

College Admission A-Z



What Does it Take to Get into College?



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What Do Colleges Look For In An Applicant?



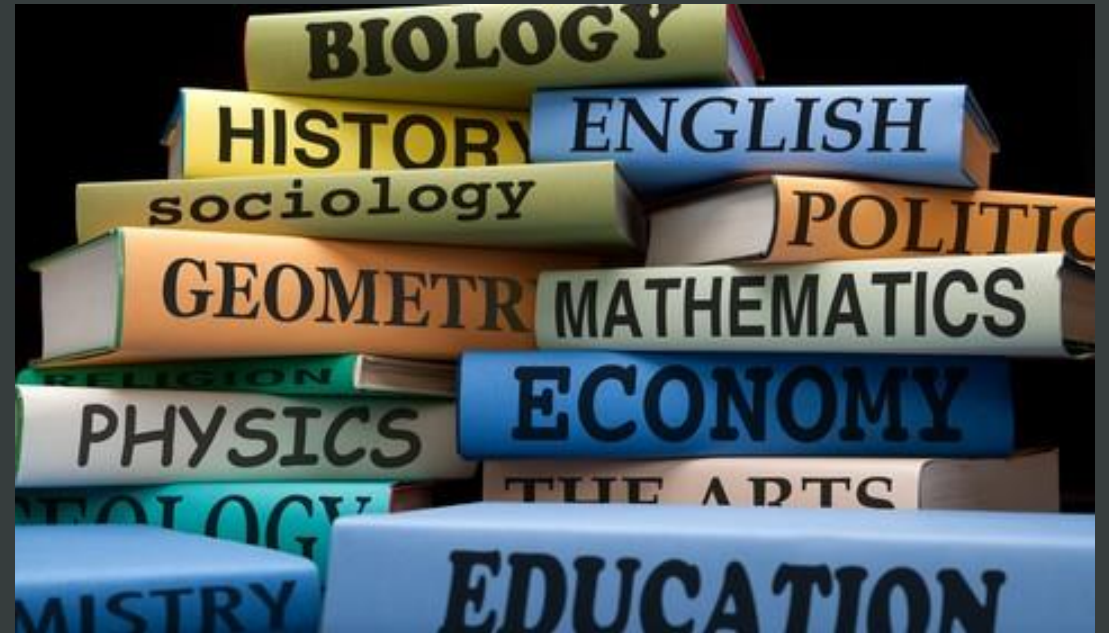
- Challenging Curriculum
- Grades
- Standardized Test Scores
- Extracurricular Activities

“Rigorous curriculum is a greater factor in determining college graduation rates than class standing, standardized test scores, or grade point average.”

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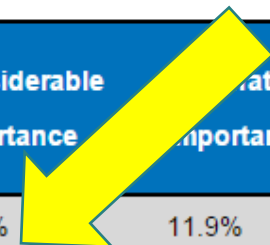
Choose Classes Carefully

- College gatekeepers say that the applicants whom they value most have taken college prep in high school and have performed well in these courses.
- College Prep courses = AICE, AP, IB, & Dual Enrollment
- Students should take at least 5 academic courses per year in Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Languages.



Percentage of colleges attributing different levels of importance to factors in the admission decision:
2011

Factor	Considerable importance	Some importance	Limited importance	No importance
Grades in college prep courses	84.3%	11.9%	2.3%	1.5%
Strength of curriculum	67.7	20.4	5.8	6.2
Admission test scores (SAT, ACT)	59.2	29.6	6.9	4.2
Grades in all courses	51.9	39.2	6.9	1.9
Essay or writing sample	24.9	37.5	17.2	20.3
Student's demonstrated interest	20.5	29.7	24.7	25.1
Counselor recommendation	19.2	39.8	27.2	13.8
Class Rank	18.8	31.0	31.4	18.8
Teacher recommendation	16.5	41.9	26.5	15.0
Subject test scores (AP, IB)	6.9	31.2	31.5	30.4
Portfolio	6.6	12.8	30.2	50.4
Interview	6.2	25.4	25.8	42.7
SAT II scores	5.4	9.7	22.6	62.3
Extracurricular activities	5.0	43.1	38.1	13.8
State graduation exam	4.2	14.9	23.8	57.1
Work	2.3	17.0	43.2	37.5



The latest annual admission survey from the [National Association of College Admission Counselors](#) indicates that 84 % of admission directors at state and private schools say grades in college-prep classes are of "considerable importance." (MoneyWatch CBS NEWS, 2012)

Minimum College Admission Requirements

The SUS will no longer use a sliding scale. Beginning with summer 2011 admits and thereafter, the minimum requirements are:

3.0 recalculated GPA + SAT or ACT

OR

2.5-2.99 recalculated GPA + at least the minimum scores on all sections of SAT or ACT:

SAT: EBRW - 500

ACT: Reading – 19

SAT: Math - 500

ACT: Math - 19

ACT: English/Writing – 18

All students must have completed:

4 credits

English

3 credits

Science

3 credits

Social Science

2 credits

Foreign Language

4 credits

Math, Algebra I – must have a math beyond Algebra 2!

2 credits

Additional academic credits

18 total academic credits

Note: Note: Informal Geometry is not accepted for university admissions. *Per Fl. DOE website.*

College Ready Scores

- EBRW 440
- Math 440
- 25 Writing
- 24 Read
- 24 Math

SAT



- Eng 17
- Read 19
- Math 19

ACT



- Writing 103
- Read 106
- Math 114

PERT



Earning these minimum scores will not guarantee admission to a state university

SAT vs. ACT?

- **Most schools will accept either.** Always check the colleges' websites to see how they use SAT & ACT test scores.
- Super Scoring SAT and ACT
- Most students test more than once – average 2 to 3 times
- SAT – Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, Math and optional essay
- ACT – Achievement Test – English, Reading, Math, Science, & optional writing

PSAT

A standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT. It also gives you a chance to enter NMSC scholarship programs and gain access to college and career planning tools.

