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# THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

## COLLEGE AND CAREER

- College Application Process
- SAT/ACT Testing
- Scholarships
- Financial Aid
- Military Recruitment
- Careers and Trades
- Resume and Interview Skills
- Post-Graduation Planning



PATHWAYS
AFTER
HIGH
SCHOOL

University

State College/Community College

Trade/Technical school

Military

Workforce

## COLLEGE PATHWAYS

Туре	pe Degree		Ex. Degree	Examples		
Technical or Career College	Technical Certification or Associate of Science Degree	Open Admissions (Some programs Limited Access)	Culinary, Automotive, Welding, Medical, Cosmetology, Electric, HVAC, Graphic Design, TV Production	Marchman Technical College, Erwin Technical College		
Community College	Technical Certification, Associate of Arts, Associate of Science	Open Admissions (Some programs Limited Access)	A.S. Nursing, Radiography, Dental Paramedic, EMT, Firefighter, Corrections A.S. Business, Computers A.A. to Transfer to B.A./B.S. (2+2)	Pasco-Hernando State College (PHSC), Hillsborough Community College (HCC),Valencia Community College		
4-Year College or Bachelor's Degree (Arts or Sciences)		Coursework, GPA, SAT or ACT scores	B.A. Education B.A. Engineering	PHSC, USF, UCF, UF, FSU, FAU, FGCU, Saint Leo University		

## HOW MANY SCHOOLS SHOULD I APPLY TO?

Before you apply, understand admissions criteria and where you fall on their scale.

Apply to four to eight schools

1-2 reach schools 2-3 match schools

1-2 safety schools

## WHAT ARE REACH, MATCH AND SAFETY SCHOOLS?

Reach

Match

Safety

- More prestigious schools with an acceptance rate under 20-30%
- Your test scores fall below the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile of students enrolled
- GPA and Test scores match current incoming freshman
- Test scores are between 25<sup>th</sup> - 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of enrolled students
- Perfect fit for programs, price, location

- College or University where you have an 80% chance of acceptance
- Should be in the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile for test scores and GPA

