

The University Application

Congratulations! You have reached your senior year and are taking steps toward being a university student. If you have not already done so, please make sure to review the **PRIORITY DEADLINES** (see the State University Matrix for Florida school deadlines) for the schools you are interested in attending. ***If you do not apply by the priority deadline, you drastically reduce the likelihood of being accepted to the school.*** To meet the deadlines, your application must be considered **complete**.

A “COMPLETE APPLICATION” generally includes the following:

- Application (usually online)
- Application Fee (usually about \$30, paid online as part of the application)
- Transcript (order via Parchment on the BTHS web site)
- Test Scores (must be OFFICIAL, from the testing company)
- Residency Affidavit

*****Once you have applied, paid the application fee, ordered your transcript via Parchment/or completed the Student Self-reported Academic Record (SSAR), and sent your test scores, you will need to continue logging in to your school accounts to make sure the schools have received ALL of your paperwork. An incomplete application is generally the same thing as having NO APPLICATION at all, so it is critically important that you are not missing anything. If you are missing just one piece of the application, admission teams will generally not review your application. Please keep checking to make sure they've received everything!*****

Part 1: Application Most applications are online. Go directly to the school’s website and click Undergraduate Admissions. Applications take TIME. You might need to write an essay, create a resume, and gather information about your accomplishments. Reflect on all that you’ve done! Take a few weeks to complete your applications. Plan ahead so your applications are not rushed.

Part 2: Application Fee This is generally paid online with a credit card.

Part 3: Transcript The transcript is VERY important. You will need to order one transcript per college application via Parchment unless submitting to multiple schools through one application process such as Common App or SendEDU. To order your transcript, go to the BTHS web site and click on “Order Records” on the homepage. Electronic transcripts are sent to Florida public colleges and universities, private schools, and out-of-state schools. There is no charge for your transcript orders. If you are completing an application for a school that uses the SSAR self-reporting system, you will need to order an unofficial transcript through Parchment (download the PDF when it is ready from Parchment) to reference as you input courses, grades, and credits.

Part 4: Test Scores When you registered for ACT and/or SAT testing, you had the option to send your scores to four colleges per testing agency. If you did not select the schools to which you are now applying or if you need to send your scores to additional schools, you must log in to your online ACT or College Board account and have the scores sent directly from the testing agency to the school to which you are applying. The testing agency will charge you a fee for each score report sent to an institution, and there is a processing time you should consider. Please see the web sites for processing times and fees.

ACT/SAT Scores & College Readiness

What is a good score? How do you know if you “passed” the ACT or SAT? Your scores should at least meet the “College Ready” scores so you will not be asked to complete remedial courses in college. **Remedial college courses are not covered by financial aid or scholarship dollars.** Remedial classes are courses that do not earn college credit. It is best to meet the minimum “College Ready” scores before you graduate from high school so you will know you are well prepared to begin your college courses for college credit.

	Bright Futures Florida Academic Scholar	Bright Futures Florida Medallion Scholar	College Ready Scores
ACT	29 Composite score	26 Composite score	17 English, 19 Reading, 19 Math
SAT	1290 Critical Reading and Math	1170 Critical Reading and Math	25 Writing, 24 Reading, 24 Math

First-Time-in-College Students* attending a public university in Florida are required to meet minimum test score and grade point average requirements (Board of Governors Regulation 6.002) but individual universities may establish higher standards than those presented in regulation. One of the ways a student can be considered as meeting minimum SUS eligibility requirements is as follows:

An FTIC student may be admitted to a public university in Florida if meeting a 2.50 or higher grade point average (GPA) on a 4.00 scale as calculated by the university, presenting an official SAT and/or ACT score, and meeting the requirements for college level placement per Board of Governors Regulation 6.008 and high school credits per Table One below. **TABLE One**

College Level Placement Scores

TEST TYPE	Reading	Mathematics	Writing and Lang
SAT	24	24	25
ACT	19	19	18

High School Credit Requirements (Table One)

