



Jump Ahead for Juniors

What does it take?



Q: What does a parent need to survive the college application process?

(a) A sense of humor.

(b) An unlimited supply of chocolate or a meditation practice.

(c) A group of very supportive friends.

(d) All of the above.

AND/OR.... Collaboration with the Oasis High School Counselors!

Agenda

We will provide information covering the:

- College application process
- Admission requirements
- ACT/SAT
- Florida Bright Futures
- Resources to review at
your leisure



[https://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=2AB-5dCFQrs#](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2AB-5dCFQrs#)

College Application Process

Student Responsibility = “ownership” of process; submit applications; meet deadlines; track progress

Parent Responsibility = assist student with process
STUDENTS SHOULD COMPLETE THE APPLICATIONS!

School Counselors Responsibility = provide students AND parents with information regarding the application process, scholarships, financial aid, meeting deadlines, official transcripts AND letters of recommendation when requested

Preparation is key

- Now is the time to research colleges
- Create a list of at least 3 reach schools, 3 mid-range and 3 safe schools
- Plan tours spring or summer prior to senior year
- Explore websites to confirm requirements including application deadlines of each college - look for current *Freshman Profile*

State University Admissions - FL

Minimum requirements for admission

- 3.0 Core GPA (most prefer 4.0+) and:
460 SAT Reading, 460 SAT Math, 440 SAT Writing
OR
19 ACT Reading, 19 ACT Math, 18 ACT English/Writing

These are minimum requirements, please check the FLVC.org for a listing of Freshman Profiles for each university. Applicants who meet the “minimum” admission requirements are not guaranteed admission.

<https://www.flvc.org/go-to-college/get-ready-for-college/average-freshmen-profile>

Private Institutions: Admission requirements vary; check websites!!

Ways to Apply

- **Rolling Admission** (continuous; first come - first served)
FAU, FGCU, UCF, USF, UNF, UWF
- **Regular Decision** (specific deadline dates-apply early)
FSU deadline: Oct 15th ish (Decision in December)
UF deadline: Nov 1st (Decision in mid February)
- **Early Action** (non-binding *at most schools*)
- **Early Decision** (Binding/Contract)

Application Process

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Request letters of recommendation from teachers only if required; write essays “if they give you a choice you don’t have a choice”
2. Submit application, fee, essay on-line (apply early and meet all deadlines)
3. Request Transcript (\$1 fee to Mrs. Wermerskirchen)
4. Send Official Test Scores (from test center)
5. Track Status (on institution’s website) and stay in touch with your counselor.

Step 1: Letters and Essay(s)

Recommendation letters:

Student should provide teacher/counselor with a Student Profile at least 2 weeks prior to deadline
Provide recommendation forms when available

Essay(s):

Important! This may set student apart from other applicants

Proofread, proofread, proofread - have someone else proofread

Honesty, sincerity, originality are key factors

“Essays that worked”: <https://apply.jhu.edu/apply/essays/>
(from John’s Hopkins University)

Step 2: Submit Application

- **Go directly to each institution's website**
 - Pay fee (waivers for those who qualify)
 - Print copy for your records and submit application
 - FL institutions: complete Residency Form
 - Note...Use appropriate email addresses and info!
- **Common Application (CA) www.commonapp.org**
 - One application for over 500 private colleges
 - See list of colleges on Common App website

Step 3: Request Transcript

Transcript Authorization Forms:

- **Hard Copy** - Available from Mrs. Wermerskirchen (\$1 per school)
- **AICE** - request form is available on our website under AICE tab

Transcript Requests

- **Official Transcripts** must be sent by Mrs. Wermerskirchen
- **College Credit** for AICE courses will not be granted unless the student submits the required Cambridge Examination Results Transcript Request Form. These will only be sent to one college.
- **NCAA** - must have official transcript sent from EACH High School attended

Step 4: Send Test Scores to Colleges/Universities

Go directly to test center website

SAT: www.collegeboard.org ACT: www.actstudent.org

- Scores *MUST* be sent directly from the test center
- 4 FREE requests at time of student registration

* Typically must have at least ONE test score on file by application deadline date; test in the Spring of Junior Year!

Step 5: Track Status

- Verify receipt of: all required documentation including residency verification
- Continue to monitor for decision

How to Handle Decisions

If Deferred - meet with counselor ... resubmit new test scores and/or grades; personal statement; typically in January

If Denied - meet with counselor... Appeal (if option); student must supply improved grades and/or test scores

Acceptance - student has until May 1st to make decision/ pay deposit; register for orientation

NEXT STEP: secure housing ASAP Note: a deposit is usually required.

SAT®

ACT/SAT

- Use your 10th and/or 11th grade PSAT scores to prepare. Sign into College Quickstart often and work on your weakest areas first.
- Register and test in the spring of your junior year
- Read - Read - Read to improve your vocabulary
- Take advantage of the resources available on websites www.collegeboard.com and www.actstudent.org
- Visit new website for newly designed SAT deliveringopportunity.org

Florida Bright Futures



- Check out the FLVC.org website to verify your eligibility. The BF GPA is different than district GPA. Calculated using only the 16 core academic courses.
- 100 volunteer hours required. Turn in volunteer hours as you receive them. Don't wait until the last minute.
- To stay current on state legislation familiarize yourself with the BF website www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org
- Tuition awards do change periodically. FBF funds do not begin until the fall term after graduation.

Florida Bright Futures

- Requirements

- Medallion (FMS): 3.0 Core AND 1170 SAT (R+M) or 26 ACT
- Academic (FAS): 3.5 Core AND 1290 SAT (R+M) or 29 ACT
- Calculated using only 16 core academic courses

- Community service hours required

- FMS = 75 hours
- FAS = 100 hours
- Application opens Dec 1st

<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/>

A copy of this PowerPoint will be available on our website. Please utilize these valuable resources.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

