Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

2024-2025

VERIFICATION OF RECEIPT

This is not the application for the scholarship.

I verify that I have received and read the initial eligibility requirements of the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Name (please print)_____

Signature_____

Date_____

Please return this receipt to your school counselor.

SENIOR SEMINAR GUIDE

Today's presentation will cover all the topics listed below. All resources, including the PowerPoint, are posted on the *Seminar Presentations & Resources* page of the Guidance website – pcsb.org/Page/21892.

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QUESTIONS
- Contact your counselor
  - A-G = Mrs. Nymark   nymarkk@pcsb.org
  - H-O = Ms. Jackson   jacksontw@pcsb.org
  - P-Z = Ms. Polizzi   polizzie@pcsb.org
- Visit the Guidance website   pcsb.org/Page/21888
- Follow us on Facebook
  https://www.facebook.com/people/Osceola-Fundamental-High/100057148762435/

COMMON APP MATCHING VIDEO

SPC FREE APP DRIVE
October 8th

SCHOLAR DESIGNATION EOC REQUEST
December 4th & 6th

ASVAB REQUEST
December 3rd

Academic Advisement
Students Entering Grade 9 Prior to 2023-2024

What Students and Parents Need to Know

What options lead to a standard diploma?

Successful completion of one of the following options:

- 24 credits
- Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) curriculum
- International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum
- 18-credit Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning (ACCEL)
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pathway

(See section [s.] 1003.4282, Florida Statutes [F.S.])

What are the state assessment requirements?

Students must pass the following statewide assessments:

- Grade 10 English Language Arts (ELA) or a concordant score
- Algebra 1 end-of-course (EOC) or a comparative score

A waiver of assessment results is granted by the Individual Educational Plan (IEP) team for students with disabilities. Additionally, students who have been enrolled in an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program for less than two years may meet the requirement for grade 10 ELA by satisfactorily demonstrating grade level expectations of formative assessments.

Refer to Graduation Requirements for Florida's Statewide Assessments for concordant and comparative scores.

Students enrolled in the following courses must participate in the corresponding EOC assessment, which constitutes 30 percent of the final course grade[+]:

- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- Biology
- U.S. History

[+]Special note: Thirty percent not applicable if not enrolled in the course but passed the EOC (Credit Acceleration Program [CAP]).
(See s. 1008.22, F.S.)

What is the difference between the 18-credit ACCEL option and the 24-credit option?

- 3 elective credits instead of 8
- Physical Education is not required

What is the difference between the CTE Pathway option and the 24-credit option?

- At least 18 credits are required
- 4 elective credits instead of 8
  - 2 credits in CTE courses, must result in a program completion and industry certification
  - 1.5 credits in work-based learning programs; Physical Education is not required
- Fine and Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, CTE or Practical Arts is not required

24-Credit Standard Diploma Requirements

Available To All Students, Including Students With Disabilities

4 Credits ELA
- ELA 1, 2, 3, 4 - ELA honors, Advanced Placement (AP), AICE, IB and dual enrollment may satisfy this requirement

4 Credits Mathematics*
- One of which must be Algebra 1 and one of which must be Geometry - Industry Certifications that lead to college credit may substitute for up to two mathematics credits (except for Algebra 1 and Geometry) ** - An identified computer science*** credit may substitute for up to one mathematics credit (except for Algebra 1 and Geometry)

3 Credits Science*
- One of which must be Biology, two of which must be equally rigorous science courses - Two of the three required course credits must have a laboratory component - Industry Certifications that lead to college credit may substitute for up to one science credit (except for Biology)** - An identified computer science*** credit may substitute for up to one science credit (except for Biology)

3 Credits Social Studies
- 1 credit in World History - 1 credit in U.S. History - 0.5 credit in U.S. Government - 0.5 credit in Economics

1 Credit Fine and Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, Career and Technical Education, or Practical Arts*

1 Credit Physical Education*
- To include the integration of health

8 Elective Credits
Students must earn a 2.0 unweighted grade-point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale for all cohort years and pass statewide, standardized assessments.

*Eligible courses are specified in the Florida Course Code Directory.
**Industry certifications for which there is a statewide college credit articulation agreement approved by the State Board of Education may substitute for mathematics and science credit.
***A computer science credit may not be used to substitute for both a mathematics and science credit.

