

# SENIOR YEAR

## PREPARING FOR GRADUATION AND APPLICATION SEASON

- Know your graduation requirements
- Student responsibilities in the college application process
  - Find the right fit for your career
    - Explore Florida Universities
    - ACT/SAT/CLT Test Information
    - Start the application process
- Student tips during application season
  - Resources from the counseling office
    - Bright Futures and FAFSA





# KNOW YOUR COUNSELOR

## KNOW HOW TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

Scan the QR code and click the link to make an appointment with your counselor.

Use your confirmation email as your pass to the counseling office.

**TCHS**  
**SCHOOL**  
**COUNSELORS**

Find your school counselor based on last name.

Last names K-Z counselors are on the 1st floor

Last names A-J and all ECP students are on the 3rd floor.

USE QR FOR APPOINTMENT





**Angel Sletto**  
Early College & Last Name: A-Bo



**Artina Coma**  
Last Name: Br-El



**D'Erica Gibbs**  
Last Name: En-J



**Laura Kuhel**  
Last Name: K-Mul



**Rachel Blount**  
Last Name: Mun-Sc



**Heather Ketterer**  
Last Name: Se-Z



# GET TO GRADUATION!

You will meet with your counselor within the next few weeks to:

1. Review your graduation requirements
2. Review Bright Futures Early Evaluation
3. Discuss your post-secondary plan
4. Answer your questions! Please write a list of questions!

Graduation Requirements:

- 4 English Credits
- 4 Math Credits (Algebra and Geometry must be included)
- 3 Science Credits (Biology must be included)
- 3 Social Science Credits (must be World History, US History, Government/Economics)
- 1 HOPE credit (or athletic waiver)
- 1 Performing or Practical Fine Art Credit
- 8 Elective Credits

In addition, students must have a 2.0 GPA and pass the Algebra 1 BEST and Reading FAST (or have a passing concordant score.)