Who takes the PSAT? All students in grades 9-10. Many students in grade 11.

The most common reasons for taking the PSAT/NMSQT are to:

- Receive feedback on your strengths and skills necessary for college study.
- You can then focus your preparation on those areas that could most benefit from additional study or practice.
- See how your performance on an admissions test might compare with that of others applying to college
- Enter the competition for scholarships from NMSC (grade 11)
- Help prepare for the SAT by becoming familiar with the kinds of questions and exact directions you will see on the SAT.
- Receive information for colleges when you check “yes” to Student Search Service.



STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA INSTITUTIONAL MATRIX AS OF AUGUST 2016

	FAMU TALLAHASSEE WWW.FAMU.EDU	FAU BOCA RATON WWW.FAU.EDU	FGCU FT. MYERS WWW.FGCU.EDU	FIU MIAMI WWW.FIU.EDU	FLPOLY LAKELAND WWW.FLPOLY.NET	FSU TALLAHASSEE WWW.FSU.EDU	NCF SARASOTA WWW.NCF.EDU	UCF ORLANDO WWW.UCF.EDU	UF GAINESVILLE WWW.UF.EDU	UNF JACKSONVILLE WWW.UNF.EDU	USF TAMPA WWW.USF.EDU	UWF PENSACOLA WWW.UWF.EDU
TOTAL ENROLLMENT	9,920	30,438	14,824	54,058	924	41,473	861	63,016	52,286	15,882	42,191	12,602
MIDDLE RANGE GPA ACCEPTED	FALL 3.00-3.50 SUMMER 3.00-3.50	FALL 3.73-4.37 SUMMER 3.42-3.90	FALL 3.42-4.22 SUMMER 3.38-4.12	FALL 4.0 SUMMER 3.7	FALL 3.5 SUMMER N/A	FALL 3.9-4.4 SUMMER 3.5-4.1	FALL 3.71-4.31 NO SUMMER	FALL 3.7-4.3 SUMMER 3.6-4.0	FALL 4.2-4.5 SUMMER 4.2-4.5	FALL 3.6-4.4 SUMMER 3.0-3.6	FALL 3.83-4.39 SUMMER 3.38-3.85	FALL 3.6 SUMMER 3.5
QUALITY POINTS ADDED TO GPA FOR AP, AICE, HONORS, DUAL ENROLL (DE)	1.0 QP FOR AP/AICE/DE 0.5 QP FOR HONORS	1.0 QP FOR AP/AICE/DE 0.5 QP FOR HONORS	1.0 QP FOR AP/AICE/DE 0.5 QP FOR HONORS	1.0 QP FOR AP/AICE/DE 0.5 QP FOR HONORS	1.0 QP FOR AP/AICE/DE 0.5 QP FOR HONORS	1.0 QP FOR AP/AICE/DE 0.5 QP FOR HONORS	1.0 QP FOR AP/AICE/DE 0.5 QP FOR HONORS	1.0 QP FOR AP/AICE/DE 0.5 QP FOR HONORS	1.0 QP FOR AP/AICE/DE 0.5 QP FOR HONORS	1.0 QP FOR AP/AICE/DE 0.5 QP FOR HONORS	1.0 QP FOR AP/AICE/DE 0.5 QP FOR HONORS	1.0 QP FOR AP/AICE/DE 0.5 QP FOR HONORS
SUPERSCORE SAT/ACT?	BOTH	BOTH	BOTH	BOTH	BOTH	BOTH	BOTH	SAT ONLY	SAT ONLY	BOTH	BOTH	BOTH
MIDDLE RANGE NEW SAT ACCEPTED FALL	EBRW: 501-600 MATH: 501-600	EBRW: 550-640 MATH: 530-610	EBRW: 560-630 MATH: 510-590	EBRW: 590 MATH: 590	EBRW: N/A MATH: N/A	EBRW: 640-710 MATH: 600-690	EBRW: N/A MATH: N/A	EBRW: 620-700 MATH: 610-700	EBRW: 640-730 MATH: 620-730	EBRW: N/A MATH: N/A	EBRW: 550-620 MATH: 590-690	EBRW: 560 MATH: 547
MIDDLE RANGE SAT ACCEPTED SUMMER	EBRW: TBD MATH: TBD	EBRW: TBD MATH: TBD	EBRW: TBD MATH: TBD	EBRW: TBD MATH: TBD	EBRW: TBD MATH: TBD	EBRW: TBD MATH: TBD	EBRW: TBD MATH: TBD	EBRW: TBD MATH: TBD	EBRW: TBD MATH: TBD	EBRW: TBD MATH: TBD	EBRW: TBD MATH: TBD	EBRW: TBD MATH: TBD
MIDDLE RANGE ACT ACCEPTED FALL	COMP: 21 E/W: 17-24	COMP: 21-25 E/W: 21-27	COMP: 22-26 E/W: 21-26	COMP: 23 E/W: 22	COMP: 28 E/W: 26	COMP: 26-31 E/W: 23-29	COMP: 26-31 E/W: 25-33	COMP: 25-29 E/W:	COMP: 27-32 E/W:	COMP: 24.5-29 E/W: 24-23	COMP: 26-30 E/W: 24-28	COMP: 24 E/W: 22
MIDDLE RANGE ACT ACCEPTED SUMMER	COMP: E/W: 17-21	COMP: 18-23 E/W: 20-24	COMP: 20-24 E/W: 20-25	COMP: 21 E/W: 20	N/A	COMP: 24-28 E/W: 21-26	N/A	COMP: 23-26 E/W:	COMP: 27-32 E/W:	COMP: 20.5-23.75 E/W: 20-24	COMP: 23-26 E/W: 21-24	COMP: 22 E/W: 21
% OF APPLICANTS ACCEPTED FALL OF 2016	37%	51%	54%	48%	69%	46%	57%	47%	45%	37%	40%	51%
% FALL 2015 FTIC IN TOP 10% OF HS CLASS	14%	11%	13%	16%	N/A	38%	43%	40%	72%	28%	34%	NOT REPORTED
PREFERRED TIME TO APPLY	SEPT-FEB	FALL	AUG 1-NOV 15	JUL 1-NOV 1	PRIOR NOV 1	PRIOR TO OCT 19	NOV 1	FALL	AUG 15-NOV 1	PRIOR TO SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE	PRIOR TO NOV 1	FALL
ADMISSION NOTIFICATION PLAN	ROLLING	ROLLING W/FEB 15 TH PRIORITY DEADLINE	ROLLING W/FEB 15 TH PRIORITY DEADLINE	ROLLING W/ NOV 1 PRIORITY DEADLINE	11/2 W/DECISION BY 12/1, ROLLING AFTER 1/1	2 NOTIFICATION DATES 12/8 & 3/16	11/1 & 4/15 DEADLINE	ROLLING	FEB 10	ROLLING	MODIFIED ROLLING	ROLLING W/DEC 1 PRIORITY
TOP 3 MAJORS FOR UNDERGRADUATES	BUSINESS, PHARMACY, CRIMINAL JUSTICE	BUSINESS, PSYCHOLOGY, BIOLOGY	MANAGEMENT, BIOLOGY, COMMUNICATIONS	BUSINESS, PSYCH, BIO	COMPUTER SCI, ENGINEERING	BUSINESS, BIOLOGY, ENGINEERING	PSYCH, BIOLOGY, ANTHROPOLOGY	BUSINESS, PSYCH, ENGINEER	PSYCH, BIO, MECH ENGINEERING	BUSINESS, PSYCH, COMMUNICATIONS	PSYCH, ENGINEERING, BIO MED	BIOLOGY, NURSING, BUSINESS
ARE LETTERS OR REC REQUIRED?	YES - 2	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES - 1	NO	NO	NOT REQ BUT ENCOURAGED	NO	NO
1ST YEAR RETENTION RATE	84%	77%	79%	87%	76%	93%	81%	89%	96%	80%	68%	73%

