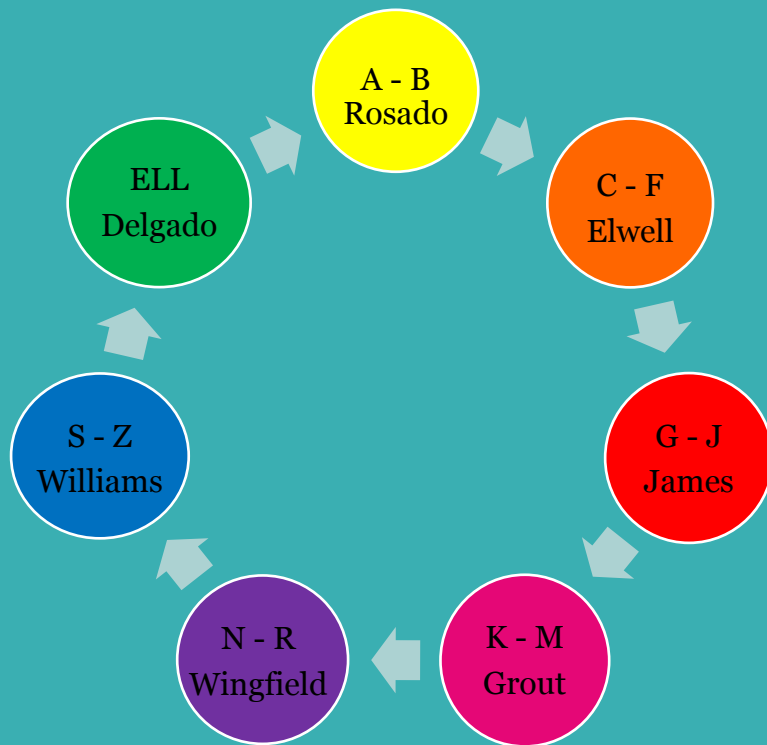




College Admissions A-Z

August, 2023

Meet the RPBHS Counselors



What Does it Take to Get into College?



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- What do colleges look for in an applicant?
- What are the minimum college requirements?
- Who is actually getting accepted to college?
- How much does college cost?
- How do you pay for college?
- Where do you begin?

What Do Colleges Look For In An Applicant?



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

“Research has shown high school GPA to be the number one predictor of success in college. But, let me be clear that all 4.0’s are not created equal. It is all about academic rigor in high school course selection.”

-Martha Allman, former Dean of Admissions at Wake Forest University

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

- Clifford Adelman, Sr. Research Analyst, U.S. Department of Education

Factors in Admission Decisions

The latest annual admission survey from the [Factors in the Admission Decision](#) indicates that 76.8% of admission directors at state and private schools say grades in college-prep classes are of "considerable importance."



	Percentage of Colleges Rating As:			
	Considerable Importance	Moderate Importance	Limited Importance	No Importance
High school grades in college prep course	76.8	15.1	4.9	3.2
Total high school grades (all courses)	74.1	18.9	5.4	1.6
Strength of high school curriculum	63.8	22.7	10.3	3.2
Positive character attributes	28.3	37.5	18.5	15.8
Essay or writing sample	18.9	37.3	26.5	17.3
Student's interest in attending	15.7	27.6	25.4	31.4
Counselor recommendation	11.9	40		20.5
Teacher recommendation	10.8	40.5	28.1	20.5
Extracurricular activities	6.5	44.3	30.8	18.4
High school class rank	5.5		43.2	29
Admission test scores (ACT, SAT)	4.9	25.4	38.9	30.8
Portfolio	4.9	10.8	24.3	60
Interview	4.3	8.6	32.4	54.6
Work	2.2	30.8	40	27
State graduation exam scores	1.6	6.5	18.4	73.5
Subject test scores (AP, IB)	1.1	22.2	25.9	50.8



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



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 - 17

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: Liberal Arts Math 1 is not accepted for university admissions. *Per Fl. DOE website.*

SAT[®] VS. ACT[®]