# 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

## 4 Military Active Duty or Academy





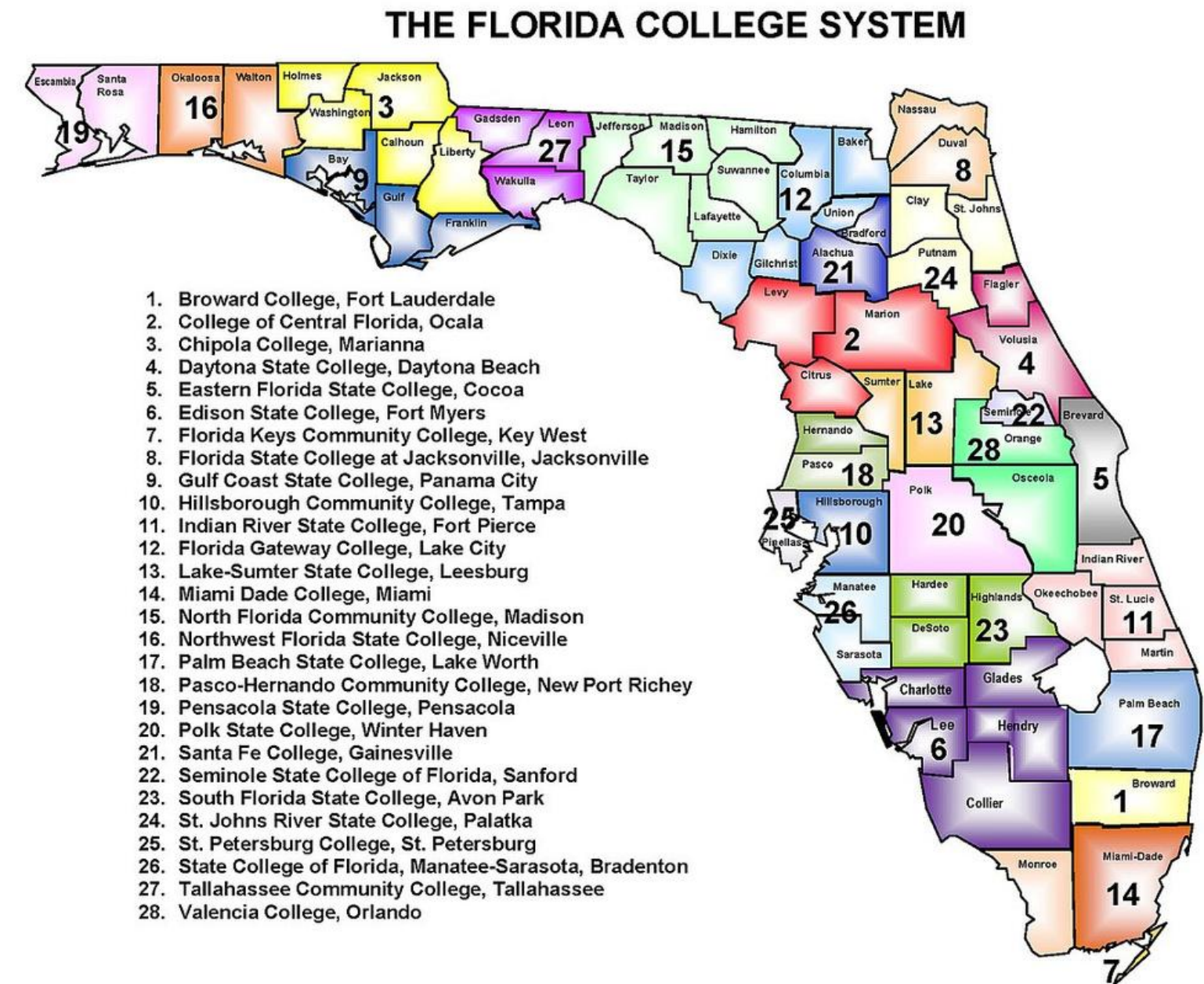
# THE STATE COLLEGE OPTION

Scan to register for  
the St. Johns River  
college visit on  
October 15 during  
Toro Time!



- 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 (not guaranteed a specific university.)
- 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!



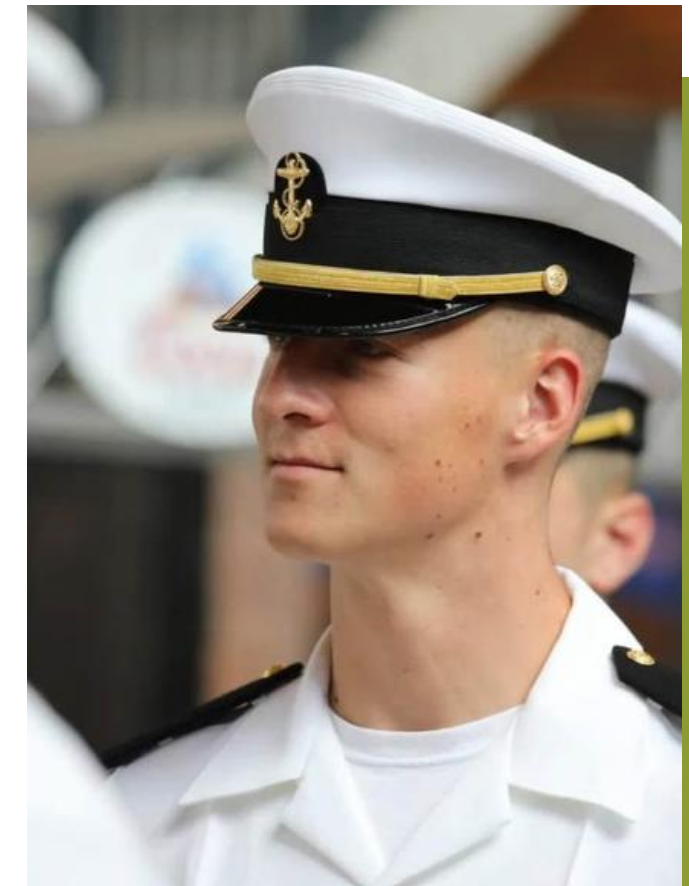


# MILITARY OPPORTUNITIES

## Steps to Joining the Military

1. [Meet with a recruiter](#)
2. [MEPS](#)
3. [Take the ASVAB](#)
4. Pass the physical examination
5. Determine Military career with a service enlistment counselor
6. [Oath of Enlistment](#)
7. [Basic Training](#)

\*Information and links from military.com



2025 Graduate Colton Sletto presents the colors at the Mets game. Colton was accepted to the Merchant Marine Academy in New York.

## **U.S. Service Academy Nomination Application Information**

**Deadline for material submission: September 30th**

**Students must apply for a nomination.** Visit our representatives below for nomination application instructions.

Senator Ashley Moody:

[www.moody.senate.gov](http://www.moody.senate.gov)

Senator Rick Scott:

[www.rickscott.senate.gov](http://www.rickscott.senate.gov)

Vice President JD Vance:

[www.whitehouse.gov/administration/jd-vance](http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/jd-vance)

Congressman John Rutherford:

[www.rutherford.house.gov/service](http://www.rutherford.house.gov/service)

# 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

Test Date	Registration By	Late R
Jun 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 1
Aug 23, 2025	Aug 8, 2025	Aug 1
Sept 13, 2025	Aug 29, 2025	Sept 2
Oct 4, 2025	Sept 19, 2025	Sept 2
Nov 8, 2025	Oct 24, 2025	Oct 2
Dec 6, 2025	Nov 21, 2025	Nov 2
Mar 14, 2026	Feb 27, 2026	Mar 3