#### **CURRENT ADMISSIONS STANDARDS**

## 2021 State University System Matrix

### Can be used for:

- Summer and Fall mid-range GPAs
- Test score averages
- Acceptance rates



2021-22 SUS Admissions Tour MATRIX													
Universities		FAMU RATTLERS	FAU	FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY	FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY	IB51	New College  THE HONORS COLLEGE OF Florida	University of Central Florida	UF FLORIDA	UNF UNIVERSITY of NORTH FLORIDA	USF UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA	UNIVERSITY of West Florida
Name/ Location		orida Agricultural and Mechanical University Tallahassee	Florida Atlantic University Boca Raton	Florida Gulf Coast University Ft. Myers	Florida International University Miami	Florida Polytechnic University Lakeland	Florida State University Tallahassee	New College of Florida Sarasota	University of Central Florida Orlando	University of Florida Gainesville	University of North Florida Jacksonville	University of South Florida Tampa	University of West Florida Pensacola
Type of Applications Accepted	In	stitutional Only	Institutional or Common App	Institutional or Common App	Institutional Only	Institutional or Common App	Institutional, Common App, or Coalition App	Institutional or Common App	Institutional or Common App	Common App, Coalition App	Institutional or Common App	Institutional, Common App or Coalition App	Institutional or Common App
	GPA	S: 3.27 F: 3.67	S: 3.23 - 3.81 F: 3.73 - 4.33	S: 3.44 – 4.23 F: 3.56 – 4.33	S: 3.7 - 4.3 F: 4.2 - 4.6	S: 3.5 - 4.4 F: 4.1 - 4.6	S: 3.8 - 4.3 F: 4.2 - 4.6	<b>F:</b> 3.5 - 4.2	S: 3.77 - 4.29 F: 3.96 - 4.49	S: 4.4 - 4.6 F: 4.4 - 4.7	S: 3.3 – 4.0 F: 4.0 - 4.5	S: 3.57 – 4.11 F: 3.97 - 4.48	S: 3.36 – 4.02 F: 3.61 – 4.2
Middle 50% of Admitted FTIC 2019 (S=Summer) (F=Fall)	SAT	S: 1060 F: 1100	S: 1000 - 1200 F: 1110 - 1270	S: 1020 -1180 F: 1090 - 1230	S: 1040 - 1160 F: 1200 - 1350	S: 1130 - 1200 F: 1250 - 1400	S: 1190 - 1300 F: 1250 - 1400	<b>F:</b> 1113 - 1320	S: 1170 - 1280 F: 1250 - 1370	S: 1260 - 1420 F: 1350 - 1480	S: 1000 - 1150 F: 1100 - 1260	S: 1190 - 1170 F: 1230 - 1370	S: 1120 - 1180 F: 1060 - 1240
(r-r-an)	ACT	S: 20.2 F: 22.3	S: 19 - 25 F: 23 - 29	S: 19- 25 F: 22 - 27	S: 20 - 25 F: 25 - 30	S: 23 - 26 F: 27 - 31	S: 25 - 29 F: 28 - 32	F: 22 - 29	S: 23 - 28 F: 26 - 30	S: 29 - 32 F: 30 - 34	S: 20 - 25 F: 22 - 28	S: 22 - 25 F: 26- 31	S: 20 - 24 F: 21 - 27
Application Waivers Accepted		/ACT Fee Waiver, CAC Fee Waiver	SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver, Email from School Counselor, Written Request from Student, Documentation Demonstrating Participation in Free/Reduced Lunch	SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver	SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver, Email from School Counselor, Written Request from Student, Documentation Demonstrating Participation in Free/Reduced Lunch	SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver, Demonstration of Participation in Free/Reduced Lunch	SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver, Demonstration of Participation in Free/Reduced Lunch	Application fee waived for all students	SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver, Documentation Demonstrating Participation in Free/Reduced Lunch	SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver, Email from School Counselor, Written Request from Student, Documentation Demonstrating Participation in Free/Reduced Lunch	SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver, Email from School Counselor, Documentation Demonstrating Participation in Free/Reduced Lunch	SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver, Email from School Counselor, Written Request from Student, Documentation Demonstrating Participation in Free/Reduced Lunch	SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver, Email from School Counselor, Written Request from Student, Documentation Demonstrating Participation in Free/Reduced Lunch
Self-reported Student Academic Record (SSAR)	Yes		Yes	No Send official transcript	No Send official transcript	Yes	Yes	Yes	No Uses SPARK	Yes	Yes	No Send official transcript	Yes
Transfer: 2+2 Enhancement Programs	Ignite Program		Link	Destination FGCU	Connect- 4Success	Polk State College & South Florida State College (EE)	TCC2FSU	Guaranteed Admission Program	DirectConnect to UCF	Gator Engineering; Gator Design and Construction	SF2UNF; FSCJ/UNF Connect; UNF/SJR State Gateway	FUSE	2UWF
Fall 2022 Application Deadlines	1	Priority: 3/1/22 Final: 5/1/22	3/1/22	1 <sup>st</sup> : 11/1/21 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 3/1/22	1 <sup>st</sup> : 11/1/21 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 4/1/22	1 <sup>st</sup> : 11/1/21 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 3/1/22	1 <sup>st</sup> : 11/1/21 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 3/1/22	1 <sup>st</sup> : 11/1/21 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 2/1/22	Priority: 12/1/21 Final: 5/1/22	1 <sup>st</sup> : 11/1/21 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 3/1/22	Priority: 11/1/21 Final: 7/25/22	1 <sup>st</sup> : 12/1/21 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 1/15/22	1 <sup>st</sup> : 12/1/21 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 6/1/22
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# WHICH TERM DO I APPLY FOR?

#### Fall

• traditional but most difficult

#### Summer

- online vs. on campus
- special programs

## Spring

• options before you begin

## WHEN SHOULD I APPLY?

Applying by November 1st gives students priority consideration.

If a school has rolling admissions (USF/UCF/FAU/UNF), consider applying in September or early October.

# APPLYING EA/ED IS FOR STUDENTS WHO:

Have researched colleges extensively

Are absolutely sure that the college is their first choice

Has found a college that is a strong match academically, socially and geographically

Meets or exceeds the admission profile for the college for ACT/SAT® scores, GPA and class rank

Has an academic record that has been consistently solid over time

Understands the financial obligations for that school

### EARLY ACTION



## EARLY DECISION

Apply	Apply early by November 1 to first-choice college.
Receive	Receive an admission decision from the college well in advance of the usual notification date (usually by December).
Agree	Agree to attend the college if accepted and offered a financial aid package that is considered adequate by the family.
Apply	Apply to only one college early decision.
Apply	Apply to other colleges under regular admission plans.
Withdraw	Withdraw all other applications if accepted by ED.



Most universities do not make admissions decisions based on the major you select.



Try to list an area of interest for advising purposes.



For most schools, you can change your major through sophomore year.



Knowing your major CAN be important when selecting classes and fulfilling pre-requisites.

# DOES MAJOR MATTER?

## Institutional Application

University websites

# WHICH APPLICATION SHOULD I USE?

## Common Application

www.commonapp.org

## Coalition Application

www.mycoalition.org

The university does not participate in Common or Coalition applications.

You are applying to a small number of schools.

## INSTITUTIONAL APPLICATION

There is no overlap on the Common or Coalition applications.