Scholar Diploma Designation

In addition to the requirements of s. 1003.4282, F.S., a student must satisfy the following requirements:

- Earn 1 credit in Algebra 2 or an equally rigorous course
- Pass the Geometry EOC
- Earn 1 credit in Statistics or an equally rigorous mathematics course
- Pass the Biology 1 EOC++
- Earn 1 credit in Chemistry or Physics
- Earn 1 credit in a course equally rigorous to Chemistry or Physics
- Pass the U.S. History EOC++
- Earn 2 credits in the same World Language
- Earn at least 1 credit in an AP, IB, AICE or a dual enrollment course

++Special note: A student is exempt from the Biology 1 or U.S. History EOC assessment if the student is enrolled in an AP, IB, or AICE Biology 1 or U.S. History course; takes the respective AP, IB or AICE assessment; and earns the minimum college credit.

Industry Scholar Diploma Designation

- Meet standard high school diploma requirements
- Attain one or more industry certifications from the list established (per s. 1003.492, F.S.)

What is CAP?

The CAP allows a student to earn high school credit if the student passes an AP examination, a College Level Examination Program (CLEP) or a statewide course assessment without enrollment in the course. The courses include:

- Algebra 1
- Biology
- Geometry
- U.S. History

What are the additional graduation options for students with disabilities?

Students, in collaboration with parents and the IEP team, may choose two additional standard diploma options available only to students with disabilities. Both allow students to substitute a CTE course with related content for one credit in ELA 4, mathematics, science and social studies (excluding Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology 1 and U.S. History). The two options are as follows:

- Students with a most significant cognitive disability may earn credits via access courses and be assessed via an alternate assessment.
- Students enrolled in the academic and employment option must earn at least 0.5 credit via paid employment in addition to meeting the standard diploma graduation requirements.

State University System

Admission into Florida's State University System (SUS) institutions is competitive. Prospective students should complete a rigorous course of study in high school and apply to more than one university to increase their chance for acceptance. To qualify to enter one of Florida's public universities, a first-time-in-college student must meet the following minimum requirements (credit earned by industry certification does not count for SUS admission):

- High school graduation with a standard diploma, a minimum of a 2.5 GPA and admission test scores meeting minimum college-ready test scores per Board of Governors (BOG) Regulation 6.008
- 16 credits of approved college preparatory academic courses per BOG Regulation 6.002
- 4 English (3 with substantial writing)
- 4 Mathematics (Algebra 1 level and higher)
- 3 Natural Science (2 with substantial lab)
- 3 Social Science
- 2 World Language (sequential, in the same language or other equivalents)
- 2 approved electives

Florida College System

The 28 colleges of the Florida College System serve more than 650,000 students. Colleges offer affordable and stackable workforce credentials including certificate programs, associate in science degrees and associate in arts degrees, which transfer to a bachelor's degree program. All colleges also offer workforce bachelor's degree programs in areas of high demand. All Florida College System institutions have open-door admissions for students who earned a standard high school diploma or an equivalent diploma, or earned college credit.

Career and Technical Colleges and Centers

Florida also offers students 49 accredited career and technical colleges or centers throughout the state, which provide the education and certification necessary to work in a particular career or technical field. Programs are flexible for students and provide industry-specific education and training for a wide variety of occupations.

Career, Adult and Technical Education
District Postsecondary Institutions

Where is information on financial aid located?
The Florida Department of Education's Office of Student Financial Assistance administers a variety of postsecondary educational state-funded grants and scholarships.

Office of Student Financial Assistance

For more detailed information on Graduation Requirements visit the Florida Department of Education's webpage at https://www.fldoe.org/schools/k-12-public-schools/sss/graduation-requirements/.

CREDIT RECOVERY and GRADE FORGIVENESS
https://www.pcsb.org/Page/34481

Need to make up credits or boost your GPA? Ask your school counselor about the options listed below. Please know that only grades of "D"s and "F"s are eligible for forgiveness, with the exception of "C"s earned in middle school.

After School Credit Recovery (ASCR):

ASCR is offered on our campus after school. All core courses (i.e., English, Math, Science, and Social Studies) are open to 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders. Courses will be taken via Edmentum – a computer-based credit recovery program that allows students to work at their own pace until the subject matter is mastered. Please note that seats are limited and that a student must be first approved by the guidance department and then accepted by the ASCR coordinator. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis, however, seniors are given priority placement.

A few points to be aware of: (1) students must finish all course requirements to earn credit or grade forgiveness; (2) students must earn a final grade of 80% to earn credit for the course; (3) students may not miss more than three days or nine hours of instructional time without prior approval from the ASCR coordinator; (4) students may be suspended or removed from the program for not meeting the guidelines and procedures as outlined by the ASCR coordinator and instructor(s); and (5) Edmentum courses do not meet NCAA credit requirements.

For more information or to sign up for courses, speak with your school counselor.