- **Most schools will accept either** - Always check the colleges' websites to see how they use SAT & ACT test scores
- Most students test more than once – average 2 to 3 times
- SAT – Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, Math with calculator, Math without calculator
- ACT – English, Reading, Math, Science, & optional writing

SAT[®] VS. ACT[®]

- Super Scoring SAT and ACT
- The last SAT that will be offered paper/pencil will be the school day, 2024. Then it will only be digital
- ACT will remain the same—paper/pencil

Apply for Free/Reduced Lunch (SAT/ACT &
College Application Waivers)



PSAT is a standardized test that provides first hand practice for the SAT. It also gives you a chance to enter national merit scholarship programs.

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
- 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

NAME OF INSTITUTION	SUMMER SEMESTER						Middle 50% Admit FTIC ACT
	Total Enrollment	Total Undergraduate Enrollment (2022)	Number of FTIC Applications	Number of FTIC Admits	Average or middle 50% FTIC GPA	Middle 50% Admit FTIC SAT	
 FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY	7,803	4,933	1104	520	3.53	990 – 1140	19 – 24
 FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	29,614	23,067	6,292	4,280	3.58	1010 – 1150	20 – 24
 FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY	16,004	14,481	1,796	1,112	3.57 – 4.39	1020 – 1180	19 – 24
 FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY	55,687	45,442	7,810	5,923	3.9 – 4.4	1060 – 1170	21 – 24
 FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY	1,593	1,531	N/A	161	3.8 – 4.5	1120 – 1220	25 – 27
 FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	44,161	32,936	12,775	4,614	4.1 – 4.5	1230 – 1320	26 – 30
 NEW COLLEGE OF FLORIDA	689	669	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA	68,406	58,721	11,600	7,640	3.9 – 4.3 / 4.10	1170 – 1240	23 – 26
 UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	60,795	38,011	See Fall for combined	2,964	4.4 – 4.6	1240 – 1390	27 – 31
 UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA	16,517	14,282	1,982	1,359	3.11 – 3.74	950 – 1120	21 – 27
 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA	49,766	36,948	13,849	9,067	3.90 – 4.29	1100 – 1200	22 – 25
 UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA	13,504	9,280	673	271	3.81	970 – 1150	19 – 24

	FALL SEMESTER							
	Number of FTIC Applications	Number of FTIC Admits	Average or middle 50% FTIC GPA	Middle 50% Admit FTIC SAT	Middle 50% Admit FTIC ACT	SSAR/SPARK	Self-Reported Test Scores	2+2 Program
	21,415	4,186	3.91	1070 – 1240	22 – 27	Yes	No	FAMU IGNITE
	30,337	17,727	3.70 – 4.30 / 4.0	1090 – 1250	22 – 28	Yes	Yes	Link to FAU
	17,949	11,265	3.76 – 4.51	1080 – 1230	21 – 26	No	No	Destination FGCU
	16,487	5,373	4.1 – 4.7	1240 – 1370	26 – 30	No	No	Connect4 Success
	2,483	1,120	4.0 – 4.7	1250 – 1390	28 – 32	Yes	Yes	South Florida State College & Polk State College
	62,046	14,128	4.3 - 4.6	1340 – 1450	29 – 33	Yes	Yes	Aspire TCC2FSU
	2,782	1,511	4.03	1100 – 1310	22 – 29	Yes	Yes	NCF Transform
	43,332	16,157	4.1 – 4.5 / 4.30	1260 – 1380	26 – 30	Yes	No	Direct Connect
	66,866	12,742	4.4 – 4.6	1370 – 1510	31 – 34	Yes	Yes	Gator Engineering @ Santa Fe and State College of Florida
	17,749	12,562	3.80 – 4.44	1060 – 1250	21 – 27	Yes	No	Transfer2UNF
	51,348	17,648	4.10 – 4.59	1250 – 1390	27 – 31	Yes	No	FUSE
	9,397	5,212	3.95	1050 – 1230	21 – 27	Yes	No	2UWF



*An asterisk beside the institution name means the institution is "TEST OPTIONAL"