Fee Waivers through SAT/ACT—email or upload for each university

## **COMMON APPLICATION**

- •Over 800 members
- •Can apply to up to 20 schools
- Tracks important deadlines/admission criteria
- •College application fee waivers (profile tab)—add your Guidance Counselor's email address

Flagler University Florida Atlantic University Florida Gulf Coast University

Florida Institute of Technology

Florida Polytechnic University

Florida Southern College

Florida State University

Nova Southeastern University

Saint Leo University

Stetson University

University of Central Florida

University of Florida

University of Miami

University of North Florida

**University of South Florida** 

University of Tampa

## COMMON APP FLORIDA SCHOOLS

**Common App** Dashboard My Colleges My Colleges Florida Atlantic University College Information Application Questions Recommenders and **FERPA** Review and Submit -Common App Florida Gulf Coast University Florida Institute of Technology Florida Polytechnic University

Recommenders & FERPA

**College Search** 

✓ FERPA Release Authorization

View Details V

Invite Recommenders

Recommenders are people who will submit forms and information to colleges on your behalf. Check out our video about recommenders.

**Financial Aid Resources** 

**Invite Recommenders** 

(!) Counselor

You must invite a school Counselor who will complete the School Report and other forms for you.

**Invite Counselor** 

Over 140 members united in their mission to support lower-income, under-resourced, and/or first-generation students; provide responsible financial aid; and bolster students' success in college—and beyond.

Fee waivers (answer eligibility questions)

# COALITION FOR COLLEGE ACCESS APPLICATION

You are applying to USF and other Florida schools

The Locker (storage area for high school activities and awards), MyCoalition college planning tools, etc.

# COALITION APP FLORIDA SCHOOLS

Florida Southern College

Florida State University

Stetson University

University of Florida

University of South Florida

University of Tampa

Spend time on your application

If possible, no bulleted lists.

#### OTHER TIPS AND STRATEGIES

Be detailed in each section: jobs, extracurriculars, community service. What did you do? What did you gain?

Check the university portal often.

Go on a campus tour/attend a virtual presentation.

Write in first person. This is a personal narrative.

Think creatively about your topic. Don't restate what's already on your application.

Create a deep connection for the reader. What is your unique perspective?

Show individuality and voice.

College Essay Guy/College Essay Advisors (free resources)

Pay attention to word and character requirements.

Type any essays or short responses into a word document.

#### THE ESSAY

## UNIVERSITY PORTALS

After you submit your application, most schools will email you in 1-3 days with instructions to access their university portal.

You will link your SSAR in this portal and for some schools, you'll self-report your test scores.

Admissions decisions are always posted in online portals before you receive a letter or email.

You can also check to make sure documents have been received and there are no holds on your admissions decision.

## SSAR (STUDENT SELF-REPORTED ACADEMIC RECORD)

- https://ssar.selfreportedtranscript.com
- •FSU, FAU, FGCU, FL POLY, UNF, UF
- See Ms. Maertin for an unofficial transcript
- Report all high school coursework (including any taken in middle school and repeated attempts at courses)
- List senior coursework and select "in progress" for grades
- Do not update with first semester senior grades
- If you edit any information, you must SAVE/RESUBMIT SSAR and Click "COMPLETE"

## FINAL TRANSCRIPTS

All schools require a final transcript after graduation.

If you are taking AP EXAMS this year, indicate the school you are attending on your free send.

## RECALCULATED GPA

## All schools will recalculate applicant GPAs.

#### **Core Classes**

- English
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Foreign Language
- Academic Electives
- If a student has retaken a class, most will use BOTH grades when recalculating GPA.

#### OTHER DOCUMENTS

Dual Enrollment students should send a transcript through their WISE account.

Make sure you have had College Board and/or ACT send official test scores.

## ADMISSION OFFERS/ ACCEPTANCE

#### May 1 is College Decision Day

Accept earlier if you finalize your decision

Decline offers from other universities

#### Pay attention to deadlines!

- Admissions deposit
- Housing deadlines
- Scholarship deadlines

## ACT AND SAT TESTING

- SAT November 6th (Register by October 8th)
- ACT December 11th (Register by November 5th)

• When filling out applications, make sure to all include future test dates.

• You can submit your applications and continue to send scores to the universities. They will update and superscore as they receive new information.

