

SENIOR-BOUND

PREPARING FOR YOUR POST-SECONDARY

- 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



Estimated Cost for Senior Year

Estimated Cost for Test (ACT, SAT, CLT,): \$70.00 per exam

Estimated Cost for Senior Dues \$125.00

Estimated Cost for Cap and Gown \$70.00

Estimated Senior on campus Parking-\$150.00

Estimated Cost for Painting of the Toro- \$40.00

Estimated Senior Pictures Cost-\$350.00

Estimated Cost for Yearbook- \$100.00

Estimated Cost for Grad Bash- \$275.00

Estimated Cost for Prom \$85.00 per ticket

Estimated Cost for Class Ring: \$300.00

Prepare for Application Fees for Colleges in \$200.00-\$400.00



Senior Schoology & Website Information

PLEASE USE GROUP CODE TO JOIN OUR 2027
SENIOR GROUP: J54V-9S4B-6XPFZ

PLEASE USE GROUP CODE TO JOIN OUR SCHOOL
COUNSELING GROUP: 42BP-PCPC-Q5DCN

PLEASE VISIT THE TCHS SCHOOL WEBSITE
[HTTPS://WWW-
TCHS.STJOHNS.K12.FL.US/SENIORS-ONLY/](https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/seniors-only/)



The Pathway of Post-Secondary Applications



PREPPING FOR SENIOR YEAR: WHAT TO DO THIS SPRING

1. Earn the best grades you can this spring. If you apply to universities early, it will be the last grade on your academic record.
2. Review your course selections for senior year.
3. Sign up for ACT, SAT, or CLT for spring.
4. Research schools and sign up for university visits.

SENIOR YEAR COURSE SELECTION

1 HOW MANY CLASSES DO I NEED?

- Take at least 5 academic classes. In competing with your peers, you want your academic resume to show that you want to learn.
- More selective universities recommend more than 5 academic courses.

2 DO I NEED A FOREIGN LANGUAGE?

- All public Florida universities and Bright Futures require 2 sequential years of a foreign language.
- More selective universities recommend more than two years.

3 WHAT SUBJECTS SHOULD I TAKE?

- University advisers recommend taking all core subjects areas: English, Math, Science, and Social Science.

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

- No. Choose a rigorous schedule that challenges you, but also allows you to be successful.
- Recognize how much time you can reserve for a college-level course.

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 29th!

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 Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
May 2, 2026	Apr 17, 2026	Apr 21, 2026
Jun 6, 2026	May 22, 2026	May 26, 2026
Aug 22, 2026	July 24, 2026*	Aug 11, 2026*
Sep 12, 2026	August 14, 2026*	Sep 1, 2026*
Oct 3, 2026	Sep 4, 2026*	Sep 22, 2026*
Nov 7, 2026	Oct 9, 2026*	Oct 27, 2026*
Dec 5, 2026	Nov 6, 2026*	Nov 24, 2026*

ACT

- Test composite is 33% each: math, reading, English
- Science & writing optional. Not counted for Bright Futures
- 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

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
Apr 11, 2026	Mar 6, 2026	Mar 24, 2026
Jun 13, 2026	May 8, 2026	May 29, 2026
Jul 11, 2026	Jun 5, 2026	Jun 24, 2026
Sep 19, 2026	Aug 14, 2026	Sep 1, 2026
Oct 17, 2026	Sep 11, 2026	Sep 29, 2026
Dec 12, 2026	Nov 6, 2026	Nov 23, 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	Registration Deadline
Apr 16, 2026	Apr 9, 2026
May 16, 2026	May 7, 2026
Jun 11, 2026	Jun 4, 2026
Jul 16, 2026	Jul 9, 2026
Aug 22, 2026	Aug 13, 2026
Sep 16, 2026	Aug 19, 2026
Oct 17, 2026	Oct 8, 2026
Nov 14, 2026	Nov 5, 2026

Tests dates highlighted in green insure that scores can be sent by the Early Action Materials deadline of mid October.

UNDERSTANDING POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS AND UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

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

ST. JOHNS RIVER OR FSCJ

- Obtain a certificate, associate degree, or bachelor degree
- Open enrollment for admission requires only 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.
- Check the university website for special connection options for particular state colleges in Florida.