	ADVENT HEALTH UNIVERSITY*	BARRY UNIVERSITY*	ECKERD COLLEGE*	EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY*	FLAGLER COLLEGE*	FLORIDA COLLEGE*	FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE*	JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY*	KEISER UNIVERSITY FLAGSHIP CAMPUS*
	www.ahu.edu	www.barry.edu	www.eckerd.edu	daytonabeach.erau.edu	www.flagler.edu	www.floridacollege.edu	www.fit.edu	www.wflsouthern.edu	www.ju.edu	www.keiseruniversity.edu/residentia
LOCATION	ORLANDO, FL	MIAMI, FL	ST. PETERSBURG, FL	DAYTONA BEACH, FL	ST. AUGUSTINE, FL	TEMPLE TERRACE, FL	MELBOURNE, FL	LAKELAND, FL	JACKSONVILLE, FL	WEST PALM BEACH, FL
UNDERGRADUATE/FULL TIME ENROLLMENT	1110	2,091	1,950	7,177	2,421	546	3,462	2,631	2,336	1175
PERCENTAGE OF UNDERGRADUATES FROM FLORIDA	81%	69%	20%	28.73%	55%	29%	40%	57%	55%	40%
ADMISSION DEADLINE	JULY 1	ROLLING	Early Action 11/15 then rolling	JAN 15 & ROLLING	NOV 1 (ED) & MARCH 1 (RD)	ROLLING	ROLLING	Nov 1 - ED/EA, Mar 1 - RD	MAY 1	ROLLING
MIDRANGE GPA	3.3	3.44	3.4-3.7	3.92	3.63	3.5-3.9	3.51-3.93	3.6 - 4.2 (weighted)	3.7	3.2-3.4
MIDRANGE/AVG. SAT (CR & M, MIDDLE 50%)	Test Optional	990	1120-1290	1261	1156	1065-1130	1150-1330	1170-1380	1220	990 Test Optional
MIDRANGE/AVG. ACT (CR & M, MIDDLE 50%)	Test Optional	19	24-29	24	27	21-24	24-30	2.4-3.1	25	19
TUITION, FEES, HOUSING AND FOOD	\$26,090	\$45,840	\$64,642	\$56,173 in state	\$41,060	\$28,260	\$56,010	\$56,160	\$63,430	\$53,179
ACCEPT AICE? AP? IB? DUAL ENROLLMENT (DE)? ALL?	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL
AVG NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT AWARD	\$3,582	\$8,358	\$29,000	\$1,555	\$12,663	\$6,299	\$4,000	\$26,277	\$27,000	\$6,543
AVG NON-NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT AWARD	\$2,640	\$14,927	\$18,000	\$13,179	\$3,834	\$5,916	\$20,000	\$23,834	\$27,000	\$11,000
TOP 3 MAJORS	NURSING OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PHYSICAL THERAPY	NURSING PSYCHOLOGY BIOLOGY	MARINE SCIENCE ANIMAL STUDIES ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE	AERONAUTICAL SCIENCE AEROSPACE ENG. MECHANICAL ENG.	BUSINESS ADMIN. COASTAL ENV. SCIENCE PSYCHOLOGY	BUSINESS ADMIN. LIBERAL STUDIES KINESIOLOGY	AEROSPACE ENG. AERO SCI, W/ FLIGHT COMPUTER SCIENCE	BIOLOGY NURSING BUSINESS	NURSING AVIATION HEALTH SCIENCES	GOLF MGMT. EXERCISE SCIENCE BUSINESS ADMIN.