English	Mathematics	Natural Science	Social Science	Foreign Language	Academic Courses
4 Credits	4 Credits, Algebra 1 and above	3 Credits with Labs	3 Credits	2 Credits in Sequential Levels of one Language	2 Credits in Level II or higher English, Math, Science, Social Science or Foreign Language

***Board of Governors defines First-Time-In-College Freshmen as students who have earned a standard high school diploma from a Florida public or regionally accredited high school, or its equivalent, and who have earned fewer than twelve (12) semester hours of transferable college credit since receiving a standard high school diploma or its equivalent.**

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Universities	FAMU	FAU	FGCU	FIU	FLPOLY	FSU	NCF	UCF	UF	UNF	USF	UWF
Location	Tallahassee	Boca Raton	Ft. Myers	Miami	Lakeland	Tallahassee	Sarasota	Orlando	Gainesville	Jacksonville	Tampa	Pensacola
Enrollment Fall 2016	9,614	30,601	14,821	55,112	1,236 (End of Spring 2017)	41,867	875	64,335	54,854	15,975	42,803	12,083
Undergraduate Enrollment Fall 2016	7,120	24,212	13,544	41,111	1,185 (End of Spring 2017)	32,669	861	55,783	38,035	14,091	30,619	10,082
Sports Division	Div 1	Div 1	Div 1	Div 1	NA	Div 1	N/A	Div 1	Div 1	Div 1	Div 1	Div 2
Types of Applications Accepted	FAMU Online Only	FAU Online Application	FGCU Online Application	Institutional	FL Poly Online App and Common App	FSU Online Application or the Coalition Application	Common Application	UCF Online App or Common App	Coalition for Access and Affordability; www.admissions.unfsu.edu	Institutional App only - will be on Common App some time this year	Institutional App Only	Institutional App Only
What is your admissions notification plan?	Weekly; Scholarship Deadline November 29	Rolling with February 15th Priority Deadline	Nov. 15th Merit Scholarship Deadline; Rolling with Feb. 15th Priority Deadline	Rolling with Deadlines	Priority Deadline of November 1st and Rolling on a space available basis	Deadline Dates: 11/1/2017 and 2/7/2018 Corresponding Notification Dates: 1/25/2018 and 3/29/2018	Rolling, with Nov. 1 application and FAFSA priority deadline and April 15 guaranteed scholarship program deadline	Rolling	Feb. 9 for Nov 1 applicants	Rolling	Priority Deadline Nov 1; Scholarship Deadline Jan 15th	Scholarship Application Priority Deadline 12/1/2017; Firm Application Deadline 6/1/2018
% of Applicants Accepted Summer/Fall 2017?	69% (Summer) 51% (Fall)	59% (Summer) 64% (Fall)	64% (Summer) 62% (Fall)	Summer/Fall: 50%	73% (Fall)	46% (Summer) 41% (Fall)	No Summer Admissions 54% (Fall)	50% (Summer) 45% (Fall)	40% (Summer) 40% (Fall)	79% (Summer) 50% (Fall)	Summer/fall: 45%	41% (Summer) 57% (Fall)
Mid Range Accepted GPA - Summer/Fall 2016	Summer 2017 3.0-3.49 Fall 3.0-3.49	Summer 2017: 3.40-3.91 Fall 2017: 3.80-4.45	Summer 2017: 3.38-4.12 Fall 2017: 3.42-4.22	Early Fall - 3.74 Fall - 4.13	3.47-4.26	Summer 2017 3.6-4.2 Fall 2017 4.0-4.5	Fall 2017 3.77-4.36	Summer 2017: 3.60-4.00 Fall 2017: 3.7-4.3	Summer 2017: 4.3-4.6 Fall 2017: 4.3-4.6	Summer 2017: 3.0-3.6 Fall 2017: 3.6-4.4	Summer 2017: 3.42-3.86 Fall 2017: 3.90 - 4.43	Summer 2017: 3.5 Fall 2017: 3.8
Middle Range New (2016) SAT (Evidence-based Reading and Writing/ Math) Accepted Summer/Fall 2017	Summer/Fall RW: 500-590 M: 500-590	Summer RW: 520-590 M: 510-570 Fall: 560-630 M: 580-620	Summer: RW: 530-590 M: 510-590 Fall: RW: 550-620 M: 530-600	Summer/Fall: RW: 590 M: 590	Fall: RW: 540-650 M: 540-660	Summer 2017 RW: 590-650 M: 570-650 Fall 2017 RW: 620-690 M: 620-690	Fall 2017 RW: 630-710 M: 580-690	Fall RW: 620-700 M: 610-700	Fall RW: 630-710 M: 640-730	Fall RW: 610-670 M: 590-660	Fall RW: 610-680 M: 600-680	Fall RW: 592 M: 574
Middle Range ACT Accepted - Summer/Fall 2017	Summer/Fall 18-21	Summer Comp: 21-24 Fall Comp: 23-27	Summer Comp: 20-23 Fall Comp: 21-26	Summer/Fall: COMP: 21-23	COMP: 24-29	Summer 2017 Comp: 25-29 Fall 2017 Comp: 27-31	Fall 2017 COMP: 26-31	Fall Comp: 26-30	Summer 2017: Comp: 28-32 Fall 2017: Comp: 28-32	Summer Comp: 21-24 Fall Comp: 25-29	Fall Comp: 26-30	Summer: Comp: 23 Fall Comp: 25