Florida Virtual School (FLVS Flex Option):

FLVS is a fully accredited public school that offers more than 120 free courses to K-12 public, private, and homeschool students. Every FLVS course is taught by a dedicated and certified teacher who is focused on student success. Courses are aligned with Florida and national standards and are accessible 24/7. Core courses are NCAA approved. Enrollment is open 365 days a year due to the FLVS year-round rolling enrollment model.

For more information or to sign up for courses, speak with your school counselor and visit https:/www.flvs.net.

Night School:

Students must obtain a completed High School Credit Referral Form from their school counselor and bring it to the night school campus on the night they enroll in class. Night schools use the Edmentum credit recovery program which enables students to make up high school credits online. The curriculum is self-paced, and progress and completion of the course is mastery based. Once the work is completed, the credit is earned. Visit the websites below for school times and course offerings:

- Clearview Adult Education Center   https://www.pcsb.org/ClearviewAdult
- Clearwater Adult Education Center   http://www.pcsb.org/caec
- Lakewood Community   http://www.pcsb.org/lakewood-cs

For more information or to sign up for courses, speak with your school counselor.

Pinellas Virtual School (PVS):

PVS brings together the best technologies, the best curriculum and most importantly the best of Pinellas County teachers who provide an incredible online experience. PVS uses the Canvas and Florida Virtual School learning management systems for curriculum delivery.

For more information or to sign up for courses, speak with your school counselor and visit http://www.pcsb.org/virtualschool.

Pinellas County Schools Summer Credit Recovery Program:

Runs much like ASCR throughout the summer.

Students in need of summer credit recovery and/or grade forgiveness will be notified by the school.

MU ALPHA THETA STUDENT TUTORS HELP 2:00-2:30

Monday	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**
Geo/Calc Room 260	Alg. 1/1A Room 262 Geometry Room 260 Alg. 2 Room 255 AB/BC Calc Room 261	Geo./Alg. 2 Room 259 AB/BC Calc Room 261

EXTENDED LEARNING PROGRAM

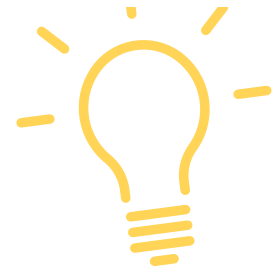After school from 2:00-3:00 -- Days will vary by course

- Accelerated Courses Tutoring (AP/AICE)

- ACT/SAT ELA Prep

- ACT/SAT Math Prep

- Science Tutoring

- Social Studies Tutoring

- STEM

Scan to Sign Up

FAFSA® Tip Sheet
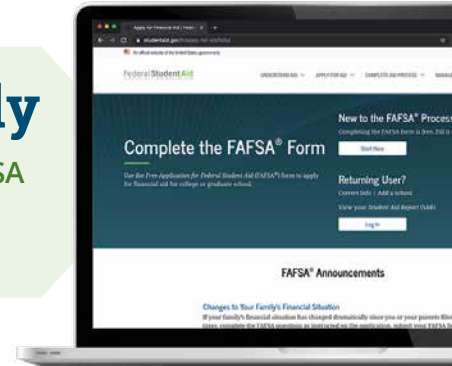
Filing the FAFSA & Getting Financial Aid

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) is the most important application you must complete in order to qualify for almost all types of financial aid including federal, state, local, and private grants and scholarships.

→ **How to Apply**

Visit **studentaid.gov/FAFSA** to complete and submit your application for FREE.

FAQs

Why complete a FAFSA?

The U.S. Department of Education (USDE) uses the information provided on your FAFSA to determine your eligibility for aid from federal student financial assistance programs. Schools use FAFSA data to award their own financial aid.

What are the deadlines?

Financial aid deadlines vary by school, state, program of study, and more. To ensure that you are considered for all financial aid programs, the FAFSA should be filed by the earliest application deadline date for each school you are considering attending. Check with your school for details.

You must complete a new FAFSA Application each year.

- **Opens December 1 -** For students attending colleges, universities, and college-transferable programs (excluding community colleges) and for all renewal students

- **May 15 -** State aid deadline.

- **Closes June 30 -** You should submit your FAFSA application as soon as possible each year. Most federal and state aid is limited and is awarded on a first come, first served basis.

What is the IRS Data Retrieval Tool?

If you complete your FAFSA online, you have the option of retrieving your income and tax data from the IRS and having it automatically transferred into your FAFSA.

What do I need to file my FAFSA?