FLORIDA SUS ADMISSIONS (MIDDLE RANGES)



University of Florida

GPA: 4.2 - 4.5

SAT: 1760 - 2080

ACT: 27 - 32



Florida State University

GPA: 3.9 - 4.4

SAT: 1830 - 1930

ACT: 27 - 31



University of South Florida

GPA: 3.8

SAT: 1805

ACT: 26 - 30



PHOENIX

FLORIDA POLY

Florida Polytechnic University

GPA: 4.0

SAT: 1910

ACT: 28



Florida Gulf Coast University

GPA: 3.3 - 4.0

SAT: 1480 - 1730

ACT: 22 - 26



UNF

UNIVERSITY of
NORTH FLORIDA

University of North Florida

GPA: 3.9

SAT: 1630 - 1870

ACT: 21 - 23



Florida Atlantic University

GPA: 3.5 - 4.2

SAT: 1460 - 1740

ACT: 21 - 26



University of West Florida

GPA: 3.5

SAT: 1562

ACT: 23



University of Central Florida

GPA: 3.7 - 4.3

SAT: 1800

ACT: 25 - 29



Florida A&M University

GPA: 3.0 - 3.4

SAT: 1400

ACT: 21



Florida International University

GPA: 3.4 - 4.0

SAT: 1570 - 1850

ACT: 23 - 28

New College
THE HONORS COLLEGE
of Florida

New College of Florida

GPA: 3.78 - 4.39

SAT: 1770 - 2090

ACT: 27 - 31



	ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES	BARRY UNIVERSITY	BEACON COLLEGE	ECKERD COLLEGE	EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY	FLAGLER COLLEGE	FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE	JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY	JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY	KEISER UNIVERSITY FLAGSHIP CAMPUS
	www.adu.edu	www.barry.edu	www.beaconcollege.edu	www.eckerd.edu	daytonabeach.erau.edu	www.flagler.edu	www.fit.edu	www.flsouthern.edu	www.ju.edu	www.jwu.edu	www.keiseruniversity.edu/keiserflag
LOCATION	ORLANDO, FL	MIAMI, FL	LEESBURG, FL	ST. PETERSBURG, FL	DAYTONA BEACH, FL	ST. AUGUSTINE, FL	MELBOURNE, FL	LAKELAND, FL	JACKSONVILLE, FL	NORTH MIAMI, FL	WEST PALM BEACH, FL
ENROLLMENT	2,090	3,500	300	1,800	5,500	2,724	3,449	2,260	3,223	1,752	700
SPORTS DIVISION	NA	DIV II	NA	DIV II	DIV II	DIV II	DIV II	DIV II	DIV I (IAA FOOTBALL)	NAIA	NAIA DIV II
ADMISSION DEADLINE	JUL 1, NOV 1, & MAR 1	ROLLING	ROLLING	NOV 15 EARLY ACT, MAR 15 ROLLING	ROLLING	NOV 1 & MARCH 1	ROLLING	ROLLING	ROLLING, PRIORITY DEC 15	ROLLING	ROLLING
MIDRANGE GPA	3.15 (unweighted)	3.0 (unweighted)	2.5-3.0	3.2-3.6	3.5 NON ENG. 3.8 ENG.	3.54	3.41-3.90	3.40-4.0	3.03-3.87	3.2	2.7-3.0
MIDRANGE SAT (CR & M, MIDDLE 50%)	880	944	NA	1015-1225	1160-1210	1058	1090-1270	1040-1200	920-1120	NOT REQUIRED	950-1050
MIDRANGE ACT	19	20	NA	23-27	24-29	24	24-30	23-28	20-25	NOT REQUIRED	18-22
TUITION, FEES, ROOM & BOARD	\$19,600	\$39,400	\$46,862	\$52,874	\$44,600	\$27,620	\$50,055	\$43,830	\$47,480	\$44,183	\$38,055
ACCEPT AICE? AP? IB? DUAL ENROLLMENT (DE)? ALL?	AP, IB, DE	ALL	ALL	ALL	AP, IB, DE	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL
AVG NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP/GRAANT AWARD	data unavailable	data unavailable	\$10,000	\$23,934	SEE WEBSITE	\$9,324	\$27,045	\$17,370	\$2,500	data unavailable	data unavailable
AVG NON-NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP/GRAANT AWARD	data unavailable	data unavailable	\$3,000	\$15,973	SEE WEBSITE	\$2,157	\$16,191	\$15,644	\$14,000	data unavailable	data unavailable
TOP 3 MAJORS	NURSING BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	NURSING BIOLOGY MANAGEMENT	CIS HUMAN SERVICES BUSINESS MGMT.	MARINE SCIENCE ENV. STUDIES INT'L. BUSINESS	ENGINEERING AVIATION SPACE SCIENCES	BUSINESS ADMIN. COMMUNICATION PSYCHOLOGY	MECHANICAL ENG. AEROSPACE ENG. COMPUTER SCIENCE	BUSINESS ADMIN. NURSING BIOLOGY	BUSINESS ADMIN. NURSING BIOLOGY/MARINE SCIENCE	CUL/BAKING/PASTRY ARTS SPORTS ENT./MGMT. CRIMINAL JUSTICE	BUSINESS MGMT. INT'L. BUSINESS GOLF & SPORTS MGMT.