## ACT/SAT SUPERSCORING

- Most colleges do not penalize students for underperforming on assessments.
- Instead, they will combine the top scores from each test section to create a SuperScore.
- All schools SuperScore SAT by combining top reading and math scores.
- Most schools SuperScore ACT by combining top subject area scores and dividing by four. This is your new Composite score.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

- University merit scholarships
  - -Automatic consideration
  - -Traditionally, top 25 percent offered

- FAFSA (Federal Application for Student Aid)
  - -2022-23 application opens October 1st
  - -Consider filling out the current application if you may attend college next summer.
  - -EFC (Expected Family Contribution)

### Opens October 1st

FLORIDA
FINANCIAL
AID
APPLICATION

Needed for Bright Futures Scholarship

Used for several other Florida aid opportunities (need-based)

## FLORIDA ACADEMIC SCHOLARS

3.5 weighted GPA in core classes

Requires two years of the same foreign language

1330 SAT or 29 ACT (both will SuperScore)

100 community service hours

100% tuition/fees paid to Florida public university or college

\$300 book stipend per semester (fall and spring)

Renewable for four years (3.0 GPA)

#### 3.0 weighted GPA in core classes

Requires two years of the same foreign language

1210 SAT or 25 ACT (both will SuperScore)

### FLORIDA MEDALLION SCHOLARS

75 community service hours

75% tuition/fees paid to a Florida public university

100% tuition/fees paid at state/community college

Renewable for four years (2.75 GPA)

#### FLORIDA RESIDENCY

- FL Driver's License or FL ID Card
- Florida Voter's Registration
- Florida Vehicle Registration (Plate Issued Date)
- Proof of purchase of a permanent Florida home which is occupied as a primary residence by the claimant
  - -warranty deed
  - -proof from property appraiser website that states Homestead Exemption)

## FSU CARE SUMMER BRIDGE

- First-generation college student
- Family qualifies for a Pell Grant
- Demonstrates a strong desire to succeed
- Students will begin in summer term
- Students will have access to programs/support throughout their time at FSU
- Have a minimum 3.0 weighted academic GPA
- Have a minimum 19 ACT Composite OR 990 SAT total score
- 2020 student profile: Middle 50% of applicants had between 3.52 4.16 GPA, SAT Middle 50%: 1050-1170, ACT Middle 50%: 20 23
- Students must apply for 2021-22 FAFSA (now) and 2022-23 FAFSA (October 1). Complete both by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

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#### Student Support Sewices Program

- Summer program free to students who complete 21/22 FAFSA and meet low-income requirements (tuition, housing, books, meals)
- SSS students who qualify receive the SSS scholarship
- Receive personalized academic advising and counseling
- Receive priority summer housing
- Receive a head start on the fall curriculum by earning 9 credit hours
- Enhance study-skills and problem solving
- Explore career goals or major choice

#### UCF FIRST-GEN PROGRAMS

### Access Program

- The opportunity to gain admission to UCF
- Earn up to 6 credit hours at UCF before fall.
- Learn study skills to be academically successful
- Start building relationships with professors, administrators, staff and peer mentors that will create a unique support system
- Build a network among summer bridge program peers that will develop into lifelong friendships
- Receive early registration for freshman year

## UCF TOP TEN KNIGHTS

If you are in the top 10 percent of your graduating class, you will be offered admission to the University of Central Florida.

You must score a minimum of 1100 SAT or 22 ACT.

You must apply for admission and complete submit all required documents by January 15<sup>th.</sup> You will be notified by March 1st.

You may be admitted for summer, fall, or spring semesters.

You will be guaranteed student housing (must submit housing application by May 1).

### 2 + 2 PATHWAY

- 2 years at a state college plus 2 years at a university
- Earn your Associates of Arts degree (60 hours)
- 36 hours Gen Ed classes plus 24 hours electives
- Attain at least a "C" in classes (specific programs require more)
- Transfer to a Florida university
- Meet program pre-requisites and requirements during Associates degree.
- Test scores not needed for most majors when transferring.

### HOW DO I ATTEND PHSC?

- Standard High School Diploma
- Placement scores: PERT, SAT, or ACT
- You do not need two years of a foreign language to attend.

- Benefits:
  - -Small class sizes
  - -Half the cost of a university
  - -Allows you time to decide on a major



#### PASCO-HERNANDO STATE COLLEGE

- Submit an online application (\$25) in the spring
- Establish residency
- Submit transcripts AFTER graduation
- Apply for financial aid and scholarships
- Complete college placement testing (PERT)
- Attend Senior Blitz (Student Orientation)
- Schedule classes with academic advisor

## **JUNIORS**

- Take PSAT for practice or National Merit qualifying purposes.
- Create a consistent prep program for SAT/ACT.
- Register for testing.
- Focus on your grades.
- Research schools and visit your top choices.
- Think about teacher recommendations.
- Consider using the Common and Coalition application features.
- Plan a rigorous senior schedule.

### **CHECKLIST**

- 1. Where will you apply?
- 2. What platform will you use for each school?
- 3. Did you submit Florida Residency documents?
- 4. Did you submit application fee or an application fee waiver?
- 5. Did you attach your SSAR number or send a AHS official transcript or have Ms. Maertin upload your transcript to Common App? Did you send a PHSC Dual Enrollment transcript?
- 6. Did you have official scores sent from College Board or ACT?
- 7. Did you create a portal with the state universities to check the status of your application and documents?

## Have questions or want to meet?

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