	LYNN UNIVERSITY*	NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY*	RINGLING COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN*	ROLLINS COLLEGE*	SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY*	SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY*	STETSON UNIVERSITY*	UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI*	THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA*	WARNER UNIVERSITY*
	www.lynn.edu	www.nova.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	SARASOTA, FL	WINTER PARK, FL	SAINT LEO, FL	LAKELAND, FL	DELAND, FL	CORAL GABLES, FL	TAMPA, FL	LAKE WALES, FL
UNDERGRADUATE/FULL TIME ENROLLMENT	2,384	6,971	1,705	2,238		2,500	2,572		9,356	759
PERCENTAGE OF UNDERGRADUATES FROM FLORIDA	32%	49%	24%	57%		55%	68%		20%	85%
ADMISSION DEADLINE	NOV 15 EA 1, JAN 15 EA 2, Rolling	NOV 1 ED/EA, FEB 1 REGULAR	ROLLING, ANIMATION JAN. 15	NOV. 15/FEB. 15		ROLLING	Nov. 1		ED, EA, RD	ROLLING
MIDRANGE GPA	3.09	4.02	3.2-3.87	3.5		3.56	3.89		3.58	3.23
MIDRANGE/AVG. SAT (CR & M, MIDDLE 50%)	1145	1090-1330	N/A	1150-1350		1120	1140-1300		1196	960
MIDRANGE/AVG. ACT (CR & M, MIDDLE 50%)	25	24-31	N/A	24-29		24	24-30		24.8	18
TUITION, FEES, HOUSING AND FOOD	\$54,750	\$30,140	\$73,490	\$71,690		\$42,752	\$71,250		\$44,378	\$36,960
ACCEPT AICE? AP? IB? DUAL ENROLLMENT (DE)? ALL?	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL		ALL	ALL		ALL	ALL
AVG NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT AWARD	\$6,535	\$6,583.55	\$7,317	\$38,231		\$11,431	\$45,283		\$14,106	N/A
AVG NON-NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT AWARD	\$16,599	\$17,738	\$10,305	\$25,462		\$17,474	\$30,464		\$8,902	\$18,880
TOP 3 MAJORS	INT'L BUSINESS SPORTS MGMT. ENTREPRENEURSHIP	BIOLOGY PRE-NURSING PSYCHOLOGY	COMPUTER ANIMATION ILLUSTRATION FILM	BUSINESS BIOLOGY PSYCHOLOGY		MINISTRY PSYCHOLOGY NURSING	BUSINESS ADMIN. FINANCE PSYCHOLOGY		UNDECIDED FINANCE MARKETING	AGRICULTURAL STUDIES EXERCISE SCIENCE SOCIAL WORK

Extracurricular Activities / Involvement

- 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 2023-2024

Credit Courses

In-State and Out-of-State cost of Credit Courses

Program	In-State (Per Credit Hour)	Out-of-State (Per Credit Hour)
Baccalaureate Degree Courses	\$ 122.85*	\$ 558.00*
Advanced & Professional, Postsecondary Vocational, College Preparatory, Educator Preparatory	\$ 101.00*	\$ 363.00*

Expense	Cost for Dependent	Cost for Independent
Tuition / Fees	\$4,638	\$4,638
Room / Board	\$9,450	\$12,825
Books / Supplies	\$2,700	\$2,700
Personal Expenses	\$1,755	\$1,755
Transportation	\$5,400	\$5,400
TOTAL	\$23,943	\$27,318

Basic Cost of Attendance at Florida Atlantic University 2023-2024



Undergraduate Students

	ON CAMPUS	OFF CAMPUS	WITH PARENTS
TUITION & FEES	\$5,816*	\$5,816*	\$5,816*
BOOKS, COURSE MATERIALS, SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT	\$1,256	\$1,256	\$1,256
LIVING EXPENSES - HOUSING	\$8,430*	\$13,302	\$1,810
LIVING EXPENSES - FOOD	\$5,088*	\$5,914	\$5,372
TRANSPORTATION	\$2,742	\$4,012	\$4,012
MISCELLANEOUS PERSONAL EXPENSES	\$4,302	\$4,302	\$4,302
ESTIMATED DIRECT COSTS: Payable To FAU And Reflected On Student's Bill (* Items)	\$19,334	\$5,816	\$5,816
ESTIMATED INDIRECT COSTS:	\$8,300	\$28,786	\$16,752
TOTAL	\$27,634	\$34,602	\$22,568