	LYNN UNIVERSITY	NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY	PALM BEACH ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	RINGLING COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN	ROLLINS COLLEGE	SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY	SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY	STETSON UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI	THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA	WARNER UNIVERSITY
	www.lynn.edu	www.nova.edu	www.pba.edu	www.ringling.edu	www.rollins.edu	www.saintleo.edu	www.seu.edu	www.stetson.edu	www.miami.edu	www.ut.edu	www.warner.edu
LOCATION	BOCA RATON, FL	FT. LAUDERDALE, FL	WEST PALM BEACH, FL	SARASOTA, FL	WINTER PARK, FL	SAINT LEO, FL	LAKELAND, FL	DELAND, FL	CORAL GABLES, FL	TAMPA, FL	LAKE WALES, FL
ENROLLMENT	1,821	4,699	2,418	1,253	1,948	2,370	3,996	3,084	10,000	6,726	1,171
SPORTS DIVISION	DIV II	DIV II	DIV II	NA	DIV II	DIV II	NAIA	DIV I	DIV I	DIV II	NAIA, NCAA DIV II
ADMISSION DEADLINE	NOV 15 EARLY ACT, MAR 1 ROLLING	NOV 1 (ED and EA), FEB 1 (RD)	ROLLING	ROLLING	NOV 1, DEC 15, FEB 1	ROLLING	ROLLING	ROLLING	NOV 1 (ED & EA), JAN 1 (ED & RD)	NOV 15	ROLLING
MIDRANGE GPA	2.50-3.29	4.02	3.57	3.3	3.2-4.1	3.5	3.39	3.54-4.19	3.6	3.4/4.0	3.1
MIDRANGE SAT (CR & M, MIDDLE 50%)	870-1069	1000-1390	1061	NA	1150-1300	1003	1433	1068-1250	1200-1390	1120	865
MIDRANGE ACT	19-22	22-28	23	NA	25-30	23	21	23-28	28-32	25	18
TUITION, FEES, ROOM & BOARD	\$47,990	\$38,724	\$37,967	\$53,620	\$60,970	\$31,650	\$33,610	\$55,566	\$60,314	\$37,866	\$28,022
ACCEPT AICE? AP? IB? DUAL ENROLLMENT (DE)? ALL?	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL
AVG NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP/GRAANT AWARD	\$9,775	\$17,264	\$17,554	\$6,457	\$30,035	\$14,330	\$12,599	\$26,057	\$11,662	\$13,178	\$18,393
AVG NON-NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP/GRAANT AWARD	\$11,867	\$12,349	\$12,546	\$8,984	\$18,836	\$6,001	\$9,944	\$21,120	\$19,071	\$8,675	data unavailable
TOP 3 MAJORS	INT'L. BUSINESS SPORTS MGMT.	BIOLOGY (PRE-MED) MARINE BIOLOGY	BIOLOGY PRE-NURSING	ILLUSTRATION COMPUTER ANIMATION	BUSINESS PSYCHOLOGY	CRIMINAL JUSTICE BIOLOGY	BUSINESS COMMUNICATION	FINANCE PSYCHOLOGY	BUS./MARKETING BIOLOGICAL/LIFE SCI.	MARINE SCI./BIOLOGY COMMUNICATION	BUSINESS ADMIN. PYSICAL EDUCATION

Extracurricular Activities

- Well rounded student
- Good time management skills
- Avoid “filling up” resume
- Quality over quantity
- Leadership skills
- Community Service



How Much Does College Cost?





