO, FL	LAKELAND, FL	DELAND, FL	CORAL GABLES, FL	TAMPA, FL	LAKE WALES, FL
UNDERGRADUATE/FULL TIME ENROLLMENT	2,311	7,219	1,722	2,229	2,099	2,500	2,260	12,570	9,585	894
PERCENTAGE OF UNDERGRADUATES FROM FLORIDA	31%	49%	24%	50%	65%	55%	66%	32%	20%	82%
ADMISSION DEADLINE	NOV 15 EA 1, JAN 15 EA 2, Rolling	NOV 1 ED/EA, FEB 1 REGULAR	ROLLING, ANIMATION JAN 15	NOV. 15/FEB. 15	ROLLING	ROLLING	Nov. 1	NOV 1 ED/EA, JAN 6 ED 2/R2	ED-NOV 1, ED-NOV 15 ED-MAR 1	ROLLING
MIDRANGE GPA	3.47	3.92	3.2-3.87	3.5	3.3 (UNWEIGHTED)	3.56	3.89	3.86	3.6	3.23
MIDRANGE/AVG. SAT (CR & M, MIDDLE 50%)	1175	1090-1330	N/A	1150-1350	1120-1170*	1120	1140-1300	1360-1490	1240	960
MIDRANGE/AVG. ACT (CR & M, MIDDLE 50%)	24	24-31	N/A	24-29	20-23*	24	24-30	31-34	24.8	18
TUITION, FEES, HOUSING AND FOOD	\$56,700	\$55,540	\$73,490	\$71,690	\$44,640	\$42,530	\$75,138	\$86,406	\$49,020	\$43,797
ACCEPTANCE AP/IB? DUAL ENROLLMENT (DE)? ALL?	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL
AVG NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT AWARD	\$6,754	\$23,514	\$7,317	\$38,231	\$1,069	\$6,408	\$44,442	\$47,156	\$18,328	N/A
AVG NON-NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT AWARD	\$18,568	\$19,064	\$10,305	\$25,462	\$14,501	\$18,085	\$29,904	\$24,895	\$13,495	\$18,880
TOP 3 MAJORS	INT'L. BUSINESS MGMT. ENTREPRENEURSHIP SPORTS MGMT.	BIOLOGY PRE-NURSING PSYCHOLOGY	COMPUTER ANIMATION ILLUSTRATION GAME ART	BUSINESS BIOLOGY PSYCHOLOGY	PRE-NURSING BUSINESS BIOLOGY	MINISTRY PSYCHOLOGY NURSING	HEALTH SCIENCE PSYCHOLOGY BUSINESS ADMIN.	BIOLOGY NURSING BSN BUSINESS	UNDECIDED FINANCE MARKETING	BUSINESS ADMIN. AGRICULTURE EXERCISE SCIENCE
For more information, please visit our Web site: <a href="http://www.pcuf.net">www.pcuf.net</a>										

[Private Colleges & Universities Page: Click Here](#)



# WHERE CAN I FIND UNIVERSITY INFORMATION?

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## XELLO: CAREER & COLLEGE SEARCH

Your student can log into Clever on the TCHS webpage and click the Xello link.

- Take a career interest, personality profile, or skills profile to help explore career ideas.
- Explore colleges through direct search or by location.
- Show all schools in Florida that have your intended major.
- “Heart” schools that interest you, to keep a running list.
- Search for scholarships catered to you.



### College & Career Readiness Software that Inspires Students

Xello is engaging college and career readiness software that unlocks every student's potential by opening their eyes to future possibilities and equipping them with the self-knowledge, skills and confidence to build...



