Senior College Planning



My College List

- As a SENIOR you already have your College List completed.
- Here's what it MIGHT look like:

College List for JOAN SMITH

Stretch	Target	Safety
SUNY-Cornell ILR	Babson College	Florida Atlantic University
University of Florida	Bentley University	Florida International University
University of Miami	University of South Florida	Clarkson University
Florida State University	Elon University (Love)	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Northeastern University	Fordham University	Florida Gulf Coast University
University of North Carolina-Kenon-Flagler	Drexel University (LeBow)	
Wake Forest University	Indiana University-Bloomington (Kelly)	
Washington University-St. Louis	Boston University	
Boston College	University of Texas-Austin	
University of Richmond	University of Maryland	
George Washington University	Syracuse University (Whitman)	
Lehigh University		
University of Michigan		
CUNY-Baruch College		
University of Central Florida		

What's a Target, Stretch and Safety?

• Take a Look at YOU first

What is your **GPA** and best **SAT** or **ACT** score? These are your **STATS**

• A **TARGET** school has STATS that are equal to yours *example*: Your GPA is: **3.5**

Your SAT score is: 1900 or

ACT score is: 26

Your TARGET school has accepted most of last year's Freshman Class in that range

Narrowing Down The Choices

 That original list should be narrowed down to 6-8 colleges across your Stretch, Target, and Safety schools.

• This is your **FINAL LIST!**

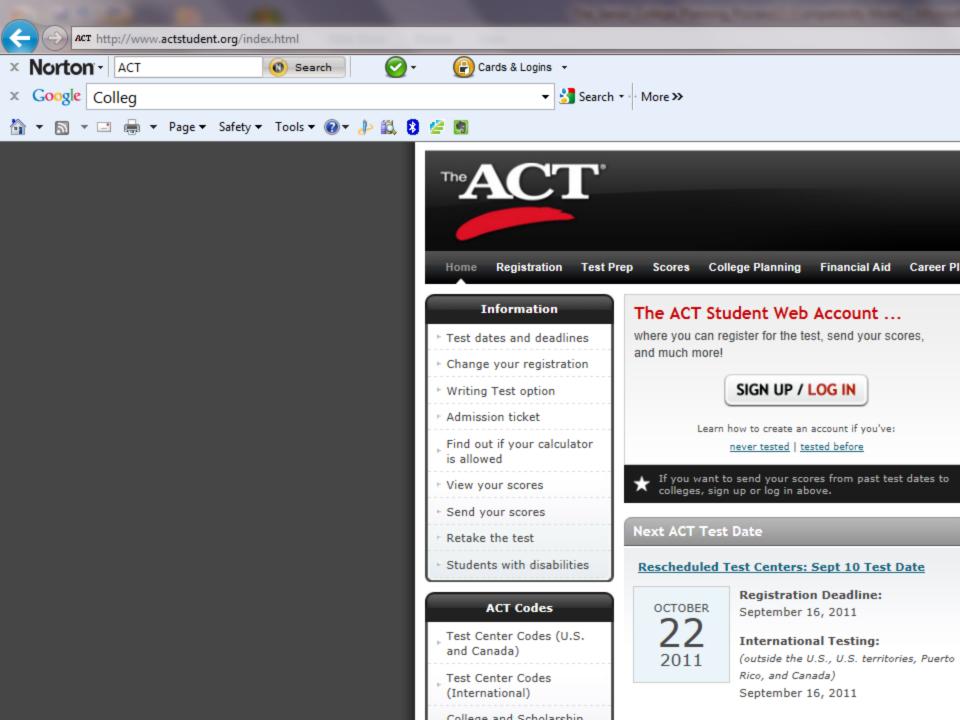


 Next job is to get their applications and find out how much work is ahead of you to complete them by their due date.

Who Has The Real Facts?



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Standardized Testing-Can I Still Take an **SAT** or **ACT** to Submit To Colleges?





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Examination and **Test Dates** Approved for 2013-14 and Proposed 2014-15

Please note that 2014-15 dates are anticipated, not final.

Test Dates for **SAT[®]** and **SAT Subject Tests[™]**

	2013-14		2014-15
Test Dates	U.S./International Registration Deadline	Late Regist ration Deadline <i>(U.S. only)</i>	Test Dates (anticipated)
October 5,6	September 6	September 20	October 11, 12
November 2, 3	October 3	October 18	November 8, 9
December 7, 8	November 8	November 22	December 6, 7
January 25, 26	December 27	January 10	January 24, 25
March 8, 9	February 7	February 21	March 14, 15
May 3, 4	April 4	April 18	May 2, 3
June 7, 8	May 9	May 23	June 6, 7

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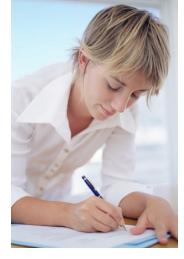
Test dates in other countries

2013-2014 2014-2015 2015-2016

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 21, 2013	August 23, 2013	August 24-September 6, 2013
October 26, 2013	September 27, 2013	September 28-October 11, 2013
December 14, 2013	November 8, 2013	November 9-22, 2013
February 8, 2014*	January 10, 2014	January 11–24, 2014
April 12, 2014	March 7, 2014	March 8-21, 2014
June 14, 2014	May 9, 2014	May 10–23, 2014

*No test centers are scheduled in New York for the February test date.