Basic Cost of Attendance at University of Florida 2023-2024

2023-24 Academic Year Undergraduate Cost of Attendance



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

	In-state Undergrad On Campus	In-state Undergrad Off Campus	Out-of-state Undergrad On/Off Campus	In-state Undergrad Living with Parents	In-state Undergrad Summer 24 (A+B) On Campus
<u>Tuition / Fees</u>	\$6,380	\$6,380	\$28,658	\$6,380	\$2,550
<u>Books, Course Materials, Supplies, Equipment</u>	1,450	1,450	1,450	1,450	551
<u>Transportation</u>	1,570	1,570	1,570	1,570	520
<u>Living Expenses</u>	11,500	11,500	11,500	4,130	3,690
<u>Miscellaneous Personal Expenses</u>	2,194	2,194	2,194	2,194	669
<u>Federal Student Loan Fees</u>	56	56	56	56	10
Total Budget	\$23,150	\$23,150	\$45,428	\$15,780	\$7,990

Basic Cost of Attendance at Harvard University 2023-2024



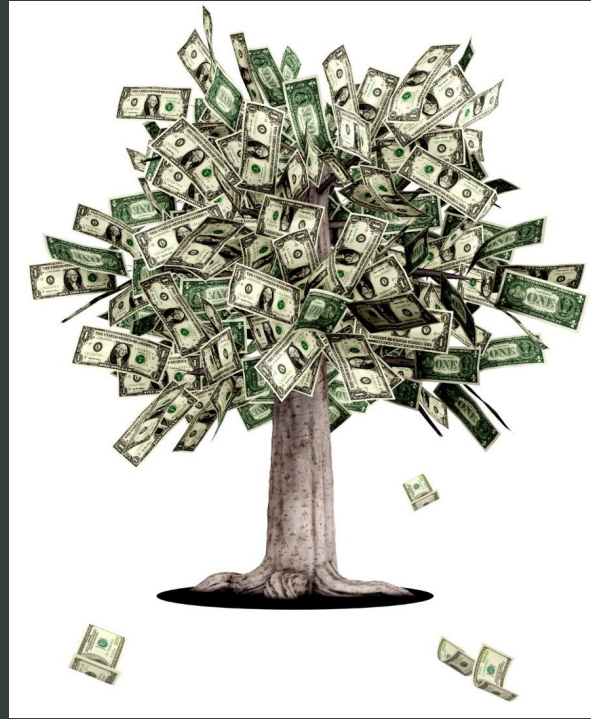
Harvard College

Harvard College Tuition Rates

Academic Year 2023-24

Tuition	\$54,269
Health Services	\$1,408
Housing Rate	\$12,424
Student Services	\$3,399
Student Activities Fee	\$200
Food Rate	\$7,950
Total	\$79,450

How Am I Going to Pay for College?



Financial Aid

- Loans
- Work-Study Program
- Grants
- Scholarships
- FL Prepaid



Financial Aid Continued



- FAFSA: Free application for Federal Student Aid, <https://studentaid.gov/> after December 2023
- CSS/Financial Aid Profile at www.collegeboard.org
- College/University Financial Aid application



The Bright Futures Program offers 3 levels of scholarship awards:

- **The Florida Academic Scholar – FAS**

- 100% of tuition and applicable fees (public institution including Summer sessions)
- Students attending a nonpublic institution will receive a comparable amount as noted in the [Private Award Chart](#) (\$211 per credit hour)

- **The Florida Medallion Scholar – FMS**

- 75% of tuition and applicable fees (public institution including Summer sessions)
- Students attending a nonpublic institution will receive a comparable amount as noted in the [Private Award Chart](#) (\$158 per credit hour)

- **The Florida Gold Seal Vocational/CAPE Scholarship**

- May only be used at postsecondary institutions that offer an applied technology diploma (associate in science-A.S. or associate in applied science-A.S.), or a career certificate program

Additional Info:

- The applicable fees for both FAS and FMS recipients include: activity/service fee, health fee, athletic fee, financial aid fee, capital improvement fee, campus access/transportation fee, technology fee and tuition differential fee
- The program and award amounts can change yearly and are dependent on the state legislature.