Basic Cost of Attendance at Palm Beach State College 2016-2017 (Living at home)

Cost & Expenses

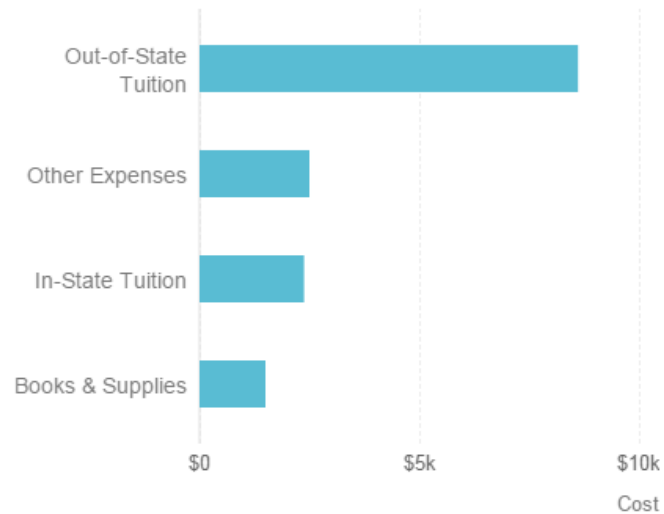
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Estimated Annual Costs of Attendance

Off-Campus

Living at Home

Estimated Cost of Attendance Living with Family



Category	Undergraduate
In-State Tuition & Fees	\$2,378
Out-of-State Tuition & Fees	\$8,612
Part-Time Tuition (per credit hour)	\$98
Books & Supplies	\$1,500
Other Expenses	\$2,500
Annual In-State Cost of Attendance	\$6,378
Annual Out-of-State Cost of Attendance	\$12,612

Palm Beach State College does not provide on-campus housing.

Basic Cost of Attendance at Florida Atlantic University 2016-2017

Florida Residents

Estimated nine-month budgets for full-time Florida Resident students used in 2016-2017 are listed below (based on 27 credits for Undergraduate students and 20 credits for Graduate students):

Undergraduate Students

	On Campus	Off Campus	With Parents
Tuition & Fees	\$ 5,432	\$ 5,432	\$ 5,432
Books & Supplies	\$ 1,320	\$ 1,320	\$ 1,320
Room & Board	\$ 12,006	\$ 11,364	\$ 1,390
Transportation Fees	\$ 1,934	\$ 3,164	\$ 3,164
Personal Expenses	\$ 2,554	\$ 2,554	\$ 2,554
TOTAL	\$ 23,246	\$ 23,834	\$ 13,860



Basic Cost of Attendance at University of Florida 2016-2017

2016-17 Academic Year Undergraduate Cost of Attendance

The costs below reflect estimated expenses. Your costs may vary.

	Undergrad On Campus	Undergrad Off Campus	Undergrad Living with Parents	Undergrad Summer 17 (A+B) On Campus
*Tuition / Fees	\$6,380	\$6,380	\$6,380	\$2,550
Books and Supplies	1,210	1,210	1,210	490
Computer/Cell Phone	1,260	1,260	1,260	370
Housing	5,420	5,420	—	1,630
Food	4,470	4,470	990	1,570
Transportation	1,090	1,090	1,090	360
Clothing Maintenance	1,140	1,140	1,140	400
Personal	260	260	260	60
Total Budget	\$21,230	\$21,230	\$12,330	\$7,430

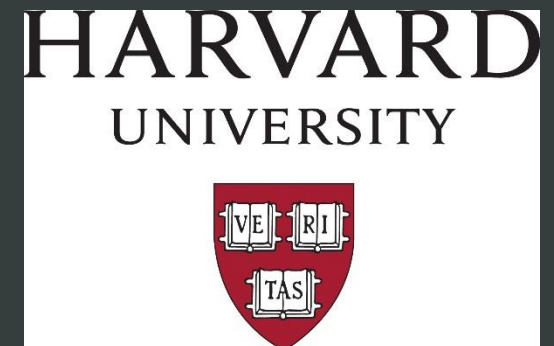


Basic Cost of Attendance at Harvard University 2016-2017

	2016-2017	2015-2016
Tuition	\$43,280	\$41,632
Fees	\$3,794	\$3,646
Room	\$9,894	\$9,523
Board	\$6,057	\$5,858
Subtotal - billed costs	\$63,025	\$60,659
Estimated personal expenses (including \$800-\$1,200 for books)	\$3,875	\$3,741
Estimated travel costs	\$0 - \$5,200	\$0 - \$5,200
Total billed and unbilled costs	\$66,900 - \$72,100	\$64,400 - \$69,600

* In addition, health insurance is required at a cost of \$2,630 (for 2016-17) unless you are covered under your family's health plan.

Cost Attendance



How Am I Going to Pay for College?



Florida Prepaid?

- **Cost per Credit Hour at FAU** **\$201**
- Tuition, Local Fees and Differential \$196
- Tuition & Differential \$157
- Tuition and Local Fees \$156
- Tuition Only \$116



\$85
Per Hr

Financial Aid

- Loans
- Work-Study Program
- Grants
- Scholarships



Financial Aid Continued



- FAFSA: Free application for Federal Student Aid, www.fafsa.ed.gov- after October 1st senior year
- CSS/Financial Aid Profile at www.collegeboard.org
- College/University Financial Aid application

Bright Futures Scholarship



Bright Futures Scholarship

The Bright Futures Program offers 3 levels of scholarship awards:

The Florida Academic Scholar – FAS

The Florida Medallion Scholar – FMS

The Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship

❖ **It is the students' job to know and meet the requirements of the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program. (per the FDOE website)**
The program and award amounts can change yearly and are dependent on the state legislature.

Florida Academic Scholar

GPA: 3.5 weighted GPA using the credits listed below, combined with the test scores and community service hours listed below.