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What should I know about preparing my Application?

- Prepare materials on paper in advance
- Apply online when the college insists
- Double check everything before you send
- Make sure you've paid your fees
- Save a copy
- Follow up that everything has been received

THE CHECKLIST FOR APPLYING TO COLLEGE

- While each phase of the **college admissions process** is important, nothing is more important than actually completing the applications. **Done correctly, you provide colleges with information and essays that help them know you as a unique student and person, different from other applicants.**
- Here are the steps to complete an individual undergraduate admissions application:
- **1. Determine which school** you want to apply to and whether it uses its own application, the <u>Common Application</u> or the <u>UCA</u>.
- 2. Through the college's admission website or the <u>Common Application Requirements Grid</u>, find out what and when forms must be completed
 - Determine if the school has a Supplemental Form that must be completed and by what date
- 3. Complete all the forms for which you are responsible
- 4. Download and fill out your section for other required forms, *complete your part* (that's the top of the form) and distribute them to appropriate recommenders
- 5. Identify the <u>essay questions</u>
- 6. Decide on a focus for your application and topics for the essay questions
- 7. Write, edit and upload essays onto online application, after we have reviewed.
- 8. Gather any supplemental materials (e.g., activities resume, art portfolio, etc.)
- **9. Print and then send all application materials** online **after** we have checked the hardcopy by the due date AND PAY THE FEES, please.
- 10. Contact College Board to send transcript of SAT or Subject
- Test scores to college and/or <u>contact ACT to have ACT transcript</u> sent to college
- 11. Have your high school and other academic transcripts sent to the college-including any dual enrollment transcripts.
- **12**. If available, make arrangements for an <u>admissions interview</u> Two weeks after all application materials have been sent, check with the college to make sure all your materials have been received
- **13.** Make sure <u>Mid-year Report</u> is sent to the college after first semester grades come out and don't forget the <u>Final Transcript</u> is needed to secure your spot in their Freshman Class.
- **14.** <u>Decide</u> on which college you will attend and notify them of your desire to accept. Notify your other colleges of your decline decisions so that other students who may be on the wait list might get in.
- 15. <u>Secure your dorm-having a place to sleep is important.</u> Pay any fees that are associated with securing your Freshman seat.



Applications

 SUS Undergraduate Admission Application



 PB State College (formerly known as PBCC)



The Common Application



Parts of the Application

- Personal Information
- Essays in Response to the Prompts
- Recommendations
- Resume or List of Activities
- Test Scores



Grammar Offenses That Make Teachers Go Mad



Grammar errors are inevitable, of course. No <u>College Essay</u> will ever boast a pure linguistic track record, but that doesn't mean <u>students</u> shouldn't try their best to pump out the most clear, concise papers possible. But the following do seem to crop up most frequently in academic pieces, sending some of the more high-strung teachers and admissions representatives out there into a nasty little series of eye-twitches.

- They're/their/there
- Its/it's
- Missing apostrophes, quotation marks and/or commas
- Tense disagreement
- They're/their/there
- Improper use of the semicolon
- You're/your
- Sentence fragments
- Orphaned "this" and "it"
- Run-on sentences

Keeping It Organized!

A Checklist for Seniors

Use this chart to keep track of important information. Remember to keep copies of all applications and related information.

College Applications	College 1	College 2	College 3	College 4	College 5	College 6
Application deadline						
Date sent						
Official transcript sent						
Letters of recommendation sent						
SAT/ACT scores sent						
Acceptance received						
Bright Futures Scholarship Ap	plication (apply	www.FloridaS	tudentFinanc	ialAid.org/SS	FAD/bf)	
Applied by 12/4						
Confirmation received						
Individual College Financial A	id and Scholars	hip Applications	5	and a second		
Application deadline						
Date sent						
Acceptance received						
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Date received						
Correct (Y/N)						
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Date changes were submitted						
Date sent to colleges						
Financial Award Letters						
Date received						
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Final Transcripts Sent Y/N						
Thank you letters to all recom	mendation writ	ers sent Y/N				
Recommendation 1	Name					
Recommendation 2	Name					
Recommendation 3	Name					



Student: Jan Smith Calendar For Application Filing

*Make Sure You Check Their Websites For Any Changes To Their Admission's Calendar