SJR OPEN HOUSE: St. Augustine Campus

Thursday, April 9, 2026 - 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Begin anytime - explore the campus and 40+ programs at your own pace or sign up for a 5:30 p.m. Showcase Tour: Criminal Justice, Respiratory Care, Radiologic Technology, Nursing, or Computers.

FSCJ Trades Information Session:

March 26th @ 4:30 PM. In-person or virtual session

Includes electrical, welding, and HVAC. Register here!
<https://visit.fscj.edu/event/fscj.events.498942>

FSCJ Program tour:

There are numerous virtual tours and info sessions scheduled this month, especially in the medical field. Click the link to check all offerings! <https://visit.fscj.edu/>

JTECH Institute:

Follow the link for more information and to schedule a tour. <https://www.jtech.org/high-school-students/seniors/>

EXPLORING UNIVERSITIES

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

- 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?



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 2025 admission cycle; the 2026 admission cycle SUS will come out in the fall of 2026.

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

This matrix was produced by Florida International University.

[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*
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 I/II/STEVEN ROLLING	JAN 15 & ROLLING	NOV 1 (ED) & MARCH 1 (ED)	ROLLING	ROLLING	Nov 1 - ED/EA, Mar 1 - ED	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
ACCEPT AP/DE? AP/DE? 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*
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/REG	11-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
ACCEPT AP/DE? AP/DE? 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: 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.



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 actionable plans for future...



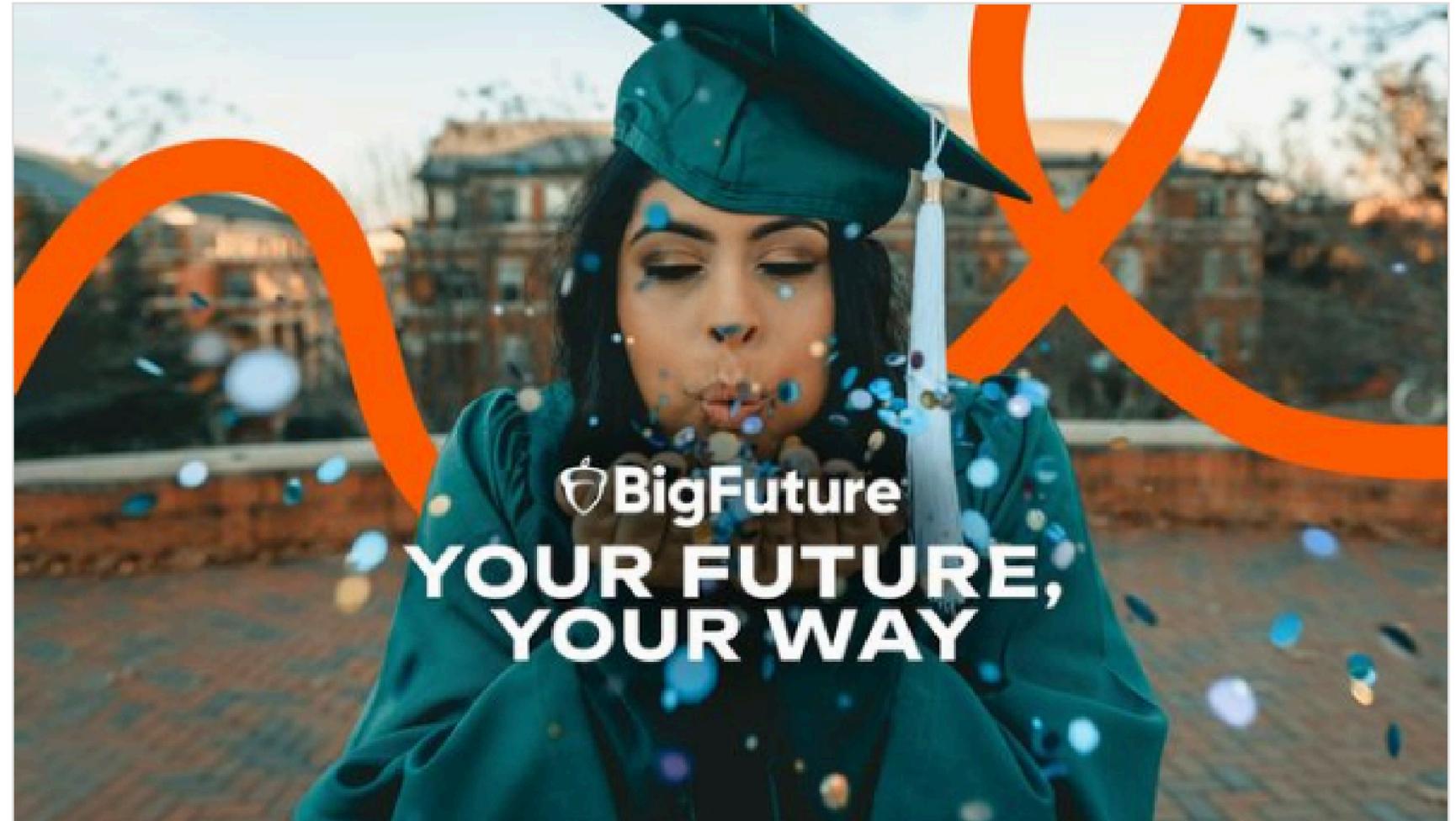
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4 BIG FUTURE