## ACT

- Tests in math, reading, English, and science (optional).
- Bright Futures does not require the science section if it is not sent.
- Accepted by most schools nationwide.
- Digital with paper option for limited exams
- You can superscore for Florida Universities and Bright Futures.
- Register at ACT.org

Test Date	Registration By	
Jun 14, 2025	May 9, 2025	
Jul 12, 2025	Jun 6, 2025	
Sept 6, 2025	Aug 1, 2025	
Oct 18, 2025	Sept 12, 2025	S
Dec 13, 2025	Nov 7, 2025	
Feb 14, 2026	Jan 7, 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

Test Date	Registrat
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 1st.



# 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?

## UPCOMING UNIVERSITY VISITS

Southwestern University, September 18 @ 9:00 AM

Virtual link will be sent

University of North Florida, September 18 @ 10:00 AM

University of Florida, October 2 @ 9:00 AM

University of Central Florida, October 3 @ 10:00 AM

St. Johns River, October 15 @ 10:00 AM

University of Northwestern Ohio, October 9 @ 9:00 AM

**You must register to attend!**

**Scan the link below or find the link in Schoology!**





# 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.

Click the table to the right to open the full Florida State University System book.

NAME OF INSTITUTION	SUMMER SEMESTER							FALL SEMESTER							
	Total Enrollment	Total Undergraduate Enrollment (2024)	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	STARS/SPARK	Self-Reported Test Scores	2+2 Program
 FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY	9,296	7,863	300	3.16 – 3.88	1030 – 1150	19 – 24	54 – 73	1500	3.69 – 4.25	1080-1230	22 – 27	61 – 73	YES	NO	IGNITE
 FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	30,854	23,755	1,000	3.36 – 4.02	1010 – 1180	20 – 25	81 – 97	4,400	3.78 – 4.35	1100 – 1280	22 – 28	87 – 98	YES	YES	Link2FAU
 FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY	15,962	13,864	400	3.12 – 4.21	1020 – 1160	19 – 24	51 – 72	2,400	3.79 – 4.54	1070 – 1240	21 – 26	56 – 73	NO	NO	Destination FGCU
 FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY	54,037	39,470	3,900	3.9 – 4.5	1060 – 1180	22 – 25	72 – 82	2,000	4.1 – 4.6	1250 – 1390	27 – 31	86 – 93	NO	NO	Connect4Success
 FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY	1,618	1,769	200	3.96	1130	23	N/A too few	330	3.48 – 3.86	1206	27	76	YES	YES	N/A
 FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	43,871	32,711	2,200	4.1 – 4.5	1280 – 1370	28 – 30	N/A too few	4,000	4.3 – 4.6	1370 – 1460	30 – 33	N/A too few	YES	YES	Aspire Transfer Program through TSC (Traditional, Elite, Honors, Online Options)
 NEW COLLEGE OF FLORIDA	881	852	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	300	3.7 – 4.3	1060 – 1240	22 – 27	63-83	YES	YES	Guaranteed Admission Program
 UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA	69,316	59,644	3,400	3.98 – 4.38	1190 – 1240	24 – 27	81 – 88	4,900	4.11 – 4.57	1310 – 1430	28 – 32	92 – 100	YES	NO	Direct Connect to UCF
 UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	61,936	38,246	1,600	4.5 – 4.7	1260 – 1410	28 – 32	N/A too few	5,900	4.5 – 4.7	1390 – 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	13,869	1,500	3.23 – 3.71	960 – 1140	18 – 24	49 – 63	1,500	4.00 – 4.53	1100 – 1300	22 – 28	51 – 75	YES	YES	Transfer2UNF
 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA	48,732	37,000	2,990	3.61 – 4.18	1110 – 1220	23 – 26	71 – 85	3,800	4.03 – 4.55	1260 – 1410	27 – 31	86 – 97	YES	NO	FUSE
 UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA	14,797	9,959	60	3.47 – 4.08	990 – 1200	19 – 25	57 – 68	1,494	3.58 – 4.22	1020 – 1230	20 – 27	48 – 69	YES	NO	2UWF



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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										
	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*
	www.ahu.edu	www.barry.edu	www.eckerd.edu	daytonabeach.erau.edu	www.flagler.edu	www.floridacollege.edu	www.fit.edu	www.flsouthern.edu	www.ju.edu	www.keiseruniversityflagship.com
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	1,221	2,040	1,950	7,551	2,359	591	3,500	2,721	2,698	1,175
PERCENTAGE OF UNDERGRADUATES FROM FLORIDA	83%	69%	20%	28.73%	56%	0	40%	56%	48%	40%
ADMISSION DEADLINE	JULY 1	ROLLING	EARLY ACTION 11/15 THEN ROLLING	JAN 15 & ROLLING	NOV 1 (ED) & MARCH 1 (ED)	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/GRAANT 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/GRAANT 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 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*
	www.lynn.edu	www.nova.edu	www.ringling.edu	www.rollins.edu	www.saintleo.edu	www.seu.edu	www.stetson.edu	www.miami.edu	www.ut.edu	www.warner.edu
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, 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, EA-NOV 15, RD-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/GRAANT 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/GRAANT 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: [www.pcuf.net](http://www.pcuf.net)

[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.