- Your Social Security number
- Your driver's license number, if you have one (optional)
- Your alien registration number, if you are not a U.S. citizen
- Your W-2 forms
- Records of other untaxed income received, including workers' compensation, child support, payments to tax-deferred pension, and savings plans, etc.
- Your federal income tax return and schedules from the prior-prior year (For example, if completing the 2025-26 FAFSA, use 2023 income tax return information.)
- Your current bank statements and records of stocks, bonds, 529 plans, and other investments.
- A personal email address (not a school email address)

If you are a dependent student, you will also need:

- Your parent's Social Security number
- Your parent's income and financial records (as listed above)
- Parents date of marriage/remarriage – month/year
- Parents date of separation/divorce – month/year

What is a Federal Student Aid account username and password (FSA ID)?

When you create an account at **studentaid.gov/fsa-id** the username and password (also referred to as an FSA ID) you create will be used to log in to and sign the FAFSA. If you are a dependent student, both you and one of your parents must have your own account with a username and password.

Remember to Use the Correct Tax Information

If you plan to attend college from	You can submit the FAFSA from	Using income & tax information from
July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024	October 1, 2022 - June 30, 2024	2021
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025	October 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025	2022
July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026	December 1, 2024 - June 30, 2026	2023

Note the Schools You Have Applied To

For purposes of federal student aid, it does not matter in what order you list the schools on your FAFSA.

1.	4.
2.	5.
3.	6.

To change the schools listed on the FAFSA, log in to studentaid.gov, or call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) TTY (Hearing Impaired) 1-800-730-8913

File Your State Grant Application

Students must submit a completed Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) to OSFA for programs like Bright Futures at **https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org**. In order to apply for State Scholarship & Grant Programs, a student must first Create a Student Account. After logging into your account, you may proceed to complete the FFAA.

Once Your FAFSA is Processed

You will be notified that your FAFSA has been processed and you can view or print your Student Aid Report (SAR) from your My FAFSA page. You may receive an email with a link to My FAFSA after your FAFSA has been processed or you can log in to My FAFSA at studentaid.gov/FAFSA. Check your SAR for any errors and if you do find mistakes, you will need to make necessary corrections online within My FAFSA at studentaid.gov/FAFSA, or by mail on your paper SAR.

Your FAFSA will be shared with the schools that you listed on the FAFSA. Schools send out notifications about financial aid eligibility to students once you have been accepted to the school. Your schools may require other forms for you to fill out for school specific programs. Contact your postsecondary schools for more information about financial aid eligibility.

Do you Have Changes in Your Circumstances? If your family's income is less this year than what you reported on the FAFSA, reach out to the financial aid staff at your school for assistance. You can also report other changes in your situation such as high medical expenses, separation or divorce, etc.

→ **To learn more about the financial aid process, visit https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa**

MYTH: My family's income is too high for me to qualify for financial aid.

FACT: That's one of the most common financial aid myths, but there's no income cutoff. Most people qualify for some type of financial aid, which range from grants and scholarships to loans and work-study programs. Many factors besides income—such as your family size and your year in school—are considered to create your financial aid package.

When you submit the FAFSA® form, you're also automatically applying for state funds and possibly financial aid from your school, including grants and scholarships. In fact, some schools won't even consider you for their scholarships (including academic scholarships) until you've submitted a FAFSA® form. And you can't know how much financial aid you'll get until you fill it out.

FAFSA FAQs

What is the FAFSA?

FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid. In order to apply for financial aid, which includes grants, work-study and loans, every high school senior planning to attend college or career school must complete and submit the FAFSA.

Who should apply?

Any high school senior who is planning or considering college or career school should apply. By completing the FAFSA, students will automatically be considered for financial aid.

Who is eligible for financial aid?

To qualify for student aid, students must meet basic eligibility requirements:

- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen
- Have a Social Security number
- Be registered with the Selective Service (if you're a male between the ages of 18-25)
- Plan to enroll in an eligible college or career school

Also, high school seniors must show they are qualified to obtain a college or career school education by:

- Having a high school diploma, a General Educational Development (GED) certificate or a state-recognized equivalent
- Completing a high school education in a homeschool setting approved under state law

Are non-U.S. citizens eligible for financial aid?

Generally, the following noncitizens are eligible for financial aid:

- U.S. permanent resident, with a Permanent Resident Card (formerly known as an Alien Registration, Registration Receipt Card or "Green Card")
- Conditional permanent resident (I-551C)
- Other eligible noncitizen with an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security showing any one of the following designations: "Refugee," "Asylum Granted," "Indefinite Parole," "Humanitarian Parole," or "Cuban-Haitian Entrant"
- A citizen of the Republic of Palau (PW), the Republic of the Marshall Islands (MH), or the Federated States of Micronesia (FM)

Noncitizens must enter their eight- or nine-digit Alien Registration Number (ARN) on the FAFSA.