- 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 university application list that includes reach, match, and safety schools.

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
- Admission stats are below the evaluated student data
- State College

Use the Common Data set or the Florida University Matrix to see admissions statistics

Types of Applications

Early Decision: Student agrees to attend the university if accepted and agrees to withdraw other university applications. (Binding)

Early Action: Student applies earlier, usually in the fall of senior year. The student receives an earlier response date and a possible higher acceptance rate. (Nonbinding)

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

Rolling Admission: Applicants may apply up until the deadline. Applicants will receive admission decisions continually, not on a set date.

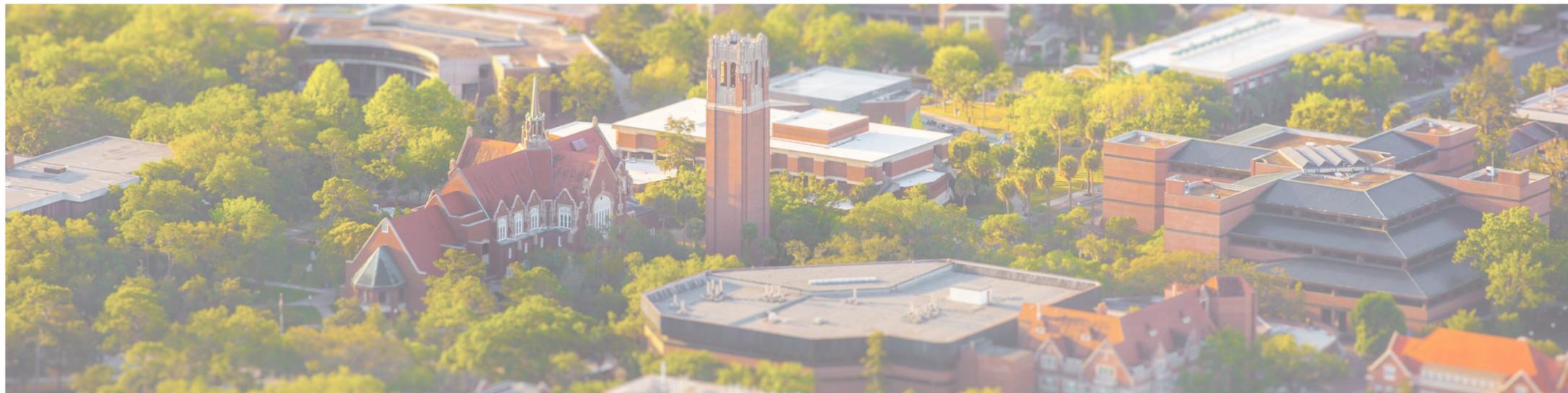
Tips For Planning Your University Visit

Book Early: Popular dates (Spring Break, long weekends, and football Saturdays) fill up months in advance. Many schools, like UCF and UF, release tour dates in 30-to-90-day windows.

Check for "Open House" Days: Instead of a standard 90-minute walking tour, look for events like "Knight for a Day" (UCF) or "Explore FAU." These often include department-specific meetings and financial aid workshops.

Self-Guided Options: If guided tours are full, almost all of these schools (notably UF and FIU) offer robust self-guided tour apps or maps you can use to walk the campus at your own pace.

Verification Letters: If the student is missing school for the visit, remind them to ask the Visitor Center for a Visit Verification Letter before leaving campus to provide to their high school attendance office.