Bright Futures Scholarship

Type	16 High School College-Preparatory Course Credits 1	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/CLT®/SAT®)	Volunteer Service Hours2	Paid Work Hours2
FAS	4 - English (three must include substantial writing) 4 - Mathematics (at or above the Algebra I level) 3 - Natural Science (two must have substantial laboratory)	3.50	2023-24 Graduates: 29/96/1340 2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340	100 hours	100 hours
FMS	3 - Social Science 2 - World Language	3.00	2023-24 Graduates: 25/84/1210 2024-25 Graduates: 25/84/1210	75 hours	100 hours

*Application opens October 1st *

Scholarship Bulletin

The bulletin includes all scholarships that come through our office. As this is not a comprehensive list of all scholarships, individual research is important. Students should also check their Class of 2024 Google Classroom pages for scholarship updates!

University/ Organization	Amount	Date Due	Qualifications/Other Information
The Gate Scholarship	Full Cost of Attendance	September 15, 2023	Seniors who are U.S. citizens, national or permanent residents, and pell-grant eligible. From at least one of the following ethnicities: African-American, American Indian/Alaska Native*, Asian & Pacific Islander American, and/or Hispanic American. 3.3+ GPA. https://www.thegatescholarship.org/scholarship
The Nike Scholarship	\$5,000.00 - 7,000.00	September 15, 2023	Currently enrolled full-time in an accredited, public or not-for-profit, four-year university that is officially designated as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) – as defined by the Higher Education Act of 1965. For information and to apply: https://nike-hsi-scholarship.hsfts.net/
South Florida Fair Scholarship	Varring Amounts	October 18, 2023	Seniors if you are a deserving student in need of financial aid for college, use this link for information and to apply: https://www.southfloridafair.com/p/thefair/scholarships/scholarshipapplication
Jefferson Scholarship	Entire Cost of Attendance	December 1, 2023	Seniors, if you are applying to the University of Virginia and would like to be nominated for the Jefferson Scholarship, contact your College Advisor. Learn more about this at: https://www.jeffersonscholars.org/scholarships
Mediation & Conversations Scholarship	\$1,000.00	September 30, 2023	Seniors who are legal residents. In 750-1,000 words, write about a time when they had to mediate between people in their lives. Information/apply: https://dolanfamilylaw.com/2023-mediation-conversations-scholarship/
Pretty Actions Scholarship	(2) \$500.00	October 15, 2023	Seniors, carefully research and compose an essay-style Adobe Photoshop tutorial of at least 800 words, INCLUDING ORIGINAL SCREENSHOTS AND PHOTOS. Information/apply: https://www.lightroompresets.com/pages/pretty-photoshop-actions-scholarship-program
Tennis HQ Scholarship	\$1,000.00	December 31, 2023	Students who have a creative idea to bring to sports should submit their ideas in a roughly 1000 word essay explaining their concept, and how they would implement it. Information/apply: https://www.tennishq.co.uk/pages/get-yourself-a-1000-scholarship-with-tennishq-co-uk-tennis-hq-scholarship-program
Annual Eco-Warrior Scholarship	\$1,000.00	December 1, 2023	Seniors who are U.S. citizens or permanent legal residents. For more information/apply: https://heysunday.com/pages/eco-warrior-scholarship
Epic Flight Academy Scholarship	(6) \$20,000.00	October 1, 2023	Juniors and seniors who are citizens or permanent residents. Scholarships for those interested in aviation. Information/apply: https://epicflightacademy.com/aviation-scholarship/
AmericanMuscle Student Scholarship Program	(2) \$2,500.00	October 15, 2023	Seniors who will pursue an automotive-themed major at a post-secondary institution. Information/apply: https://www.americanmuscle.com/scholarships.html

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

Now What?