Name of College	Type of Application	Deadline	Date Filed
Florida State University	On-line through FACTs.org	September 15, 2010	Sent Application Sent Transcript Sent Score Reports Recommendations Sent
University of Florida	On-line through FACTs.org	September 15, 2010	Sent Application Sent Transcript Sent Score Reports Recommendations Sent
University of Central Florida	On-line through FACTs.org	September 15, 2010	Sent Application Sent Transcript Sent Score Reports Recommendations Sent
University of South Florida	On-line through FACTs.org	September 15, 2010	Sent Application Sent Transcript Sent Score Reports Recommendations Sent
Elon University	School's Application Is Available online but would send snail mail	Regular Decision - Jan 10 Early Decision - Nov 1 Early Action - Nov 10	Sent Application Sent Transcript Sent Score Reports Recommendations Sent

High School Recommendation Packet



Student Informational Sheets

- These **Informational Sheets** become the foundation for your Teacher Recommendations and Counselor Recommendations. Please make sure you complete all sections thoroughly and that you choose your peer recommendation writers wisely. **You may attach extra paper if needed.**
- Please allow at least three weeks for your teacher or counselor to write a letter of recommendation for you. Ask for letters from teachers who know you well and can speak to your academic ability. Counselors will write letters that address your character. Coaches, religious leaders and work/volunteer supervisors are also good candidates for recommendations. (These recommendations could be given to your guidance counselor to add to their recommendation)
- **Teachers** will mail letters or attach their letters to the common application and send them to your schools. If they are to be mailed, you will supply a large yellow stamped envelope with a "due date" post-it attached for every college.
- **Counselors** will include letters with college application packets and submit them directly to colleges. If mailed, you will supply a large yellow stamped envelope with a "due date" post-it attached for every college.

Letter of recommendation checklist:

- Complete the Student Self-Evaluation
- _Provide a stamped, addressed envelope (for teacher and counselors letters, to be mailed only)
- _A resume' is helpful
- _Submit these materials to your teachers/counselor
- _Plan ahead! Allow at least three weeks processing time

Student Informational Sheets Peer Recommendation Form Parent Questionnaire & Descriptive Statement

Transcript Request Form

- Transcript Request Forms are kept at the Front Office or in Guidance
- Return the completed forms to the Registrar
- Fees are usually:
 - \$1 for State Electronically
 - \$3 for Out-of-State
 - Scholarships Transcript is Free

Transcript Request Form
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Sign Up the first week in December of Your Senior Year

FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIPS 2010

The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program has helped more than 405,000 Florida students attend a postsecondary institution. The program offers three levels of scholarship awards – the Florida Academic Scholars award (FAS), the Florida Medallion Scholars award (FMS), and the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award (GSV). Read this brochure to find out how to qualify for a Bright Futures Scholarship.

Your Responsibilities

It is your job to **know** and **meet** the requirements of the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program before high school graduation and throughout your college career.

The Application

To apply for a Bright Futures Scholarship, you **must** submit a completed (error free) *Initial Student Florida Financial Aid Application* during your last year in high school (after December 1 and prior to graduation). You **must apply** *during your last year in high school, before graduation,** or you will forfeit all future eligibility for a Bright **Futures Scholarship**. To apply online, visit <u>www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org</u>, select "State Grants, Scholarships & Applications" and click on "Apply Here." The application gives the Florida Department of Education permission to evaluate your high school transcript and test scores for eligibility for state scholarships and grants, including a Bright Futures Scholarship. You may apply prior to meeting all requirements.

Note: The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is NOT a requirement for Bright Futures qualification but you are encouraged to apply as it may help you find other available financial aid.

Not Sure About College?

You **should** apply for a Bright Futures Scholarship even if you are considering not going to college, are planning to go out of state, are taking a few years off, or are enlisting in the military. Eligible students have up to three years from high scholarship.

Note: Initially eligible students who enlist in the United States Armed Forces immediately after high school graduation (within three years after separation from active duty), or students who receive a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship and discontinue their education to enlist in the United States Armed Forces, commence the remainder of their seven-year renewal period upon the date of separation from active duty.

Make the Grade

It is your responsibility to earn the necessary Grade Point Average (GPA) in the **required** high school classes. Not all high school courses will qualify you for a Bright Futures Scholarship. Ask your guidance counselor or refer to the Bright Futures Web site for course information.

Earn the Score

To qualify for a Bright Futures Scholarship, you **must** earn the minimum required test score (SAT, ACT, or CPT) for the award for which you wish to qualify.