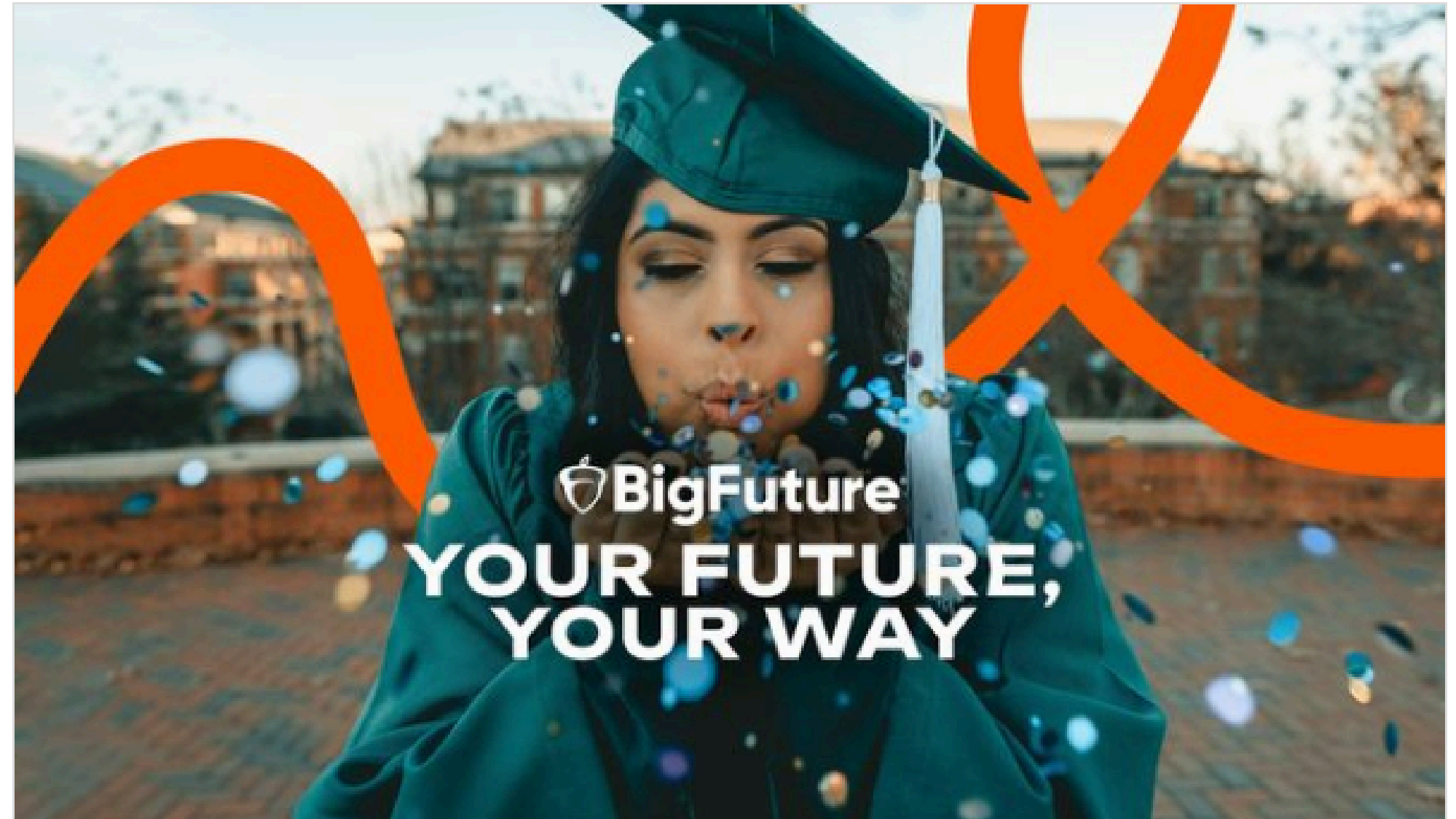
# WHERE CAN I FIND UNIVERSITY INFORMATION?

## 4 BIG FUTURE

- Take a career and college interest survey
- Explore colleges through direct search or by location.
- Search for school-based financial assistance
- Get help with study skills
- Search for scholarships catered to you.

## 5 COMMON DATA SET

- Use Google or any search engine to search: “Common Data Set of (insert university name)”
- Find information concerning application statistics, student demographics, financial information, and more.



