

# Florida Trend's 2016-17 **next**

Your Future After High School In Florida™



## Plan for action at every level!

**Seniors:** Completion rates for FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) in Florida are up 3.4 percent compared to last year, according to the Florida College Access Network. Make sure that your seniors complete and submit the [FAFSA](#) and [Florida Financial Aid Application](#) by March 1 (the deadline for many colleges).

As seniors are making decisions about college, they can [get the facts](#) on college costs and compare the budgets for two UF students in our Dorm versus Apartment Living expose.

**Juniors:** Encourage them to take the [SAT](#) and [ACT](#) college entrance exams between now and the end of this school year. And if they're taking an AP class right now, it's a good idea to have them register to take the SAT Subject Test for that course.

College visits are an important part of picking the right school. Students can take charge of campus visits with [these tips](#).

**Freshmen & Sophomores:** From state colleges and universities to private colleges to one-year certifications, there are lots of options after high school. Have your students [ask themselves these five questions](#) to narrow the choices. [Click here](#) to download and print a game your students can play. The activity may surprise them with an unexpected path to their future.

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### A GOOD TIME TO ENTER: Chance to Win \$1,000 Gift Card from NEXT

Remind your students to [fill out the easy entry form online](#) for a chance to win a \$1,000 gift card and get free information on colleges.

We also found some creative ways for students to start earning and saving. The money-saving-magic starts [here](#).

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## Scholarship Reminders

### SeaWorld Orlando Environmental Scholarship

Deadline: March 31, 2017

\$5,000 for high school seniors with a 3.0 GPA or higher.

Create a short video (3 to 5 minutes) that demonstrates your commitment to conservation or environmental issues.

### Young Women in Public Affairs Award

Deadline: April 1, 2017

\$1,000 or \$4,000 for young women ages 16-19 who demonstrate superior leadership skills and a commitment to public service and civic causes.

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Enrollment: 15,709 | Tuition/Fees: \$111/credit hour

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