Required Credits: Courses must include 16 credits of college preparatory academic classes

4 English (3 with substantial writing)

4 Mathematics (Algebra I and above – must also have a math beyond Algebra II)

3 Natural Science (2 with substantial lab)

3 Social Science

2 Foreign Language (in the same language)

Total of 16 Credits May use up to two additional credits from courses in the academic listed above and/or AP, IB or AICE fine arts course to raise GPA

Community Service: 100 hours

Test Scores: 1290 SAT I (based on the combined EBRW and Math Sections only) or 29 ACT (excluding the writing section)

Florida Medallion Scholar

Grade Point Average: 3.0 weighted GPA

Required Credits: Courses must include 16 credits of college preparatory academic classes

4 English (3 with substantial writing)

4 Mathematics (Algebra I and above- math beyond Algebra2)

3 Natural Science (2 with substantial lab)

3 Social Science

2 Foreign Language (in the same language)

Total of 16 Credits May use up to two additional credits from courses in the academic listed above and/or AP, IB or AICE fine arts course to raise GPA

Community Service- 75 hours

Test scores: Combined score of 1170 SAT Reasoning Test (EBRW and Math sections only) or a composite score of 26 on the ACT (excluding the writing section)

Florida Gold Seal Vocational

- GPA -3.0 weighted GPA using the 16 core credits required for high school graduation with a 4-year diploma (listed below), and a 3.5 unweighted GPA in a minimum of three vocational credits in one vocational program, and test scores listed below.
- **Required Credits**
 - Credits must be in the 16 core credits required for high school graduation with a 4-year diploma.
 - 4 English
 - 4 Mathematics
 - 3 Natural Science
 - 3 Social Science (Am. History, World History, Am. Govt. and Economics)
 - 1 Practical Arts; OR 1 Performing Arts; OR .5 credit in each
 - .5 Personal Fitness
 - .5 Physical Education
 - **Total of 16 Credits**
- Plus a minimum of three Vocational Job-Preparatory or Technology Education Program credits in one vocational program
- **Community Service** – 30 hours
- **Test Scores** **SAT** or **ACT**. Composite scores are not accepted. A student must qualify on the **ACT** alone, the **SAT** alone or the CPT alone. Test types cannot be combined. CPT: Reading 83, Sentence Skills 83, Algebra 72; SAT EBRW 440, Math 440; ACT English 17, Reading 18 Math 19

Award Amounts

Scholarship award amounts are set in the General Appropriations Act each year. Recipients will receive a fixed cost per credit hour based on award level, institution type, and credit type.

2016-17 Bright Futures Scholarship Per Hour Award Amounts			
	Credit Hour Award		Clock Hour Award
	Semester	Quarter	
Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)			
4 Year	\$103	\$69	
2 Year	\$63	\$42	\$2.10
Florida Public Colleges – Baccalaureate Programs	\$71		
Career / Technical Centers	\$52	\$35	\$1.73
Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)			
4 Year	\$77	\$51	
2 Year	\$63	\$42	\$2.10
Florida Public Colleges – Baccalaureate Programs	\$53		
Career / Technical Centers	\$39	\$26	\$1.30
Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV) – 2011-12 HS Graduates and later*			
Career Certificate Program (PSAV)	\$39	\$26	\$1.30
Applied Technology Diploma Program (ATD)	\$39	\$26	\$1.30
Technical Degree Education Program (AS, AAS, CCC)	\$48	\$32	\$1.60
Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV) – 2010-11 HS Graduates and earlier			
4 Year	\$77	\$51	
2 Year	\$63	\$42	\$2.10
Florida Public Colleges / Baccalaureate Programs	\$53		
Career / Technical Centers	\$39	\$26	\$1.30
*GSV Initial students, as of 2012-13, and Initials and Renewals thereafter, are ONLY eligible to receive funding in these vocational education categories.			

Bright Futures Scholarship



Application Opens October 1

Scholarship Bulletin

www.rpbhs.org The bulletin includes all scholarships that come through our office. As this is not a comprehensive list of all scholarships, individual research is important!

<u>SCHOLARSHIP</u>	<u>WEBSITE</u>	<u>SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>ESSAY</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>TRANSCRIPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
Burger King Scholars Program	https://www.scholarsapply.org/burgerkingscholars/information.php	High school senior; must plan to enroll full-time, without interruption, for the entire upcoming academic year at an accredited 2 or 4 year college, university, or vocational-technical school in the US, Canada or Puerto Rico.	Minimum 2.5 GPA	See website for details	See website for details	See website for details	\$1,000 - \$50,000	Dec-16
Lead Roster Scholarship	http://www.leadroster.com/?scholarship	Seniors interested in sales and marketing	N/A	Submit video	N/A	N/A	\$1,000	12/15/2016
Sharprocket SEO Internet Marketing Scholarship	http://sharprocket.com.ph/seo-internet-marketing-scholarship/	US Citizen; high school senior	N/A	Short video or short essay answering any of these two questions: What would be your main strategy to market your business online? or What is your number one tip to manage a team of millennials?	N/A	N/A	\$500	12/15/2016
AXA Achievement Scholarship	http://www.axa-equitable.com/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-scholarship.html	See website for details	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$2,000-\$25,000	12/15/2016
Burger King McLamore Foundation Scholarship	www.bkmlamorefoundation.org/whatwedo/scholarship	See website for details	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12/15/2016
The Publicity.ai SEO & Content Marketing Scholarship	https://publicity.ai/?scholarship	High school students interested in SEO and content marketing.	N/A	Brief essay explaining the best use of content marketing--see website for details	N/A	N/A	\$1,000	12/15/2016
Thomas Law Offices Scholarship	http://www.thomaslawoffices.com/scholarship	High school senior enrolled as first time college student	N/A	See website for details	See website for details	See website for details	\$1,000	12/15/2016

General Scholarship Searches

www.fastweb.com

www.cappex.com

www.collegeboard.com

www.finaid.org

www.inlikeme.com

www.collegeconfidential.com

www.collegenet.com/mach25

www.scholarship.org

www.gocollege.com

www.collegescholarships.com

www.findtuition.com

www.ANYCOLLEGE.com

www.ScholarshipExperts.com

www.scholarshipamerica.org

www.StudentScholarships.org

www.wisechoice.com

Scholarships & Bright Futures



Parent Info Night
September 20

Now What?