Does parents' citizenship status affect federal student aid eligibility?

No. Parents' citizenship status does not affect the student's eligibility for federal student aid. In fact, the FAFSA doesn't even ask about parents' status.

What types of financial aid are available?

- **Grants** (i.e. free money) are awarded on the basis of need and do not have to be repaid.
- **Work-Study** enables students to earn money during the school year while also gaining valuable work experience, typically in part-time, career-related jobs.
- **Loans** consist of money that students borrow to help pay for college and must be repaid (plus interest). The two most common types of loans offered by the U.S. Department of Education include: Direct Subsidized Loans and Unsubsidized Loans.
  - **Direct Subsidized Loans** are loans available eligible undergraduate students with financial need. The interest on these loans is covered until six months after students leave school.
  - **Direct Unsubsidized Loans** are loans available to undergraduate, graduate and professional students; there is no requirement to demonstrate financial need and the interest accrues immediately on these loans. Loan repayment begins six months after students leave school.

What is the deadline to apply for financial aid?

For the 2025-2026 school year, students can begin applying for FAFSA beginning Dec. 1, 2024 and use their 2023 IRS income tax returns. Because colleges use the FAFSA to provide other types of aid (state aid, private scholarships, etc.), students should check with the college(s) they are interested in attending, as many have priority deadlines for submitting FAFSA.

What documents are needed to apply for the FAFSA?

When filling out the FAFSA, having access to the following information will be extremely helpful and make the process go smoother:

- Social Security number
- Alien registration number (if applicable)
- Federal tax information or tax returns
- Records of untaxed income
- Cash, savings and checking account balances
- Investments other than the home in which you live

How much financial aid can students receive?

Every student will be eligible for a different financial aid package, based on many factors. After students submit their FAFSA, each school they list in their application will determine a financial aid package and send an award letter with the types of aid and amounts they are offering. It depends on several factors, including:

- Cost of attendance for the school
- Expected Family Contribution (based on the information entered in the FAFSA)
- Year in school
- Enrollment status (full-time, part-time, etc.)

The earlier the FAFSA is completed, the sooner schools can send financial aid award offers and parents and students can make smarter decisions about college or career school affordability.

Visit **www.FAFSAfirst.org** for more information

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) / Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)
2024-25

Initial Eligibility Requirements: (As determined by the Florida Department of Education)

1. Submit the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) no later than August 31 after high school graduation.
2. Graduate from a Florida high school with a standard high school diploma or its equivalent.
3. Complete the 16 college-preparatory courses required for admission to a state university.
4. Achieve the required weighted GPA in the 16 college-preparatory courses per the chart below.
5. Achieve the required composite ACT® score, Overall Score on the Classic Learning Test (CLT), or combined SAT® score. Tests are accepted through August 31 of the student's graduation year (or through January 31 for mid-year graduates), per the chart below.
6. Complete the required number of volunteer service hours, paid work hours, or 100 total combined hours per the chart below.

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 Hours[2]	Paid Work Hours[2]
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	2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340 2025-26 Graduates: 29/95/1330	100 hours	100 hours
FMS	3 - Social Science 2 - World Language (sequential, in same language)	3.00	2024-25 Graduates: 25/84/1210 2025-26 Graduates: 24/82/1190	75 hours	100 hours

[1] The required coursework aligns with the State University System admission requirements found in Florida Board of Governor's Regulation 6.002. Additional information regarding high school coursework can be found within the Florida Counseling for Future Education Handbook.

[2] Students must earn the required volunteer service hours, 100 paid work hours, or a combination that totals a minimum of 100 hours.

Requirements to Receive an Award: (As determined by the postsecondary institution)

1. Be evaluated by the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) as meeting initial eligibility requirements.
2. Be a Florida resident and U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen.
3. Enroll as a degree- or certificate-seeking student at a Florida institution in at least 6 non-remedial semester credit hours.

Renewal Requirements: (As determined by grade and hours submitted by the postsecondary institution)

1. Students must earn the number of credit hours based on the student's enrollment type per term.
2. The renewal cumulative GPA requirements are outlined in the table below.

	Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)	Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)
Minimum Cumulative GPA (unrounded and unweighted)	3.0	2.75

For detailed information, including other ways to qualify, please refer to the Bright Futures Student Handbook.

<div align="center" style="color:red">Eligibility requirements are subject to change with each legislative session.</div>

Students are responsible for tracking their application and award status online and ensuring that funding for an academic year is accurate by contacting their institution's financial aid office.

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV)
2024-25

Initial Eligibility Requirements: (As determined by the Florida Department of Education.)