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Are SAT Scores Interchangeable/ Mixed between the SAT prior to March 2016 and the redesigned SAT March 2016 and later??	Old SAT Converted to New	Old SAT to Old New SAT SAT to New SAT	OLD SAT Converted to New	No; Superscore Old to Old and New to New	Old SAT to Old New SAT SAT to New SAT	Old SAT to Old New SAT SAT to New SAT	Old SAT to Old New SAT SAT to New SAT	Old SAT to Old New SAT SAT	Old SAT to Old SAT New SAT to New SAT	Old SAT to Old SAT New SAT to New SAT	OLD SAT Converted to New	Old SAT to Old SAT New SAT to New SAT
Prefer SAT or ACT?	Either	Either	Either	Either	Either	Either	Either	Either	Either	Either	Either	Either
Are ACT Scores Interchangeable between test dates?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Grade Point Average Recalculation Explanation	SUS Core and best grade of the exact same course	SUS Core and Electives; Best grade of identical academic courses.	SUS Core and Electives; Best grade of identical academic courses.		SUS Core and Electives; Best of academic courses	SUS Core; All academic work attempted	SUS Core; all academic work attempted	Only SUS core admission coursework; Best grade of the exact same course.	SUS Core; All academic work attempted	Based on SUS "core" and up to two approved academic electives; Best grade of identical academic courses	SUS Core and Electives; Best grade for the exact same course	SUS Core and Electives; Best of academic courses.
Will you only accept your university's personal statement topics?	Yes	N/A	No	Yes	Essays are not required	Yes	Common App essay topics (7 choices, including choose your own topic)	No	Yes	Essays are not required, but encouraged.	Essays are not required	N/A
Are Letters of Recommendation Required for Inclusion with the Application?	No	No	No; Only if required for Scholarships and for borderline applicants	No	No	No	Yes - 1	No	No, Not Required	Not required, but encouraged.	No	No
Is class rank more important than percentile listing?	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Do not consider rank	No	No	No