### Home – BigFuture | College Board

Plan for life after high school. Compare colleges. Explore career possibilities. Learn about financial aid and scholarships.

 collegeboard.org

# Narrow Down Your School List

- Create a pros and cons chart to organize your observations.
- Arrange your university visits on the university's webpage early. Try to visit when classes are in session.
- Plan a college application list that includes reach, match, and safety schools.

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## Admission School Types

- **Reach Schools:**
  - Highly selective acceptance rates
  - Admission stats are higher than your academic record.
- **Match Schools:**
  - Admission stats comparable to your academic stats and a higher acceptance rate.
- **Safety Schools:**
  - High admission rate or
  - Admission stats are below your academic record.

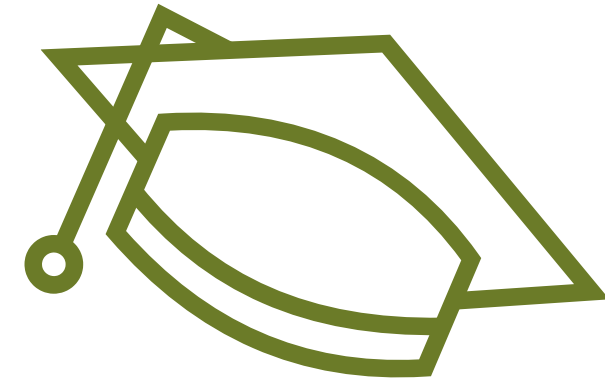
## Types of Application:

Early Action: Earlier decision and a possible higher rate of acceptance.

**Regular Admission Deadline:** The last date to apply. The school will set a release date for admission notification.

Rolling Admission: Applicants receive admission decisions continually.

# Starting the Application



## 1 COMMON APP

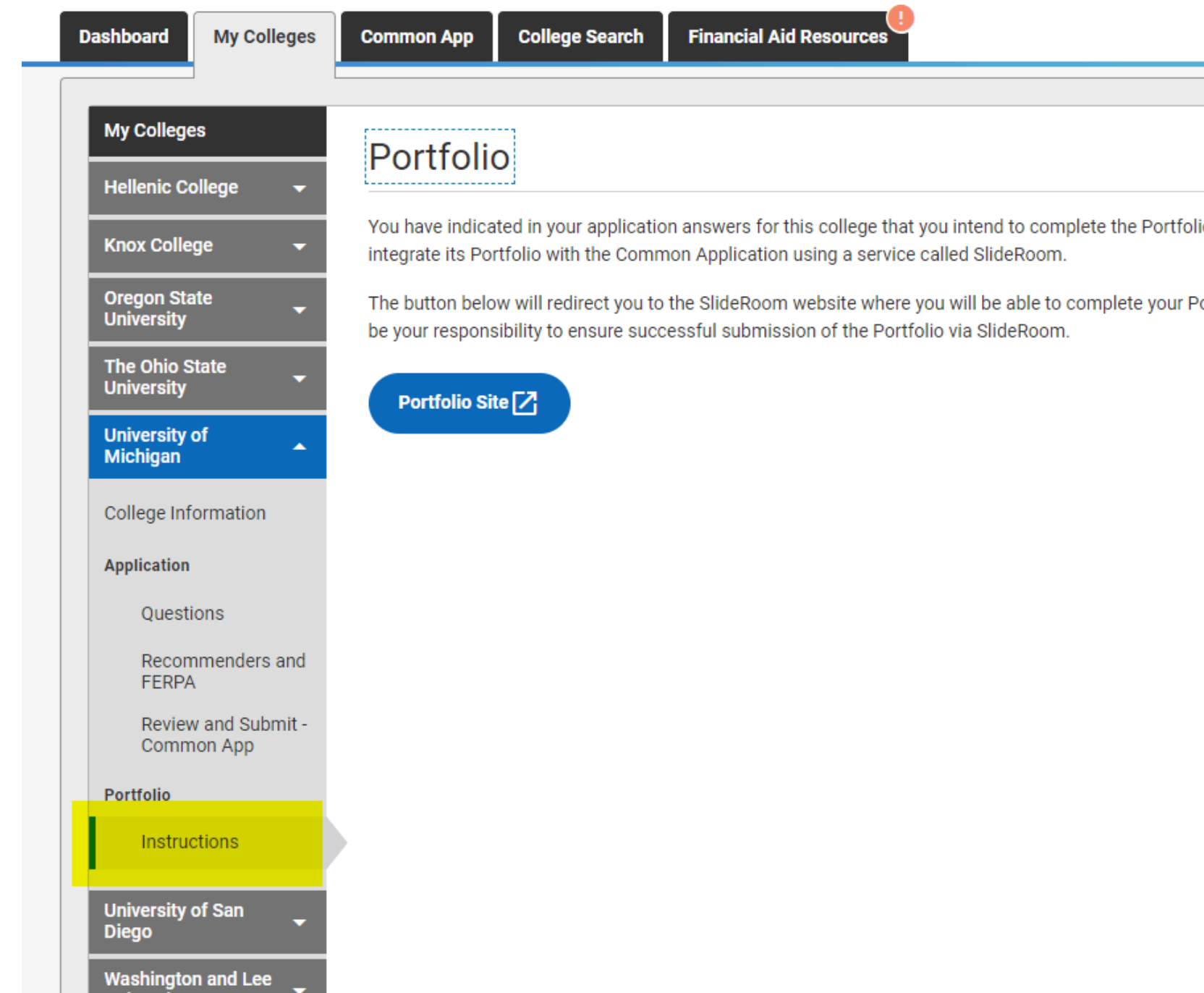
Common App allows you to apply to many universities with one base application. Each university may be added and completed at a separate time.