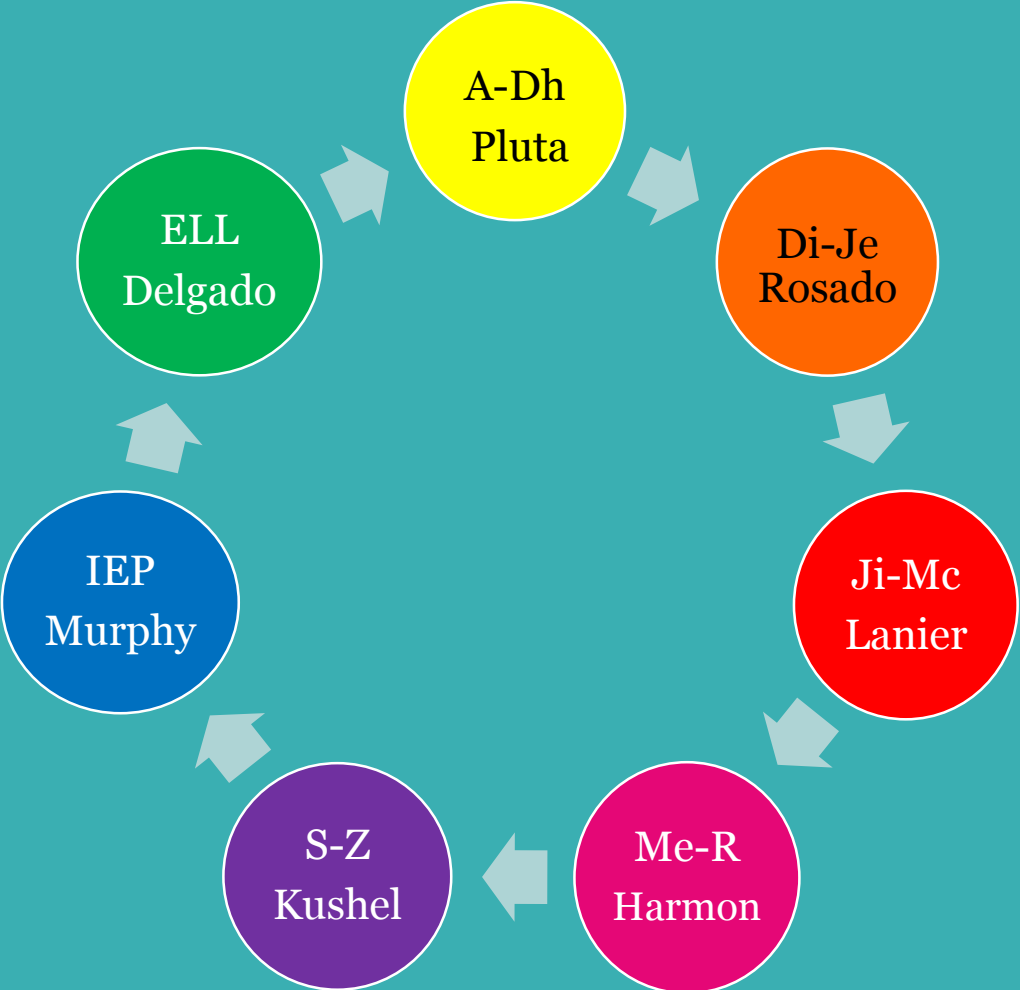


9th and 10th Grade

- Choose Rigorous Academic Courses
- Every grade counts!
- Start Community Service
- Get to know your counselor



Meet the RPBHS Counselors



9th and 10th Grade



- Get involved in activities, clubs and sports
- Take a virtual class
- Create Collegeboard and Khan Academy accounts and link them
- MyCareerShines

College Board and Khan Academy

The image shows a promotional banner for the Official SAT Practice program. At the top left, the Khan Academy logo is visible next to a 'Subjects' dropdown menu. On the top right, there are 'Log in' and 'Sign up' buttons. The main header features the text 'A college readiness partnership' above the logos for CollegeBoard and Khan Academy. The central focus is the title 'Official SAT® Practice' with a 'NEW!' badge. Below this, a light blue box contains the headline 'For the first time ever. For you. For free.' and a list of four benefits: getting to know the redesigned SAT (March 2016), seeing personalized practice recommendations, staying on top of important SAT dates and news, and practicing anytime, anywhere, at no cost. To the right of the list is an illustration of a stack of books, a laptop displaying a tree logo, and a pencil. At the bottom of the banner, there is a 'Check it out now' button, a link to 'Or tell a student, parent, or educator you know!', and social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, Google+, and Email. The entire banner is set against a blue background with faint educational icons.

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Junior Timeline

August-
October

- Start the year with a good attitude and **rigorous courses**.
- Begin research on what your needs and wants are regarding college.
- Prepare and take the PSAT in October.

November

- Start your college search online, and through reading guides and directories.

December -
February

- Consider taking an SAT prep class.
- Register for the SAT and ACT in Spring.
- Discuss finances and college selection process with your parents.
- Study hard and keep your grades up!



Junior Timeline

March -
April

- Sort through college mail.
- Begin narrowing your list to 20 – 25 colleges.
- Take SAT in March in school.
- Start thinking about your extracurricular activity list and portfolio.

May

- Narrow your college list to 10 – 12 schools and continue scheduling visits.
- Take any SATs, ACTs, and AP/AICE/IB tests.
- Work on a rough draft of your extracurricular activity list and portfolio.

June

- Take SAT Subject Tests and/or ACT.
- Relax a bit.
- Throw yourself into your summer job, internship or course work.
- Start summer college visits.