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GPA Calculations/QP for Accelerated Mechanisms												
AP	1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1
Dual Enrollment	1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1
Honors	0.5	*0.5	*0.5	*0.5	*0.5	*0.5	*0.5	*0.5	*0.5	*0.5	*0.5	*0.5
IB	1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1
AICE	1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1
NOTE: Asterisk indicates course(s) must have a grade of C or better to be weighted.												
Preferred Time to Apply	September	Fall of Senior Year	Fall of the Senior Year	Prior to November 1	Prior to November 1	Prior to November 1	By November 1	Fall of the Senior Year	August 15 - November 1	Prior to "Scholarship Deadline"	Prior to November 1	Fall of the Senior Year
Application Fee	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30 (plus an additional \$5 processing fee if using the Coalition Application)	\$30	\$30	\$30 + \$5 processing fee	\$30	\$30	\$30
Institutional Financial Aid Deadline for Fall 2018 (date/rolling)	1-Jan	March 1 (Priority Jan 1)	Open Oct 1/ Priority Jan 1/ Closes March 1	1-Mar	Rolling, March 1	December 1 Priority	Nov 1 priority FAFSA April 15 Guaranteed Scholarships	Dec 1 Priority	December 15; Encouraged to apply well before the 15th	June 30	Priority Deadline January 1, 2018	Open Oct 1; Scholarship Priority Dec 1; FAFSA Priority deadline March 15
2017-2018 Tuition & Fees for 30 credit hours (in-state)	\$5,844	\$6,039	\$6,118	\$6,570	\$4,940	\$6,516	\$6,916 (36 hrs, includes January Interterm)	\$6,368	\$6,380	\$6,394	\$6,410	\$6,356
Tuition Deposit Required? (Y/N) Amount?	\$150	Yes \$200	No	Yes - \$200	Yes, \$200	Yes, \$200 for FTIC only	Yes, \$200	Yes=\$200 FTIC Only	Yes, \$200 FTIC Only	No	\$200	No
Housing Deposit Required? (Y/N) Amount?	\$200	Yes, \$100 nonrefundable housing application fee	Yes \$50 nonrefundable housing application fee	Yes - \$200	Yes, \$250	Prepayment \$100 summer; \$225 fall	No	\$100 Summer; \$250 Fall	Prepayment \$175 Summer; \$175 Fall	\$200 pre-payment; \$100 processing fee	No?	Yes \$225 (\$200 will go towards fall rent)
Does your institution require freshmen to live on campus?	Yes	Yes, if they live outside 30 mile radius	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No, but highly encouraged	No	No, but highly encouraged