# 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.



# Narrow Down Your School List

- Create a pros and cons chart.
- Arrange your university visits.
- Plan a college application list that includes reach, match, and safety schools.

PROS	CONS	PROS	CONS	PROS	CONS	PROS	CONS
<p>se to home</p> <p>enced Faculty</p> <p>ght Futures</p> <p>Ranked school</p> <p>try Connections</p> <p>TC Program</p> <p>bal Presence</p> <p>se Career Paths</p>	<p>\$\$ Expensive \$\$</p> <p>Mainly Men</p> <p>imited Social Life (Busy Busy)</p> <p>Heavy Workload</p> <p>ONLY GO IF I GET AROTC</p> <p>Florida Weather</p>	<p>Possibly match Bright Future:</p> <p>Great campus</p> <p>Alabama Babes ;)</p> <p>Diverse Campus</p> <p>Great Professors</p> <p>Hands-on Research</p> <p>Scholarships &amp; Financial Aid</p> <p>Growing Reputation</p>	<p>Possible Online</p> <p>8,914 Enrolled</p> <p>Less competitive Sport Scene</p> <p>Hot &amp; Humid</p> <p>Not highly Recognized</p> <p>High out-of-state</p> <p>Commuter Culture</p>	<p>Strong ROTC program</p> <p>Small class size</p> <p>Great resources on campus</p> <p>Staff assist with learning</p> <p>SUPER AFFORDABLE</p> <p>Beautiful Campus</p>	<p>Little Diversity</p> <p>Senior Leadership Issues</p> <p>Compensation Challenges</p> <p>Limited Housing</p> <p>Military Academy lifestyle</p> <p>Limited Social &amp; Nightlife</p> <p>Commuter Campus</p>	<p>Affordable</p> <p>Strong Engineering</p> <p>Leading Research University</p> <p>Rural Campus</p> <p>Strong School Spirit</p> <p>Offering a lot of money</p>	<p>Limited Urban Resources</p> <p>Hot &amp; Humid Climate</p> <p>Limited Diversity</p> <p>Less racial, cultural diversity</p> <p>Parking is challenging</p>
University of Mississippi		The Citadel		University of Arizona		University of Maine	
<p>g Engineering</p> <p>eat Campus</p> <p>e School Spirit</p> <p>arty School"</p> <p>ips &amp; Financial Aid</p> <p>ern Hospitality</p> <p>er Resources</p> <p>ch Opportunities</p> <p>mall-Town</p> <p>issippi Girls ;)</p>	<p>Limited Diversity</p> <p>Somewhat Affordable</p> <p>Hot &amp; Humid</p> <p>Parking is very difficult</p>	<p>Military training</p> <p>Small class sizes</p> <p>Focus on physical fitness</p> <p>Financial aid opportunities</p> <p>Develops resilience</p> <p>Develop discipline</p> <p>Strong school reputation</p>	<p>HIGHLY regimented</p> <p>limited social life</p> <p>physical and mental stress</p> <p>limited majors</p> <p>less traditional experience</p> <p>strict appearance</p> <p>commitment requirements</p> <p>\$\$ Expensive \$\$</p>	<p>Strong academics</p> <p>Research opportunities</p> <p>Modern facilities</p> <p>diverse student body</p> <p>Financial Aid &amp; Scholarships</p> <p>Mild winter, warm climate</p> <p>Active student life</p> <p>"Party School"</p>	<p>HOT SUMMERS</p> <p>Large class size</p> <p>Not as affordable as wanted</p> <p>Limited Parking</p> <p>Competitive Environment</p> <p>ONLY GO IF I GET NROTC</p> <p>Not offering enough money</p>	<p>Beautiful campus</p> <p>Offering a lot of money</p> <p>Strong research campus</p> <p>A lot of outdoor activities</p> <p>Small class sizes</p> <p>Strong alumni network</p> <p>SNOWBOARDING</p> <p>Strong community</p> <p>"Party School"</p>	<p>Not affordable out-of-state</p> <p>Limited local job market</p> <p>Less Diverse campus</p> <p>Far from major city</p> <p>limited public transportation</p> <p>Limited Housing</p>
University of Alabama		United States Merchant Marine Academy		PROS	CONS	PROS	CONS
<p>School Spirit</p> <p>ised Scholarships</p> <p>ern Hospitality</p> <p>utiful Campus</p> <p>ama Babes ;)</p> <p>Athletics focus</p> <p>arty School"</p>	<p>High tuition cost</p> <p>Large Class size</p> <p>Limited transportation</p> <p>Limited job opportunities</p> <p>Hot &amp; Humid</p>	<p>Full Ride</p> <p>Choice of Merchant or military</p> <p>ands on maritime experience</p> <p>Strong job placement</p> <p>International experience</p> <p>Military benefit after graduation</p> <p>Rigorous STEM training</p> <p>Trimester system</p> <p>Simpler as life goes along</p> <p>Lacrosse coach is interested</p>	<p>Military Academy style</p> <p>Commitment is high</p> <p>Risks of piracy</p> <p>Must serve at least 8 years</p> <p>Barely any breaks</p>				