1. Submit the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) no later than August 31 after high school graduation.
2. Graduate with a standard Florida high school diploma or its equivalent.
3. Achieve the required weighted 3.0 GPA in the non-elective high school courses.
4. Complete at least three (3) full credits in a single Career and Technical Education program.
5. Achieve the required minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA in the single Career and Technical Education program.
6. Complete at least 30 volunteer service hours, 100 paid work hours, or a combination that equals a minimum of 100 total hours.
7. Achieve the required minimum scores on one of the college entrance exams per the chart below no later than August 31 of the year the student graduates from high school.

Exam Type	Sub-test	Required Score
ACT®	Reading	19
	English	17
	Mathematics	19
SAT® (March 1, 2024, and thereafter)	Critical Reading or Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	490
	Mathematics	480
SAT® (Prior to March 1, 2024)	Reading	24
	Writing and Language	25
	Math Test	24
PERT (Only applies to the GSV Scholarship)	Reading	106
	Writing	103
	Mathematics	114

Required test scores follow those established by Rule 6A-10.0315, Florida Administrative Code.

Requirements to Receive an Award: (As determined by your postsecondary institution.)

1. Be evaluated by the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) as meeting initial eligibility requirements.
2. Be a Florida resident and U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen.
3. Enroll as a degree- or certificate-seeking student at a Florida institution in at least six (6) non-remedial semester credit hours.

Scholarship Restrictions:

The GSV award may only be used at postsecondary institutions that offer an applied technology diploma, technical degree education program (associate in applied science or associate in science), or a career certificate program and not toward the completion of an associate in arts or a baccalaureate degree.

Renewal Requirements: (As determined by grade and hours submitted by your postsecondary institution.)

1. Students must earn the number of credit hours based on the student's enrollment type per term.
2. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative 2.75 GPA (unrounded and unweighted).

For detailed information, please refer to the Bright Futures Student Handbook.

Eligibility requirements are subject to change with each legislative session.

Students are responsible for tracking their application and award status online and ensuring that funding for an academic year is accurate by contacting their institution's financial aid office.

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Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars (GSC)
2024-25

Initial Eligibility Requirements: (As determined by the Florida Department of Education.)

1. Submit the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) no later than August 31 after high school graduation.
2. Graduate with a standard high school diploma or its equivalent.
3. Earn a minimum of five (5) postsecondary credit hours through CAPE industry certifications that articulate for college credit.
4. Complete at least 30 volunteer service hours, 100 paid work hours, or a combination that equals a minimum of 100 total hours.

Eligible CAPE Certifications: Active Articulation Agreements Summary
www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7525/urlt/active-articulation-summary.xlsx

Requirements to Receive an Award: (As determined by your postsecondary institution.)

1. Be evaluated by the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) as meeting initial eligibility requirements.
2. Be a Florida resident and U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen.
3. Enroll as a degree- or certificate-seeking student at a Florida institution in at least six (6) non-remedial semester credit hours.

Scholarship Restrictions:

Until a student has earned an eligible associate degree, Gold Seal CAPE (GSC) scholarships may only be used at postsecondary institutions that offer an applied technology diploma, technical degree education program (associate in applied science or associate in science), or a career certificate program.

Upon completion of an eligible associate degree program, a GSC Scholar may also receive an award for a maximum of 60 credit hours toward an eligible baccalaureate degree.

Renewal Requirements: (As determined by grade and hours submitted by your postsecondary institution.)

1. Students must earn the number of credit hours based on the student's enrollment type per term.
2. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative 2.75 GPA (unrounded and unweighted).

For detailed information, please refer to the Bright Futures Student Handbook.

Eligibility requirements are subject to change with each legislative session.

Students are responsible for tracking their application and award status online and ensuring that funding for an academic year is accurate by contacting their institution's financial aid office.

Last updated: July 2024

Step Into Your Future!

The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program has helped more than 950,000 Florida students attend a postsecondary institution. Bright Futures awards include: Florida Academic Scholars award (FAS), Florida Medallion Scholars award (FMS), Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars award (GSC) and the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award (GSV).

STEP 1 Go to **www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org/SAPBFMAIN/SAPBFMAIN** to find out how to qualify for a Bright Futures Scholarship.

STEP 2 Go to **www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org** and submit a completed, error-free Initial Student Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) no later than August 31 after high school graduation. The ACT®/CLT®/SAT® must be taken no later than August 31 of your high school graduation year.

STEP 3 **Make the grade, earn the score…and graduate!** The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program was created to establish a lottery-funded scholarship program to reward any Florida high school graduate who merits recognition of high academic achievement. The graduate must enroll in a degree program, certificate program or applied technology program at an eligible Florida public or private postsecondary education institution.