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Honors Program Minimum Requirements	GPA: 3.50; SAT 1200 or ACT 27; 2 Letters of Recommendation; Writing Sample	3.8 GPA SAT or 27 ACT	3.5 GPA 1220 SAT or 25 ACT	3.5 GPA 1320 SAT 28 ACT	N/A	Accepted Midrange: 4.3-4.6 GPA; 30-33 ACT; Students receiving an admission scholarship will be invited to apply.	Holistic review. Top factors: course selection, grades, writing scores. Extra consideration given for strong interest and top 10% if ranked.	Fall 2016 Average GPA 4.4; SAT 1408; ACT 31.9	Holistic review. Top factors: Honors application essays, GPA, rigor of courses, extracurriculars, test scores	Holistic Review; Essay, Resume, HS GPA, Scores	3.8 HSGPA 1300 SAT 29ACT	3.5 GPA 1770 SAT (3 sections) or 26 ACT
%Undergrad Minority (Black, Asian, Hispanic, Native American) Fall 2016 from SUS Data Files	Hispanic/ Latino: 26.7% Black: 19.9% Asian: 4% Amer Ind: 2% White: 41.9% Nat Hawaiian or Pacific Isl: 1% 2 or more races: 3.8%	Hispanic/ Latino: 26.7% Black: 19.9% Asian: 4% Amer Ind: 2% White: 41.9% Nat Hawaiian or Pacific Isl: 1% 2 or more races: 3.8%	Hispanic/ Latino: 19.6% Black: 7.1% Asian: 1.6% Amer Ind: 2% White: 65.4% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Isl: 1% 2 or more races: 2.8%	Hispanic/ Latino: 66.8% Black: 12.2% Asian: 1.6% Amer Ind: 1% White: 9.2% 2 or more races: 2.7%	Hispanic/ Latino: 19.1% Black: 8.3% Asian: 3.7% Amer Ind: 5% White: 66.6% Nat Hawaiian or Pacific Isl: 3% 2 or more races: 2%	Hispanic/ Latino: 20% Black: 8.3% Asian: 2.3% Amer Ind: 3% White: 62.6% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Isl: 1% 2 or more races: 3.3%	Hispanic/ Latino: 17.9% Black: 2.8% Asian: 3.1% White: 69% 2 or more races: 3.6%	Hispanic/ Latino: 25.4% Black: 11.4% Asian: 6% Amer Ind: 2% White: 51.1% Nat Hawaiian or Pacific Isl: 2% 2 or more races: 3.9%	Hispanic/ Latino: 21.2% Black: 6.1% Asian: 7.9% Amer Ind: 2% White: 56.4% Nat Hawaiian or Pacific Isl: 2% 2 or more races: 3.1%	Hispanic/ Latino: 11% Black: 9.8% Asian: 4.4% Amer Ind: 1% White: 67.4% 2 or more races: 5.5%	Hispanic/ Latino: 20% Black: 9.8% Asian: 6.3% Amer Ind: 2% White: 52.4% Nat Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander: 2% 2 or more: 3.8%	Hispanic/ Latino: 9.2% Black: 12.8% Asian: 2.9% Amer Ind: 6% White: 65.2% Nat Hawaiian or Pacific Isl: 3% 2 or more: 5.2%
Average Age Undergraduate Fall 2016	22.8	23	21	23	20	22	20	22	21	24.5	23	24
% Fall 2016 FTIC in Top 10% HS Class*	N/A	15%	14%	18%	N/A	41%	36%	42%	73%	28%	36%	Don't capture class rank
% Fall 2016 FTIC in Top 20% HS Class*	N/A	36%	30%	47%	N/A	77%	63%	68%	96%	55%	66%	Don't capture class rank
1st-Year Retention Rate (Fall 2015 Cohort)	83%	77%	79%	88%	N/A	93%	84.3%	89%	87%	80%	90%	76%
6-Year Graduation Rate (Fall 2010 Cohort)	41%	49%	46%	57%	N/A	80%	63.4%	69%	87%	54%	67%	49%
Top 3 Majors for Undergrad	Pharmacy Professional Criminal Justice Pre-Physical Therapy	Business Administration, Biology, Psychology	Management; Biology; and Communication	Psychology; Biology; and Interdisciplinary Studies	Computer Science; Computer Engineering; Mechanical Eng	Business, Biological Sciences; Pre-Health Professions	Biology Psychology General Studies	Psychology Business Engineering	Psychology; Biology; and Mechanical Engineering	Psychology; Communication; and Business Management	Biomedical Sciences; Nursing; Engineering	Preprof Biology; Nursing; and Business
Top 3 Feeder Florida College System institutions?	TCC MDC BC	PBSC BC MDC	FSWSC PBSC SCFM-5	MDC BC PBSC	PSC HCC VC	TCC GCSC MDC	SCF MDC SFC	VC SSC EPSC	SFC MDC FSCJ	FSCJ SJRSC DSC	HCC SPC PHSC	PSC NWFSC GCSC

The State College Application

A great, affordable, very accessible option! The state of Florida has 28 state colleges that serve all 64 counties in Florida. Many of the state colleges have multiple campuses to provide students with a campus near the location they live and work. For instance, St. Johns River State College (SJRState) has campuses in St. Augustine, Orange Park, and Palatka as it serves the counties of St. Johns, Clay, and Putnam. *Each state college in Florida offers one or more of the following options for students to complete their educations:*