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- FAFSA FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID FEDERAL STUDENT AID July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010 Use this form to apply free for federal and 0000 0000 state student grants, work-study and loans. 0000 Or apply free online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Applying by the Deadlines For federal aid, submit your application as early as possible, but no earlier than January 1, 2009. We must receive your application no later than June 30, 2010. Your college must have your correct, complete information by your last day of enrollment in the 2009-2010 school year. For state or college aid, the deadline may be as early as January 2009. See the table to the right for state deadlines. You may also need to complete additional forms. Check with your high school guidance counselor or a financial aid administrator at your college about state and college sources of student aid and deadlines. #* If you are filing close to one of these deadlines, we recommend you file online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. This is the fastest and easiest way to apply for aid. Using Your Tax Return # If you are supposed to file a 2008 federal income tax return, we recommend that you complete it before filling out this form. If you have not yet filed your return, you can still submit your FAFSA, but you must provide income and tax information. Once you file your tax return, correct any income or tax information that is different from what you initially submitted on your FAFSA. ----Filling Out the FAFSA # #^ Your answers on this form will be read electronically. Therefore: use black ink and fill in circles completely: Correct -Incorrect (8) (2) print clearly in CAPITAL letters and skip 1 5 s EL т a box between words: # report dollar amounts (such as \$12,356.41) 2 S 1 35 6 like this: no cents # Green is for student information and purple is for parent information. If you or your family has unusual circumstances (such as loss of employment). complete this form to the extent you can, then submit it as instructed and consult with the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend. For more information or help in filling out the FAFSA, call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243). TTY users (for the hearing impaired) may call 1-800-730-8913.

Mailing Your FAFSA

After you complete this application, make a copy of pages 3 through 8 for your records. Then mail the original of pages 3 through 8 in the attached envelope or send it to: Federal Student Aid Programs, P.O. Box 7001, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864-0071.

After your application is processed, you will receive a summary of your information in your Student Aid Report (SAR). If you provide an e-mail address, your SAR will be sent by e-mail within 3-5 days. If you do not provide an e-mail address, your SAR will be mailed to you within three weeks. If you would like to check the status of your FAFSA, go to www.fafsa.ed.gov or call 1-800-4-FED-AID.

Let's Get Started!

Now go to page 3 of the application form and begin filling it out. Refer to the notes as instructed.

STATE AID DEADLINES						
*NV, 01	Check with your financial aid administrator for these states and territories: L, *AS, CO, *FM, GA, *GU, *HI, *MH, *MP, NC, NE, *NM, R, PR, *PW, *SD, *TX, UT, *VA, *VI, *VT, WA, WI and *WY.					
AK	April 15, 2009 (date received) Academic Challenge - June 1, 2009					
AR	Workforce Grant - Contact your financial aid administrator.					
	Higher Education Opportunity Grant					
	- June 1, 2009 (fall term) - November 1, 2009 (spring term)					
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*ACA	Initial awards - March 2, 2009					
	Additional community college awards					
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*DC DE	June 30, 2009 (date received by state) April 15, 2009 (date received)					
FL	May 15, 2009 (date processed)					
^IA	July 1, 2009 (date received)					
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	(date received)					
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	Continuing applicants - August 15, 2009					
	(date received)					
IN #*KS	March 10, 2009 (date received) April 1, 2009 (date received)					
#KY	March 15, 2009 (date received)					
^LA	July 1, 2009 (date received)					
#^MA	May 1, 2009 (date received)					
MD	March 1, 2009 (date received)					
ME	May 1, 2009 (date received)					
MI	March 1, 2009 (date received)					
MN	30 days after term starts (date received)					
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ND	March 15, 2009 (date received)					
NH	May 1, 2009 (date received)					
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1	State Lottery - September 1, 2009 (date received)					
#*^WV	March 1, 2009 (date received)					
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Applicants encouraged to obtain proof of mailing.

* Additional form may be required.

STATE AID DEADLINES





Where's The Money?

• Your School will have it's own Scholarship List. Make sure you

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Here are some "free and scam proof sites": In Florida:

- <u>http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/ The Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA)</u>
 <u>State Programs, within the Florida Department of</u>
 <u>Education: http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/home/uamain.htm</u>
- <u>Nationally</u>



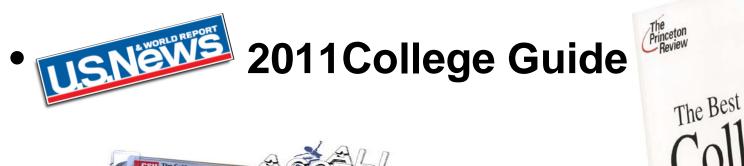
Read and Listen Lots of Information for Seniors

• Your School's Newsletter

INSIDE TRACK TO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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- Please Watch Your Deadlines
- Please Follow up on things you've sent
- Please Remember to THANK those who have written for you
- And please remember that there are over 3,800 colleges in the country,

There's a place for you.





Acceptance Letter

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•Decline From Your Other Schools So That Students On Their Wait List Can Enter •Send A Final Transcript

•DO NOT CATCH SENIORITIS!!!