Freshman & Sophomore Year

- Choose Rigorous Academic Courses
- Every grade counts!
- Start Community Service
- Get involved in activities, clubs, and sports
 - Clubs/Activities Fair Sept. 7th during lunches
- Get to know your counselor
- Create/link CollegeBoard & Khan Academy accounts (see next)
- MyCareerShines (see next)



CollegeBoard and Khan Academy



The image shows a promotional banner for Khan Academy's Official SAT Practice. At the top, it features the Khan Academy logo and navigation links for 'Subjects', 'Log in', and 'Sign up'. Below this, it states 'A college readiness partnership' between CollegeBoard and Khan Academy. The main headline is 'Official SAT® Practice' with a 'NEW!' badge. The central message is 'For the first time ever. For you. For free.' followed by a list of benefits: 'Get to know the redesigned SAT (March 2016)', 'See personalized practice recommendations', 'Stay on top of important SAT dates and news', and 'Practice anytime, anywhere, at no cost'. An illustration of a laptop with a tree icon, a stack of books, and a graduation cap is positioned to the right of the list. At the bottom, there is a 'Check it out now' button and a link to 'Or tell a student, parent, or educator you know!' with social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, and Google+. The footer text reads 'Designed to help you where you need it.'

“**20** hours of practice on Khan Academy is associated with an average **115-point** score increase from the PSAT/NMSQT to the SAT, nearly double the average gain without Khan.” (Khan Academy, 2018)

MyCareerShines.org

The screenshot shows the MyCareerShines.org website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the FloridaShines logo and three main menu items: "Go to College", "Succeed in College", and "Find a Career". Below this is a secondary navigation bar with "Home", "Get Help", "About", and "Partners". The main content area features a "Find a Career" sidebar on the left with a "MYCAREERSHINES" link. The central content area is titled "PLAN YOUR FUTURE WITH MYCAREERSHINES" and includes a sub-header "Education and Career Planning for Life", a "Get Started Today!" section with a registration form, and a "Beyond Education" section. On the right, there are three promotional cards: "Find the college of your dreams", "Find a major. DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE.", and "Cash for Cars! Bright Futures Scholarships". The footer contains a grid of links for "Go to College", "Succeed in College", "Find a Career", "Get Help", "About", "Partners", and "Sitemap".

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PLAN YOUR FUTURE WITH MYCAREERSHINES

Explore careers. Make a plan for education. Prepare for work. Land your dream job. It all starts here.

Education and Career Planning for Life

MyCareerShines is a comprehensive education and career planning system that will help you succeed in the increasingly competitive global economy. You will learn about yourself, discover the many options and opportunities for your future, and gain access to the information and tools to achieve your goals.

Get Started Today!

Select your user type and create an account in a few simple steps.

Select your category

Register or Log In

Beyond Education

Every year, the state of Florida issues a report on first year median income for college graduates with specific degrees. The data provides critical financial information to students who are considering college and selecting degree programs. Knowing your earning potential before you select a major can influence your decision. Read the report now, [Labor Market Experiences after Postsecondary Education \(PDF\)](#).

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Junior Year Timeline

Aug. - Oct.

- 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.

Dec. - Feb.

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



Junior Year Timeline Continued

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 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 or ACTs, if necessary.
- Begin your college applications.



Senior Year 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 the Scholarship Bulletin in your Senior Google classroom

October

- 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 Year 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.

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.
- Apply for the Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) <https://studentaid.gov/>
- 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 Year Timeline