- 1) **Associate of Art (AA) transfer degrees.** The AA transfer degree will provide you guaranteed admission to one of Florida's universities to complete your Bachelor degree. The degree might not transfer out-of-state, so be aware of this as you make plans beyond your AA degree.
- 2) **Bachelor degrees.** Many of Florida's state colleges now offer Bachelor degrees. Typically, the Bachelor degree awarded within the state college system provides management opportunities for skilled employees within high demand workforce fields and industries of Florida.
- 3) **Online degree programs.** If you prefer completing your degree entirely online, this is also an option for many programs within the state college system. You can be a distance learner for the cost of a public college education.
- 4) **Associate of Science (AS) degrees.** Keep in mind that the state college system also provides students with the opportunity to complete AS degrees. AS degrees are designed for students to complete and enter the workforce expeditiously. A limited selection of AS degrees can be used as transfer degrees to the university system or to a bachelor program within the state college system. See your college advisor for details.
- 5) **Certificates.** This educational avenue provides students with options to complete industry certifications leading to specific areas of employment. Certificates may also be acquired to show specialized knowledge that complements existing degrees earned.

Students interested in attending a state college in Florida MUST apply to attend the chosen school. However, admissions is not competitive in nature. If you have earned a high school diploma, you will be admitted to the state college system. There are no priority deadlines for admissions, however, you will need to apply in time to register for courses, so check the application deadlines. Also, you will want to apply and get your name in the system for potential scholarships. Many state college scholarships must be applied for separately from the actual application process, so make sure you review the web site of the state college you would like to attend. Keep in mind that some of our state colleges now offer housing for students.

A "COMPLETE APPLICATION" to a state college generally includes the following:

- Application (usually online)
- Application Fee (usually about \$25, paid online as part of the application)
- Transcript (order via Parchment at the end of school year for State Colleges)
- Test Scores (must be OFFICIAL, from the testing company- used for advising you)
- Residency Affidavit

State Colleges within Florida

Florida College	Main Campus Location
Broward College	Ft. Lauderdale
Chipola College	Marianna
College of Central Florida	Ocala
Daytona State College	Daytona
Eastern Florida State College	Melbourne
Florida Gateway College	Lake City
Florida Keys Community College	Key West
Florida SouthWestern State College	Fort Myers
Florida State College at Jacksonville	Jacksonville
Gulf Coast State College	Panama City
Hillsborough Community College	Tampa
Indian River State College	Ft. Pierce
Lake-Sumter State College	Leesburg
Miami Dade College	Miami
North Florida Community College	Madison
Northwest Florida State College	Niceville
Palm Beach State College	Lake Worth
Pasco-Hernando State College	New Port Richey
Pensacola State College	Pensacola
Polk State College	Winter Haven
Santa Fe College	Gainesville
Seminole State College	Sanford
South Florida State College	Avon Park
St. Johns River State College	Palatka
St. Petersburg College	St. Petersburg
State College of Florida Manatee- Sarasota	Bradenton
Tallahassee Community College	Tallahassee
Valencia College	Orlando

Training Beyond High School for Bartram Trail Seniors

Military Bound Seniors

Make contact with your local recruiting office to learn more about the options available to you for a military career. Remember that even if you have not been actively involved in Bartram Trail's ROTC program, Chief Phillips and Colonel LeFevre are resident experts at Bartram! Service representatives from all branches of our United States military are assigned to assist Bartram Trail students with information about military careers and education and are available during scheduled lunch sessions. ASVAB testing will be available on campus in November 2014.

Career and Vocational Bound Seniors

Most careers and vocations require continual learning and education. Please review the career and vocational training options provided by First Coast Technical College (FCTC) in St. Augustine, Florida. This school offers education beyond high school in many fields and you can review that information at www.fctc.edu. Following is a partial list of options available through FCTC: EMT, Paramedic, Firefighter, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Air-Conditioning Refrigeration and Heating, Automotive Services Technology, Early Childhood Education, Dental Assisting, Massage Therapy, Medical Assisting, Pharmacy Technician, Welding, Practical Nursing, Landscape Mgt., Pest Control, Sports and Recreational Turf Management, and more.