STEP 4 **Know your responsibilities…apply, meet the requirements before graduation and throughout your college career.** (Requirements are subject to change with each Florida Legislative session.)

Office of Student Financial Assistance website: **www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org**

Customer Service: 888-827-2004   Email: **OSFA@fldoe.org**

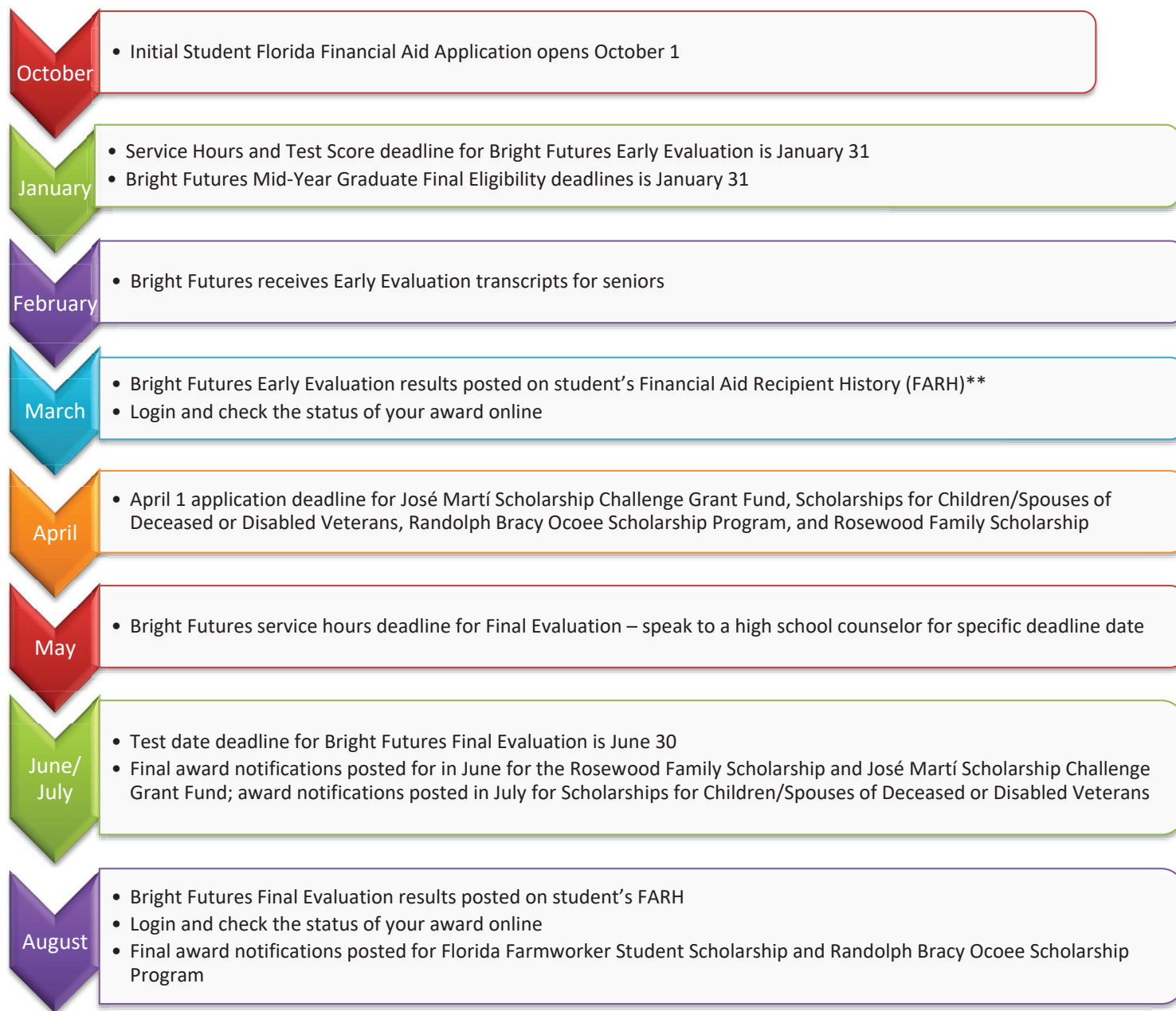| Type	16 High School Course Credits [1]	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/CLT®/SAT®)	Volunteer Service Only	Paid Work Hours Only	Combination of Volunteer/ Paid Hours
FAS	4 - English *(three must include substantial writing)* 4 - Mathematics *(at or above the Algebra I level)* 3 - Natural Science *(two must have substantial laboratory)* 3 - Social Science 2 - Foreign/World Language *(sequential, in same language)*	3.50	2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340 2025-26 Graduates: 29/95/1330	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours
FMS		3.00	2024-25 Graduates: 25/84/1210 2025-26 Graduates: 24/82/1190	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours