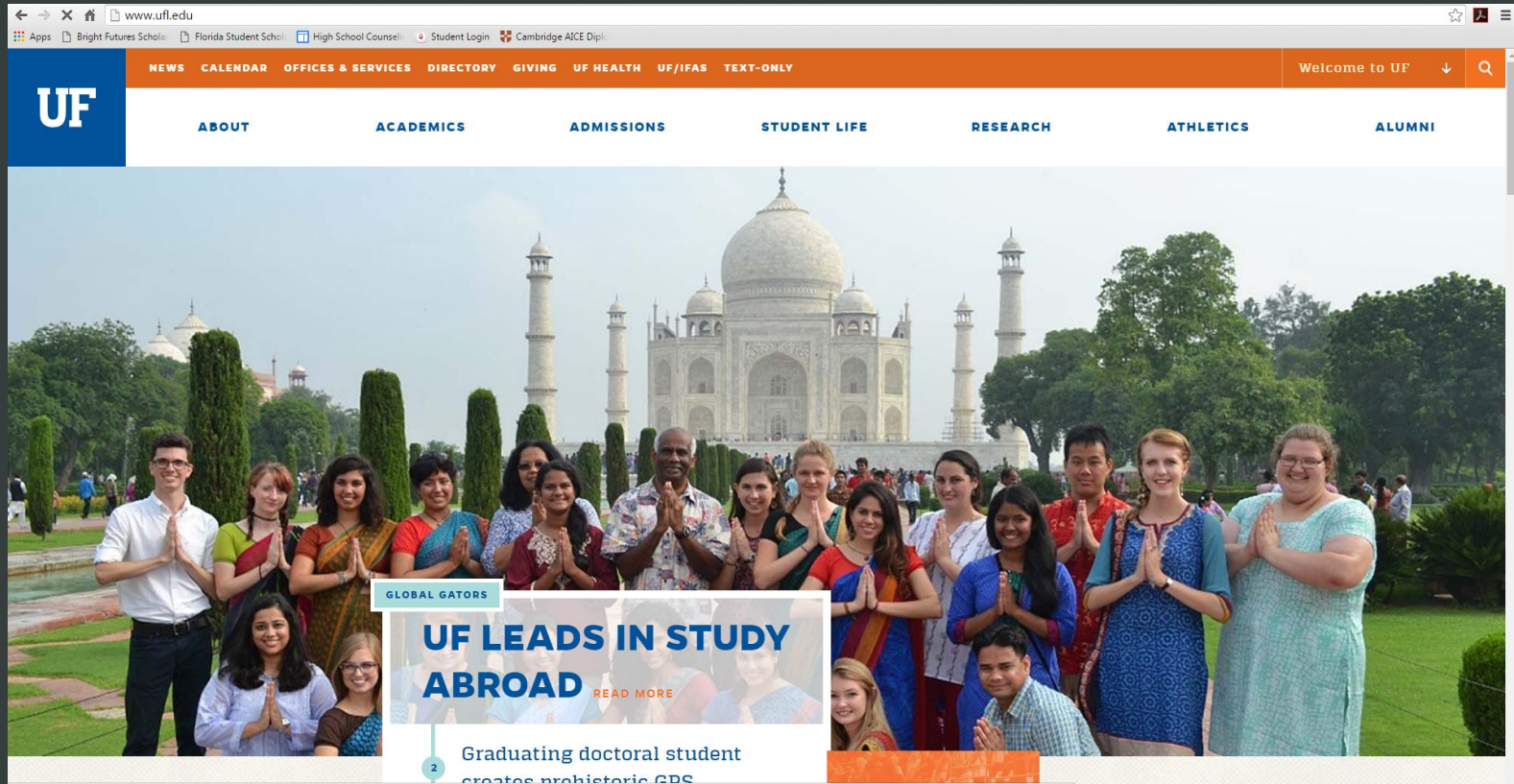
March-April

- 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. (Senior check out)
- Graduate and take a deep breath! You did it!

Applying to College



The screenshot shows the University of Florida website. The browser address bar displays www.ufl.edu. The navigation bar includes links for NEWS, CALENDAR, OFFICES & SERVICES, DIRECTORY, GIVING, UF HEALTH, UF/IFAS, and TEXT-ONLY. A search bar on the right says "Welcome to UF" with a search icon. The main navigation menu features ABOUT, ACADEMICS, ADMISSIONS, STUDENT LIFE, RESEARCH, ATHLETICS, and ALUMNI. The main content area features a large image 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 small circular icon with the number "2" is followed by the text "Graduating doctoral student creates prehistoric GPS".

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September 12 - Open House

September 21 - Senior College Application Night

October 5 - Acceleration Night

October 19 - Graduation Requirements Night

November 2 - Scholarship/Bright Futures Night

ANY
QUESTIONS