State College Bound Seniors

St. Johns River State College offers Associate and Bachelor degrees in addition to many industry certifications. Every county in Florida is served by a State or Community College, so seniors who want to pursue more education in a different area of Florida should consider looking at the local State or Community College. SJRState offers education in: Construction Technology, Business, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Health Care, Early Childhood Education, Organizational Management, and the Arts. It has three campus locations: St. Augustine, Palatka, and Orange Park. There is an online application for SJRState. Please visit the school web site at www.SJRstate.edu for complete information.

Helpful Web Sites

Grade Portal <http://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/> Click on Home Access Center

Senior Fee Payments <http://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/> Click on Pay Online

Senior Fun Update <http://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/> Click on Student Life, Click on Seniors

NCAA www.eligibilitycenter.org

AP Course Information <http://apcentral.collegeboard.com>

Bright Futures Application <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/>

Career Planning <http://www.sjrstate.edu/careerservices>

FAFSA Deadlines, Bright Futures Eligibility, and Scholarships

FAFSA - The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (the FAFSA) is available on October 1st at <http://www.fafsa.gov>. The earlier this federal form is completed, the more likely a student will receive financial assistance for college. Federal dollars are assigned by the financial aid offices of the colleges—so make sure you get your request in early! Universities in Florida now suggest that students have the FAFSA completed by October 31st so they are sure to meet the Financial Aid Priority Deadlines of all universities in Florida. See your institution web site for actual priority deadlines. Note that many private scholarships also require students complete the FAFSA to be eligible.

Bright Futures - ON OCTOBER 1st SENIORS should apply for Bright Futures and all Florida financial aid. Go to the BTHS website. Click on the Guidance tab, then click on the Scholarships link on the right side of the page under Guidance Pages.

- EVERY Senior should apply for Bright Futures starting October 1st
- The application must be done during Senior year, prior to graduation
- The only information you need is basic demographic information (name, address, etc.)
- **Find out your Bright Futures GPA NOW and see what you need to do to get a scholarship!**
- You only apply one time. It takes about 10 minutes, and then you are done!
- **DON'T WAIT** to apply because your application will be updated in early February and again after graduation to reflect your test scores, community service hours, and grades.
- You can delay the use of your award for up to two years after you graduate high school or leave the military if you applied and qualified before graduation!
- Bright Futures will SUPERScore-- take the HIGHEST scores from the subsections of your ACT or your SAT if you took either test more than one time. Bright Futures will NOT combine scores across SAT and ACT tests. Bright Futures will NOT combine scores from the pre-March 2016 SAT with the SAT ReDesign tests. In other words, if you take the pre-March 2016 SAT and the SAT ReDesign, Bright Futures will NOT combine the scores from these two tests.
- See your counselor early if you need help!
- YOUR BRIGHT FUTURES GPA IS DIFFERENT (AND USUALLY LOWER) THAN THE WEIGHTED GPA ON YOUR REPORT CARD. TO FIND OUT YOUR BRIGHT FUTURES ELIGIBILITY, GO TO www.floridashines.org and click on "Pay for College" then click on "Check your eligibility for a Bright Futures Scholarship" under the Bright Futures Headline. You will be able to access your unofficial Bright Futures GPA, SAT/ACT testing evaluation, and community service hours on file.

Bright Futures Requirements:

*Your **Bright Futures GPA** is not the same as the weighted GPA on your report card, it is usually lower!*

Florida Academic Scholar (FAS) – 3.5 **Bright Futures GPA**, 29 ACT or 1290 SAT (Reading and Math only), 100 Community Service Hours

Florida Medallion Scholar (FMS) – 3.0 **Bright Futures GPA**, 26 ACT or 1170 SAT (Reading and Math only), 75 Community Service Hours

Scholarships

There are MANY scholarships available for only St Johns County students or only BTHS students. Apply. Check the "**Scholarships**" link on the **right-hand side of the BTHS guidance website** for updated scholarship opportunities. Check the college/university financial aid/scholarship website TODAY on how to apply directly for scholarships for the school(s) you hope to attend. Keep in mind that institutional scholarship deadlines are early. APPLY IN THE FALL FOR THESE COLLEGE-SPECIFIC DOLLARS. Most private scholarship applications open after winter break and close in April but some have earlier deadlines. It is important to FOLLOW DEADLINES.