## 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.

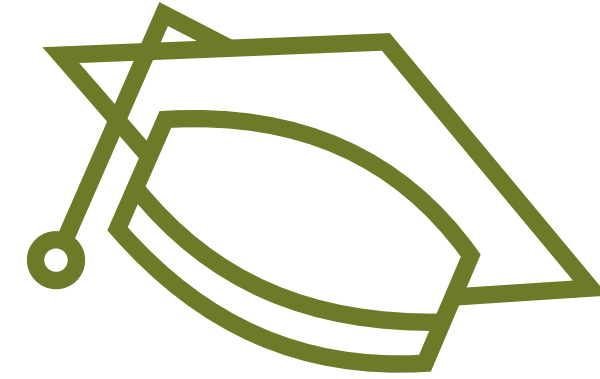
## Types of Application:

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



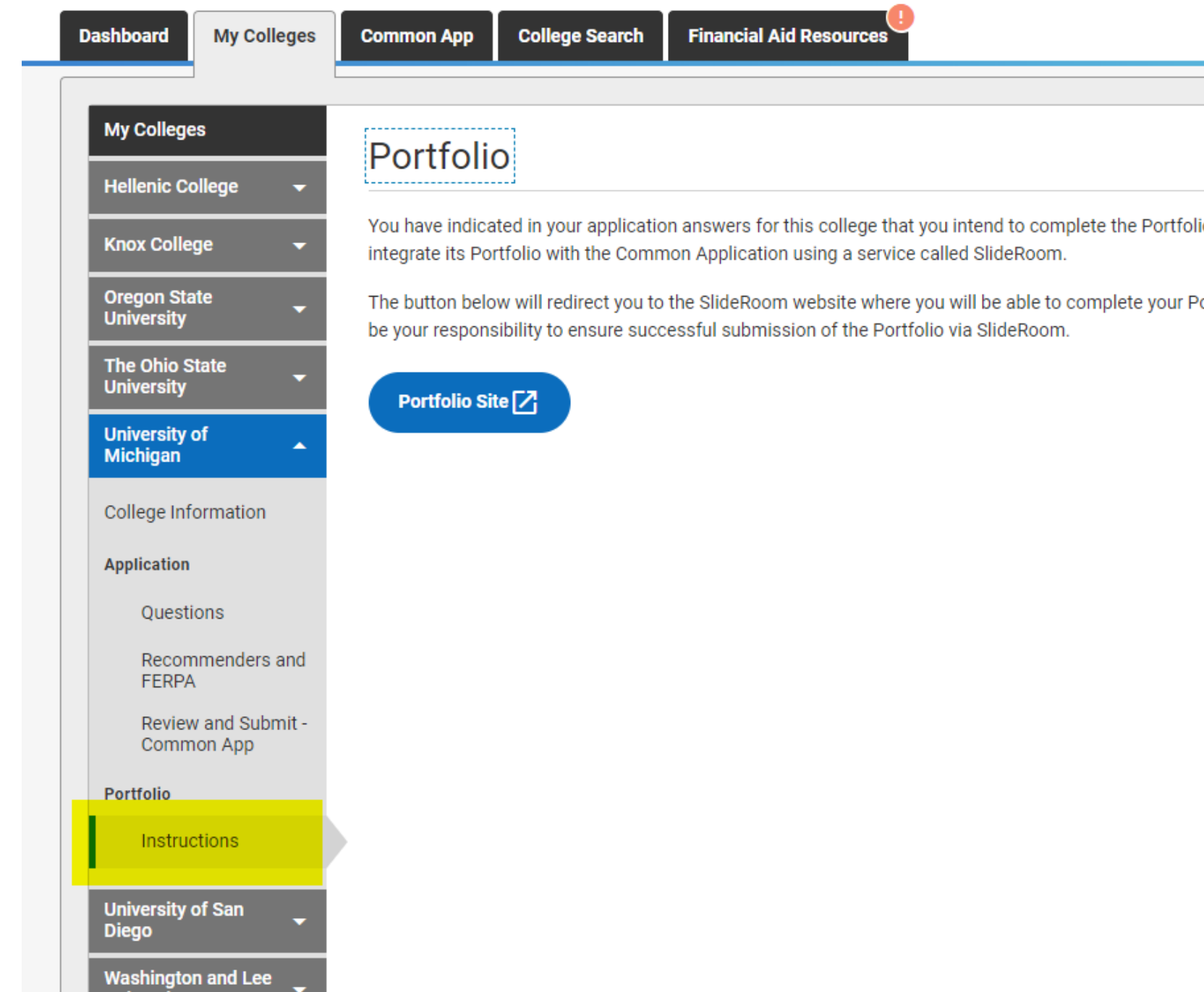
## 1 COMMON APP

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 is not affiliated with the school, and counselors cannot see your Common App if it is not connected to your Xello account.

## 2 DIRECT APPLICATION

Apply directly through the university admission webpage.







# COMMON APP ESSAY

Any student applying through Common App must complete one of the Common App essay prompts. This is the most time-consuming part of the university application. Commonapp.com gives tips for success on the website.

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

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

# College and Career Exploration & Application

using **xello** and **common app**

Use the follow steps to assist in the college exploration and university application process.

Remember, follow all instructions from the institution after each college application is submitted. This may include creating an account with the institution, logging in to a portal, self-reporting grades, test scores, and other requirements.

Download this guide to explore the connection among specific careers, majors, and colleges.

Use the directive chart below to connect complete the application process.

Download the PDF copy by clicking the link below!

[Exploration & Application Handout](#)



## EXPLORE CAREERS AND COLLEGES

1. Log In to Xello using clever clicking the Xello icon to log on and access the Xello website
2. Complete the "About Me" section to find careers that match your interests, personality, and skills.
3. Explore the careers, post-secondary schools, and non-secondary school based careers.
4. Explore schools (majors, demographics, admission criteria, and deadlines)

### SET UP A COMMON APP ACCOUNT (IF NOT APPLYING DIRECTLY)

1. Visit Commonapp.org and click "Create an Account."
2. Create an account and complete your profile.