Common App will refresh this summer and be available on August 1, 2025, for your application season.

This is not affiliated with the school, and counselors cannot see your Common App if it is not connected in the student's Xello account.

## 2 DIRECT APPLICATION

Apply directly through the university admission webpage.





# COMPLETE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

A	B	C	D	E	T
COLLEGE	USERNAME	PASSWORD	STATUS (Date Checked)	\$\$ OFFERS \$\$	
<a href="#">Florida State University</a>			<i>accepted</i>		IS = \$1
<a href="#">University of Central Florida</a>			ACCEPTED		IS = \$5
<a href="#">myUCF</a>					
<a href="#">University of North Florida</a>			ACCEPTED	\$4,000 annually	IS = \$1
<a href="#">University of South Florida</a>			<i>accepted</i>		IS = \$7
<a href="#">Embry-Riddle Aero University</a>			ACCEPTED	\$24,000 for a year	IS = \$2
			Placement Courses (11/6)		
<a href="#">ERNIE Application login</a>			Housing Contracts (11/6)		
<a href="#">Florida Polytechnic University</a>			ACCEPTED		IS = \$6
<a href="#">Jacksonville University</a>			ACCEPTED	\$36,000 annually	IS = \$2
<a href="#">University of North Georgia</a>			ACCEPTED		IS = \$5
<a href="#">University of Alabama Huntsville</a>			ACCEPTED		OS = \$
<a href="#">University of South Alabama</a>			ACCEPTED	\$6,000 annually	IS = \$7
<a href="#">Mississippi State University</a>			ACCEPTED	\$18,000 annually	OS = \$
<a href="#">MSU MyState Login</a>				\$2,000 for a year	
<a href="#">University of Mississippi - Ole Miss</a>			ACCEPTED	\$6,000 for a year	OS = \$
<a href="#">MyOleMiss Login</a>				\$24,000 annually	
<a href="#">North Carolina State University</a>			Decision Date: 01/30		OS = \$
<a href="#">The Citadel</a>			ACCEPTED	NONE	OS = \$
<a href="#">University of Tennessee Knoxville</a>			<i>Deferred</i>		OS = \$
<a href="#">Texas A&amp;M University</a>			<i>Deferred</i>		OS = \$
<a href="#">University of Arizona</a>			ACCEPTED	\$12,200 annually	OS = \$
<a href="#">Arizona Next Steps Center</a>					
<a href="#">University of Colorado Boulder</a>			<i>accepted</i>		OS = \$
<a href="#">University of Maine</a>			ACCEPTED	\$21,200 annually	OS = \$
<a href="#">University of Alabama</a>			ACCEPTED	\$16,000 annually	OS = \$
<a href="#">MyBama</a>					
<a href="#">States Merchant Marine Academy</a>			ACCEPTED	FULL RIDE	FULL F
			**KEEP GOOD GRADES**		
<a href="#">Student Transcript Sender</a>					
<a href="#">Bright Futures Login</a>					
<a href="#">Home</a>					