NCAA, AP, and Contact Information

College Essay: The college essay is a great tool for students to use to express themselves in the college application. Make sure to follow instructions, check for errors, show not tell, make it meaningful, and don't be afraid to shine.

Resume: There is an example resume on the back of this form. Make sure you give details to describe your activities and accomplishments and avoid acronyms.

NCAA: If you think you'll be playing a Division I or Division II sport, see your counselor and check the NCAA Eligibility Center to make sure you are taking the appropriate classes to be eligible. Register for eligibility ASAP at www.eligibilitycenter.org and bring the signed transcript release form to the athletics office. Make sure NCAA has received your ACT/SAT scores also.

AP Credits: College credits for qualifying AP scores do not automatically follow you to college. You will need to contact College Board and request that your AP scores be sent to the college you will attend. Take some time over the summer to make sure your school receives your AP scores directly from College Board so your records are up-to-date and you are given the appropriate college credit(s). The courses for which you are assigned college credit by examination may impact your course decisions for that first year of college. You can access your AP score information through AP Central at the College Board website at <http://apcentral.collegeboard.com> AP credit is generally granted as course credit and does not include a grade or get factored into the college GPA. See your college website to learn how AP credit is applied. Scores of 4 or 5 will sometimes earn students credit for multiple courses within a course series.

Contact Your Senior Counselor:

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John Doe

Name should be 14 or 16 point font

Remember: All other text should be 10, 11, or 12 point font

Remember: Be sure that margins are 1" or .75" on top, bottom, left, and right

123 NW 13th St
Gainesville, FL 32603
Johndoe@gmail.com
(321) 123-4567

Professional email address only

All headings should be in all upper case, bolded, flush left

EDUCATION

High School Diploma, June 2009
Bayside High School, Gainesville, FL
Cumulative GPA: 3.1/4.0

Even if you haven't graduated you'll still list your graduation month and year

GPA is optional, if listed, list using a scale as shown

EXPERIENCE

Cashier and Bakery Assistant, June 2007 – Present
Winn-Dixie, Gainesville, FL
• Gained customer service skills as bagger and cashier
• Decorated cakes and filled displays
• Performed closing duties

Remember: Use Times New Roman or Ariel for all text

Secretary's Assistant, June 2008 – August 2008
Dr. Brown's Physicians Office, Gainesville, FL
• Organized and filed patient data

Remember: Items must be listed in reverse chronological order, that is, most recent first

Be sure to use Strong Past Tense Action Verbs to start each bullet point

Change this header to fit your needs, other options include: Involvement, Leadership, or Extra-curricular

HIGH SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

Captain, Swim Team, 11th and 12th grade
• Lead the warm-ups before and after practice
• Kept the team in high spirited
• Ensured the pool area was clean when practice was over

Remember: Do not use Italics or Underlining, Just Bold and Plain text

Secretary, National Honor Society, 11th and 12th grade
• Corresponded with students on various projects
• Assisted with a variety of secretarial tasks
• Utilized public speaking skills

Remember: All headers (Education, Experience, etc.) and your titles (Captain, Cashier, etc.) should be in bold

Member, Future Business Leaders of America, 9th and 10th grade
• Participated in 2 business case competitions
• Learned about state, national, and global business practices

Change this header to fit your needs, other options include: Honors, Awards, or Honors & Awards

ACTIVITIES & AWARD

Member, Future Farmers of America, 10th, 11th, 12th grade
Small Forward, Men's Basketball Team, 9th grade
Volunteer, Franklin T. DeGroot Library, September 2007 - September 2008
Academic Excellence Award, 9th, 10th grade

You can list by grade or by month and year, whichever you prefer as long as your resume is consistent

SKILLS

Here you'll list additional skills you have, which you didn't gain from your involvement or experience headings

- Proficient in Microsoft Office, Excel, and Power Point
- Type 40 wpm