Florida University Visit Links

University of Florida (UF)
admissions.ufl.edu/visit

Florida State University (FSU)
visit.fsu.edu

University of Central Florida (UCF)
ucf.edu/admissions/undergraduate/visit

University of South Florida (USF)
usf.edu/admissions/visit

Florida International University (FIU)
admissions.fiu.edu/visit

Florida Atlantic University (FAU)
fau.edu/visit

Florida A&M University (FAMU): famu.edu/visit

University of North Florida (UNF):
unf.edu/admissions/visit

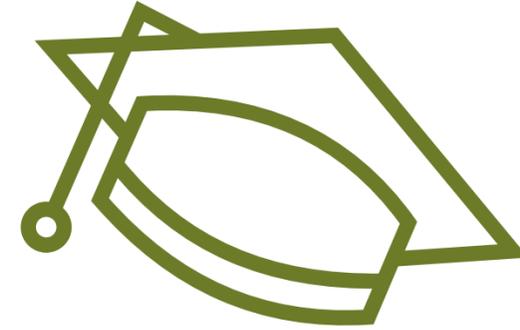
Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU):
fgcu.edu/visit

University of West Florida (UWF): uwf.edu/visit

Florida Polytechnic University:
floridapoly.edu/visit

New College of Florida: ncf.edu/visit

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, 2026, 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.

The screenshot shows the Xello application portal interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for 'Dashboard', 'My Colleges', 'Common App', 'College Search', and 'Financial Aid Resources'. The 'Common App' tab is active. Below the navigation bar, there is a sidebar menu with sections: 'My Colleges' (listing Hellenic College, Knox College, Oregon State University, The Ohio State University, University of Michigan, University of San Diego, and Washington and Lee University), 'College Information', 'Application' (with sub-items: Questions, Recommenders and FERPA, Review and Submit - Common App), and 'Portfolio' (with sub-item: Instructions). The 'University of Michigan' is selected in the 'My Colleges' list. The main content area displays the 'Portfolio' section for the University of Michigan, with a text box containing instructions and a blue button labeled 'Portfolio Site' with an external link icon.

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, challenges,...

 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.

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

Look for assistance opportunities on the Toci School Counseling page under the "University Application" tab.

UNIVERSITY APPLICATION SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

1. Organizing your application supplement material requirements including grades, test scores, and residency.
2. Using SPARK or STARS to self-report grades to Florida public institutions.
3. Search for scholarship opportunities.

COMPLETE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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



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.



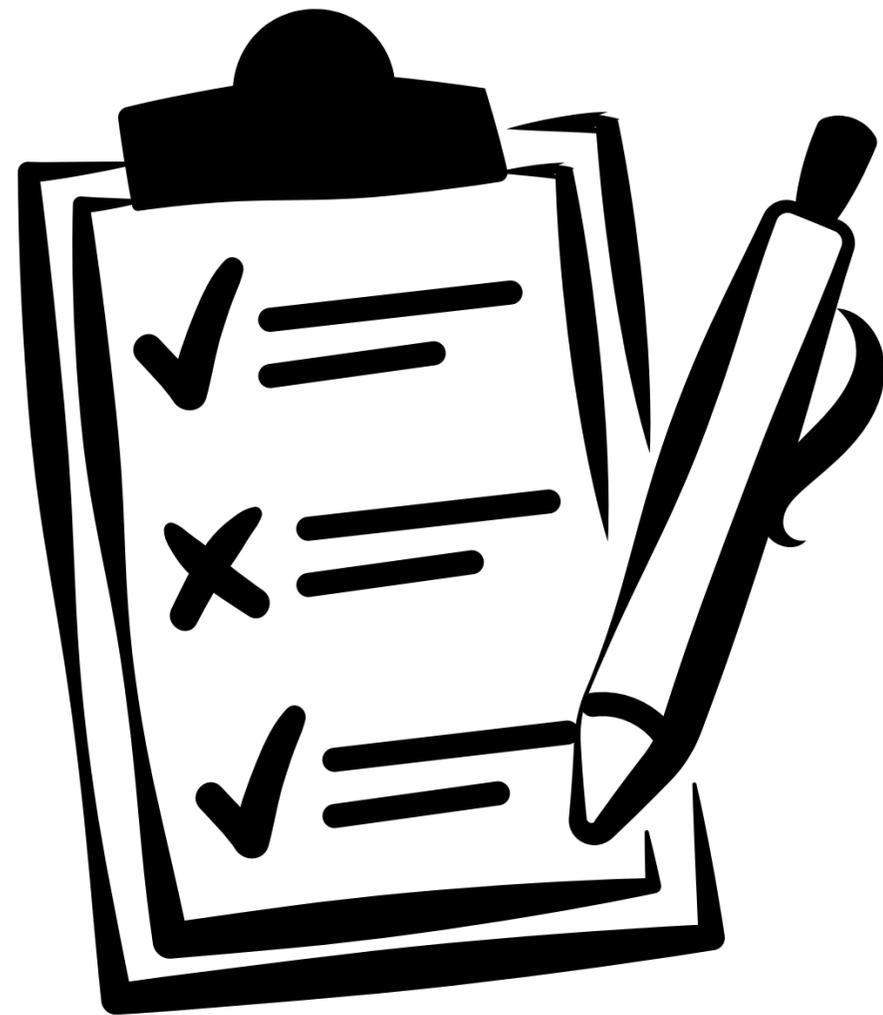
Follow the portal instructions.