Use an email that you check for university communications.



Keep your login and application information for each university portal organized.



Keep a checklist of required tasks.



Submit items early, especially official test scores.



Follow the portal instructions.

- Self-report of grades vs. official transcripts
- Self-report of test scores vs. official test scores



Questions about your application? Contact the university admissions department directly.

# COLLEGE ESSAY



## **Common App announces 2024–2025 Common App essay prompts**

The Common App essay prompts offer diverse topics, inviting students to share personal stories,...

 [commonapp.org](https://commonapp.org)

[Common App Essay Prompts: Click Here](#)

Common App will have the same prompts as previous years. You may choose a prompt and start creating your essay before you complete your applications.

Most seniors will work on a senior essay in English class in the fall.

Tips for Success:

- Be Authentic
- Grab your reader's attention
- Show, don't tell
- Be unique
- Read it aloud to catch errors
- End with a bang

# START YOUR SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH

## 1 XELLO SCHOLARSHIPS

- Complete your scholarship profile in Xello to find scholarships based on demographics, major, financial status, affiliations, etc...
- Search for and “Heart” scholarships to save and complete.

## 2 CHECK SCHOOLOGY

Any local scholarships will be posted on the School Counselor page on Schoology.

## 3 UNIVERSITY WEBSITES

The financial aid office at the post-secondary university may have scholarships for its institution.

## 4 SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES

Popular free scholarship search sites include:

[Goingmerry.com](http://Goingmerry.com)

[Fastweb.com](http://Fastweb.com)

[bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://bigfuture.collegeboard.org)



# BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP

- The Bright Futures application opens October 1, 2025.
- There is eligibility-based criteria for each scholarship award.
- All seniors receive a copy of their early evaluation in their senior meetings with their counselor.
- Bright Futures award notification can take place in March if all requirements are met. Do not delay!
- Students may test to satisfy test score requirements until August 31, 2026. If taking the ACT, you MUST take the science section for Bright Futures qualification
- You must send test scores to a public university to be received by Bright Futures. It must be the individual test scores, not just the superscore report.

Type	16 High School Course Credits <sup>1</sup>	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/CLT®/SAT®)	Volunteer Service Only	Paid Work Hours Only	Combination of Volunteer/Paid Hours
FAS	4 - English <i>(three must include substantial writing)</i> 4 - Mathematics <i>(at or above the Algebra I level)</i> 3 - Natural Science <i>(two must have substantial laboratory)</i>	3.50	2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340  2025-26 Graduates: 29/95/1330	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours
FMS	3 - Social Science 2 - Foreign/World Language <i>(sequential, in same language)</i>	3.00	2024-25 Graduates: 25/84/1210  2025-26 Graduates: 24/82/1190	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours

[Click Here for Access to the Bright Futures Handbook](#)

# SUBMIT VOLUNTEER AND WORK HOURS

- While submission of volunteer and work hours is not required for graduation, it is required to attain certain Bright Futures Scholarships.
- Hours are only submitted twice a year to Bright Futures, after each semester! Get your hours in by the end of the first semester, or they will not be sent until the end of the second semester.
- Full instructions on volunteer/work hours procedures, and the reflection form are available on the Toco School Counseling webpage: <https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/community-service/>

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## Collect your paperwork.