July

- Continue college visits.
- Begin work on college essays.
- Prepare for fall SATs, ACTs or SAT Subject Tests, if necessary.
- Begin your college applications.



College Comparison Worksheet

COLLEGE COMPARISON WORKSHEET
(Please make copies, if needed.)

	College Name	College Name
LOCATION • Distance from home		
SIZE • Enrollment • Physical size of campus		
ENVIRONMENT • Type of School (2yr or 4 yr) • School setting <input type="checkbox"/> urban <input type="checkbox"/> rural • Location & size of nearest city • Co-ed, male/female • Religious affiliation		
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS • Deadline • Tests required • Average test scores, GPA, rank • Notification		
ACADEMICS • Your major offered • Special requirements • Accreditation • Student-Faculty ratio • Typical class size		
COLLEGE EXPENSES • Tuition, room, board • Estimated total budget • Application fee, deposit		
FINANCIAL AID • Deadline • Required forms • % Receiving Aid • Scholarships		
HOUSING • Residence hall requirements • Food Plan		
FACILITIES • Academic • Residential • Recreational • Other		
ACTIVITIES • Clubs, organizations • Greek Life • Athletics, Intramurals • Other		
CAMPUS VISITS • When • Special Opportunities		

College Visit Worksheet

CAMPUS VISIT WORKSHEET

(Please make copies, if needed. One for each school you visit.)

College/University	
Visitation Date	
Admissions Contact	
Financial Aid Contact	

1. Try to visit during the week when you will be able to observe normal daily activities. Check when the college vacations occur – they are usually different from ours.
2. If possible, attend a class in the academic area in which you plan to major.

Comments:

3. Take a campus tour, if possible, with a student already attending the college. Be sure to see the following: Dorms, library, dining hall (eat there), student center, classrooms, and recreational/athletic facilities.

Comments:

4. Find out about campus and public transportation, if you will not have your own car. Some schools do not allow freshmen to have cars on campus. Find out the details!

Comments:

5. Ask the questions you need or want answered. Some things to consider:
 - a. Are faculty members easy to reach outside of class?
 - b. Do most people graduate in four years?
 - c. Do many people bring their laptop computers to class?
 - d. What do students do for fun?
 - e. How big a deal are the fraternities and sororities to this school's social life?

Senior Timeline



August

- Start the year with a good attitude and **rigorous courses**. Keep working hard.
- Prepare for fall standardized tests, if necessary.
- Write your application essays.
- Meet with your counselor for a credit check.
- Continue college visits. Apply early!

September

- Consider applying Early Decision, if you have one clear top-choice college. Consider applying Early Action.
- Get application forms from colleges or their websites. Register for October, November and/or December SAT, SAT Subject Tests and/or ACT, if necessary.
- Ask teachers to write recommendations and provide them with the necessary forms and envelopes.
- Begin scholarship search and continue this throughout the year. Check the Scholarship Bulletin on the RPBHS website.

October

- Apply for Bright Futures and Apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- File Early Decision/Early Action applications, if applicable.
- Decide on a final list of schools to apply to. Get a copy of your transcript and check it over.
- Continue distributing teacher recommendation forms.
- Check and double-check deadlines for admissions, financial aid and housing. Take SATs and/or ACT, if scheduled. If applying early anywhere, file the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE.

Senior Timeline



November

- File applications with December deadlines.
- Continue distributing teacher recommendation forms.
- Continue working on applications.
- Continue searching for scholarship opportunities.
- Take the SATs, if scheduled. November is the only testing date that offers SAT Subject Tests in a foreign language with the listening portion.

December

- File applications with January deadlines.
- Politely check with teachers and counselor to be sure recommendations and transcripts have been sent.
- Register to receive the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE at www.collegeboard.org.
- If you still need to take SATs or ACT, this is the last date to do so and still make January and February college application deadlines.

January-
February

- Continue to file applications.
- Send transcripts to colleges.
- Call Admissions Offices or check online to verify that applications are complete.
- Take final SAT and/or ACT.

Senior Timeline



March-April

- Receive decision letters.
- Look over financial aid packages with your parents, and call the schools directly if you have any concerns.
- If you are wait-listed, follow up with a letter of continued interest and additional information and/or recommendations.
- Schedule last-minute visits to colleges where you have been accepted or wait-listed. Many schools have events especially for admitted students; go, if you are able.
- Begin searching for summer jobs and/or internships.
- May 1st is the national intent-to-enroll deadline.

May-June

- Take AP, AICE exams and/or SAT Subject Tests, if scheduled, and send the scores to your final choice college.
- Write thank you notes to people who wrote recommendations for you.
- Arrange to have your final transcript sent to your college.
- Graduate and take a deep breath! You did it!

Applying to College

The screenshot shows the University of Florida website with a navigation bar containing links for NEWS, CALENDAR, OFFICES & SERVICES, DIRECTORY, GIVING, UF HEALTH, UF/IFAS, and TEXT-ONLY. A secondary navigation bar includes ABOUT, ACADEMICS, ADMISSIONS, STUDENT LIFE, RESEARCH, ATHLETICS, and ALUMNI. The main content area features a large photograph of a diverse group of international students performing a traditional Indian greeting (namaste) in front of the Taj Mahal in Agra, India. A text overlay on the image reads "GLOBAL GATORS" and "UF LEADS IN STUDY ABROAD" with a "READ MORE" link. Below the image, a news snippet is visible: "2 Graduating doctoral student creates prehistoric GPS". The browser's address bar shows "www.ufl.edu" and the system tray at the bottom indicates the time is 1:50 PM on 12/9/2016.

Additional Considerations

- Apply for Free/Reduced Lunch
- Review the College Admission Handbook
- Contact Counselor with Further Questions

Save the Dates:

September 20 - Scholarships and Bright Futures

October 2 – Open House

October 9 – FAFSA Night

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