3. Add Colleges: Go to the "Colleges" tab to search and add the colleges to start the applications.  
You must waive your FERPA rights for us to see your Common App and request transcripts and letters of recommendation.
4. You MUST submit the application on Common App.

### CONNECT COMMON APP TO XELLO (IF NOT APPLYING DIRECTLY)

1. Log In to Xello through Clever
2. Hover over "Plans," and click "College Application"
3. Find the Common App Integration link at the top of the college application section
4. Follow the Prompts: Log in to your Common App account and authorize the connection.
5. Sync Information: Ensure your college list and application details are synchronized.

### REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS IF REQUIRED

- Applying Directly:
1. Log In to Xello through Clever
  2. Navigate to the plans section, click to add a college application
  3. Submit Request: Follow the instructions to request your transcripts.
- Applying Through Common App:
1. Connect Common App and view colleges on Xello under the applications tab.
  2. Under the college, select "assign" next to the Common App school report and select your counselor.
- Please Note: Many Florida public schools only take the STAR or Spark. Check your college application portal for the

### REQUEST LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

1. Log In to Xello through Clever
  2. Navigate to plans, click applications.
  3. Under each school, if teacher recommendations is listed as available, click request.
  4. Follow the instructions to select a teacher for the request.
- Please Note:
1. Only schools that accept letters of recommendation allow you to request.
  2. You should ask your teacher first before sending this request.

### SUBMIT MATERIALS AFTER APPLICATION SUBMISSION

1. Check you email after EVERY application submission to log into that university's student portal.
2. Complete all items in the porta.. Every school portal has different requirements to complete the application. Read carefully!
3. Keep a log to organize yourself if you complete multiple applications. Ma