Volunteer Work:  
Documentation on the non-profit organization's letterhead that includes your name, dates of service, hours worked, and a description of service.

Work Hours:  
Documentation consists of pay stubs that include hours worked.

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## Attach your reflection form.

- Must be completed for both community service and work hours.
- Download and print this form from the Toco school counseling website.

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## Record and Submit.

- Make a copy or take a photo for your records in case of any discrepancy.
- Submit the physical copy of the paperwork and the reflection to your counseling office. No electronic submission, please.



Seeking Financial Aid



# FINANCIAL AID

- The financial aid application opens in October 2025.
- The application provides access to:
  - Aid based on financial need
  - Student loans and grants
- Apply early! Student financial aid does run out.
- Watch for the SJR FASFA Frenzy for presentations and hands-on assistance for FASFA completion.

[Click Here to Access the Navigating Your Financial Future Book.](#)

[Click Here to Access the FAFSA Application Page.](#)



# STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

- Register for the ACT, SAT, or CLT test, if needed.
- Keep your login and application information for each university portal organized. Keep a checklist or required tasks and make sure you complete all tasks in the portal.
- Send official test scores early, if needed. Some schools may take 30 days to process test scores.
- Know if a letter of recommendation is needed by checking your portal. Ask for letters of recommendation early in senior year to avoid the rush.
- Questions about your application? Call the university admissions department directly over asking a peer.
- Apply for Bright Futures and FAFSA when they open.
- Attend Fall Torotime workshops on SSAR, Common App, Bright Future, etc, in the fall.
- Join the senior and school counseling Schoology page.
- Make an appointment with your counselor for help! Let us know when you need help!





# UNF Apply in July

What's exciting about Apply in July?

You can receive a non-binding, on-the-spot admission decision for Summer or Fall 2026! In addition, you can learn more about UNF's programs, resources, and meet admissions representatives.

Saturday, July 26, 2025

UNF Campus; Jacksonville, FL

## Participation Requirements

- Submit an application and required admission materials by July 20 to have an opportunity to participate in Apply in July.
  - Required admission materials: application fee, test scores (ACT, SAT, and/or CLT), high school transcript(s) (9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> final grades)
- Will be a high school senior in the fall.
- Have already taken the ACT, SAT, and/or CLT.

If you satisfy the above criteria, you can receive a registration link for Apply in July and get your admission decision at the event!

[Apply in July Application Page: Click Here](#)

Tocoi Creek High School School Counseling Page:

<https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/>

#### Testing:

- ACT: [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)
- SAT: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- CLT: [www.cltexam.com](http://www.cltexam.com)
- Testing accommodation request paperwork for TCHS:  
<https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/testing/testing/testing-accommodation-information/>

#### College and Career Exploration:

- Xello: Student logs in through Clever
- Common App for University Applications: <https://www.commonapp.org/>
- College Navigator: <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>
- Florida Shines: <https://www.floridashines.org/>
- Big Future: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>
- My Florida Future: <https://www.flbog.edu/myfloridafuture/>
- Get There: CTE opportunities in Florida. <https://gettherefl.com/>
- ASVAB Career Exploration: <https://www.asvabprogram.com/>
- Apprenticeship Finder: <https://www.apprenticeship.gov/apprenticeship-job-finder>

#### Scholarships and Financial Aid:

- The Bright Futures Handbook:  
<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/pdf/bfhandbookchapter1.pdf>
- Bright Futures: <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org>
- FAFSA: <https://studentaid.gov/>
- Xello Scholarship Search: Students log in through Clever

# RESOURCES TO USE

## TOCOI CREEK SCHOOLOGY GROUP ACCESS CODES:

TCHS School Counseling Page:  
42BP-PCPC-Q5DCN  
TCHS Senior Class of 2026 Page:  
6MNC-B6MZ-H4V8P