- 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-REPORTING GRADES: STARS AND SPARK



STARS (Self-Reported Academic Record) Checklist

What

- Online system students use to self-report high school grades for Florida colleges
- Includes all courses, grades, and test scores exactly as shown on the transcript
- Used by universities in place of an initial transcript for admissions review

When

- Completed during the college application process (STARS can be done during the summer)

How

- Create a STARS account through the university application portal
- Use your transcript found in Xello under “College Planning” to enter grades

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:

Fastweb.com

bigfuture.collegeboard.org

2025-26

Bright Futures Student Handbook

Chapter 1: Initial Eligibility Requirements

Office of Student Financial Assistance
Florida Department of Education
November 2025



BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP

- The Bright Futures application opens Oct 1, 2026.
- 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, 2027.
- 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 ¹	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	2025-26 Graduates ² : 29/95/1330 2026-27 Graduates ³ : 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	2025-26 Graduates ² : 24/82/1190 2026-27 Graduates ³ : 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 Toci 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 Toci 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



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NAVIGATING YOUR
FINANCIAL FUTURE

FINANCIAL AID

- The financial aid application opens in Oct, 2026.
- 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 FAFSA Frenzy for presentations and hands-on assistance for FAFSA 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.
- 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. Ask for letters of recommendation early in senior year to avoid the rush.
- Questions about your application? Call the university admissions department directly instead of asking a peer. The university advisor will know more about their university than a high school counselor.
- Apply for Bright Futures and FAFSA when they open.



USE RESOURCES FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE

- Attend Torotime workshops from August to November for help:
 - Completing applications
 - Using on Xello and Common App
 - Applying for Bright Futures
- Review the Toco Creek School Counseling website for all of this information and more
- Join the senior and school counseling Schoology page
- Attend university visits in TCHS in the fall
- Make an appointment with your counselor for help! You will also have a senior meeting with your counselor in the fall.



Schoology Resources

Access code can be used by students and guardians



TCHS School Counseling 25/26
Tocoi Creek High School

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Laura Kuhel
If you are interested in programs at SJR or FSCJ, please see the information below:

SJR: OPEN HOUSE on April 9th for the St. Augustine Campus. Click the link below for more information and to register for the open house. If you are a 2026 graduate, the application fee for SJR will be waived if you apply at the event.

FSCJ Trades Information Session: March 26th @ 4:30 PM. In-person or virtual...
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Laura Kuhel
Dual Enrollment Registration for ENC 1101, FIN1100, and SLS1301 at TCHS only!

Upcoming · [Add Event](#)

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

24 Rising Senior Night for Current Junior Students (Class of 2027) 6:00 pm

2244 Members

Updates for events, scholarships, Torotime opportunities, college visits, etc...





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 2027! In addition, you can learn more about UNF's programs, resources, and meet admissions representatives.

Dates and deadlines to be announced soon
UNF Campus; Jacksonville, FL

Participation Requirements:

- UNF will communicate a deadline to submit an application and required admission materials 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) (9th – 11th 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!

Tocoi Creek High School School Counseling Page:

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

Testing:

- ACT: www.act.org
- SAT: www.collegeboard.org
- CLT: 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:
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