# COMPLETE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

A	B	C	D
COLLEGE	USERNAME	PASSWORD	STATUS (Date Checked)
<a href="#">Florida State University</a>			<i>accepted</i>
<a href="#">University of Central Florida</a> <a href="#">myUCF</a>			ACCEPTED
<a href="#">University of North Florida</a>			ACCEPTED
<a href="#">University of South Florida</a>			accepted
<a href="#">Embry-Riddle Aero University</a>			ACCEPTED
<a href="#">ERNE Application login</a>			Placement Courses (11/6)
<a href="#">Florida Polytechnic University</a>			Housing Contracts (11/6)
<a href="#">Jacksonville University</a>			ACCEPTED
<a href="#">University of North Georgia</a>			ACCEPTED
<a href="#">University of Alabama Huntsville</a>			ACCEPTED
<a href="#">University of South Alabama</a>			ACCEPTED
<a href="#">Mississippi State University</a> <a href="#">MSU MyState Login</a>			ACCEPTED
<a href="#">University of Mississippi - Ole Miss</a> <a href="#">MyOleMiss Login</a>			ACCEPTED
<a href="#">North Carolina State University</a> <a href="#">The Citadel</a>			Decision Date: 01/30 ACCEPTED
<a href="#">University of Tennessee Knoxville</a>			Deferred
<a href="#">Texas A&amp;M University</a>			Deferred
<a href="#">University of Arizona</a>			ACCEPTED
<a href="#">Arizona Next Steps Center</a>			
<a href="#">University of Colorado Boulder</a>			accepted
<a href="#">University of Maine</a>			ACCEPTED

[University Application Organization Excel](#)

Click above for a fillable organizational excel to track application and materials submission as well as portal usernames and passwords.



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.

# SELF-REPORT OF GRADES

Most Florida public universities use the STAR to self-report grades (UCF uses the SPARK) as a required part of application completion.

How to self-report grades:

1. Find your transcript in Xello.
  - Hover over plans
  - Click “College Applications”
  - Click on your PDF under the Transcript header.
2. Create your STAR or SPARK (for UCF) account
3. Type courses and grades exactly how they appear in the transcript.
  - TCHS reports in letter grades
  - For 1.0 credit, it is a full-year course
  - For .5 credit, it is a semester course. Ex: English 1 reports grades in semesters. Select semester, and put in semester 1 and 2 grades.
  - If you took Algebra, Geometry, Biology, or US History in Florida (not AP level), these are full-year courses with one letter grade.
  - If you failed and retook a course, you must put both, as is documented on the transcript.
4. Double-check your work!

## High School/Secondary School Graduation Year

Confirm your High School/Secondary School Graduation Month/Year

May 2026

## High Schools/Colleges Attended

### Tocoi Creek High School

Replace School

Enter Courses

Remove School

#### Street Address:

CEEB Code: 102754  
11200 St Johns Pkwy  
St Augustine, FL 32092

#### Dates of Attendance: (mm/yyyy)

From:

08/2022

To:

05/2026

#### Grade Scale:

- ☒ Letter Grades
- ☐ Number Grades
- ☐ Letter & Number Grades
- ☐ Decimal Grades

☒ I plan to graduate/have graduated from this school

#### Final grades are provided as:

Semester

GPA and Class Rank

School Counselor

## Add Course

Grade Level	Generic Course Title	Course Name	Course Level	Course Length
9th Grade (2022-2023)	ENGLISH 1	ENGLISH 1 Honors	Honors	Semester
<b>Grades</b>				
First Semester	A	<input type="button" value="Clear"/>	The first semester was <input type="checkbox"/> taken online <input type="checkbox"/> taken during the summer <input type="checkbox"/> a repeat/retake of a prior course	
	Credits/Units	0.5		
Second Semester	B	<input type="button" value="Clear"/>	The second semester was <input type="checkbox"/> taken online <input type="checkbox"/> taken during the summer <input type="checkbox"/> a repeat/retake of a prior course	
	Credits/Units	0.5		
<input type="button" value="Add Course"/>				

## Edit Course

Grade Level	Generic Course Title	Course Name	Course Level	Course Length	Semester/Term
Middle School	ALGEBRA 1	ALGEBRA 1	Honors	Full Year	N/A
<b>Grade</b>					
Enter Grade	A	<input type="button" value="Clear"/>	Credits/Units	1	
This section was <input type="checkbox"/> taken online <input type="checkbox"/> taken during the summer <input type="checkbox"/> a repeat/retake of a prior course					
<input type="button" value="Cancel Edit"/> <input type="button" value="Save Changes"/>					



# 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 STAR, 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!



# WE ARE HERE TO HELP

## TORO TIME

Counselors are in room 4-007 EVERY Toro Time during first semester to assist with college & career exploration, Common App, Xello, STARS, SPARK, Bright Futures (starting 10/1) and more. Come see us!

## BEFORE SCHOOL

Send us a Schoology message if you need help before school starts or during the school day, as appointments are not available during senior meeting weeks.





# 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:

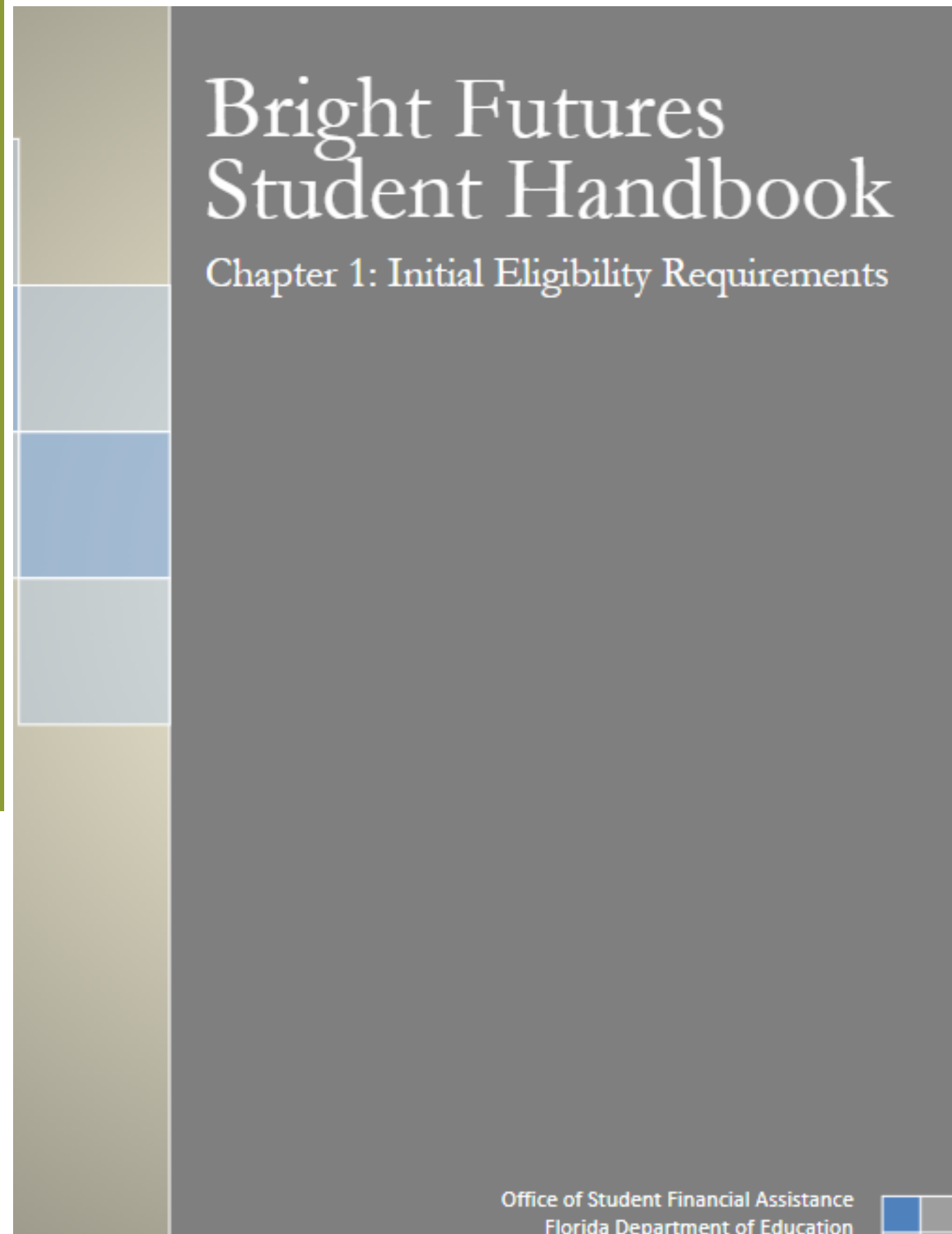
[Goingmerry.com](http://Goingmerry.com)

[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. Only submit science if it helps for Bright Futures.
- You must send test scores to a public university to be received by Bright Futures. It must be the individual test scores, not the superscore report.



Type	16 High School College-Preparatory Course Credits <sup>1</sup>	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/CLT®/SAT®) <sup>2</sup>	Volunteer Service Hours <sup>2</sup>	Paid Work Hours <sup>2</sup>
FAS	4 - English (three must include substantial writing) 4 - Mathematics (at or above the Algebra I level) 3 - Natural Science (two must have substantial laboratory)	3.50	2025-26 Graduates: 29/95/1330  2026-27 Graduates: 29/95/1330	100 hours	100 hours
FMS	3 - Social Science 2 - World Language (sequential, in same language)	3.00	2025-26 Graduates: 24/82/1190  2026-27 Graduates: 24/82/1190	75 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/>

1

## 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.

2

## 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.

3

## 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



*your dream, your plan, your future* **NyFF**  
NAVIGATING YOUR  
FINANCIAL FUTURE

# 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.](#)



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