Students will be evaluated based on official test scores from the FDOE repository. To ensure OSFA obtains official test scores:
o Ensure demographics on your test registration and high school transcript match; and
o Request your official single sitting test scores be sent to one of Florida's public colleges or state universities when registering for the ACT®, CLT®, or SAT®.
Note: Students can request single sitting ACT® or CLT® test scores be sent directly to Bright Futures using **CEEB code 0095** while on the ACT® or CLT® websites.

High School Students

State Programs   Initial Eligibility

October
- Initial Student Florida Financial Aid Application opens October 1

January
- Service Hours and Test Score deadline for Bright Futures Early Evaluation is January 31
- Bright Futures Mid-Year Graduate Final Eligibility deadlines is January 31

February
- Bright Futures receives Early Evaluation transcripts for seniors

March
- Bright Futures Early Evaluation results posted on student's Financial Aid Recipient History (FARH)**
- Login and check the status of your award online

April
- April 1 application deadline for José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant Fund, Scholarships for Children/Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans, Randolph Bracy Ocoee Scholarship Program, and Rosewood Family Scholarship

May
- Bright Futures service hours deadline for Final Evaluation – speak to a high school counselor for specific deadline date

June/July
- Test date deadline for Bright Futures Final Evaluation is June 30
- Final award notifications posted for in June for the Rosewood Family Scholarship and José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant Fund; award notifications posted in July for Scholarships for Children/Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans

August
- Bright Futures Final Evaluation results posted on student's FARH
- Login and check the status of your award online
- Final award notifications posted for Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship and Randolph Bracy Ocoee Scholarship Program

*For Mid-year Graduates: **Early Evaluation** – Service hours and test scores deadline is June 30 ; **Final Evaluation** – Service hours and test scores deadline is January 31 with final status posted in February. Deadline to apply is December 31.

**Eligibility status is only posted online to student's FARH.

FLORIDA STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP and GRANT PROGRAMS

https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org

OSFA
Office of Student Financial Assistance

Florida Student Scholarship & Grant Programs

Login ▾

First-Time Applicants

Students must submit a completed Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) to OSFA for programs denoted by an asterisk (*). In order to apply for State Scholarship & Grant Programs, a student must first Create a Student Account. After logging into your account, you may proceed to complete the FFAA.

GRADUATES
NEXT EXIT ↗

Eligible Institutions

College
Just Ahead

High Schools:
Verify if your high school is a participating Florida public or private high school.

Postsecondary Institutions:
Verify if the postsecondary institution you are planning to attend is eligible to disburse state aid.

NOTE: We recommend downloading the newest version of your preferred browser for the best experience. (Chrome, Firefox, Microsoft Edge, Safari)

State Scholarship and Grant Programs

Benacquisto Scholarship Program (FAQ)

Bright Futures Scholarship*

Effective Access to Student Education

First Generation Matching Grant

Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship*

Florida First Responder Scholarship Program

Florida Law Enforcement Reimbursement Program - Application

Florida Student Assistance Grant - Career Education

Florida Work Experience Program

Honorably Discharged Graduate Assistance Program

José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant*

Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship

Minority Teacher Education Scholarship

Open Door Grant Program - Webinar

Randolph Bracy Ocoee Scholarship Program*

Rosewood Family Scholarship*

Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans* (Award Amounts)

APPLICATIONS	REPORTS	RESOURCES	STATUTES AND RULES
Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)	Student Financial Assistance Annual Report - (Archives)	Federal Student Aid	Florida Statutes
Reinstatement/Restoration Application	End-of-Year Reports - (Archives)	Financial Aid Terms and Definitions	State Board of Education Rules
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	Bright Futures Statistical Reports	Money for College Brochure	Legislative Changes
Document Upload		Navigating Your Financial Future	Postsecondary Compliance Audits

Remember to apply for Bright Futures, as well as other Florida grants and scholarships, as soon as possible after October 1st!

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

The Pinellas Education Foundation provides nearly 100 different college and technical school scholarships to more than 300 high school seniors throughout Pinellas County, based on criteria established by the Foundation and sponsors. Varied as the sponsors who fund them, scholarships range in focus from the arts to science and math, sports, and community service. Many are based on financial need. Scholarships may be either one-time awards or renewable scholarships for students who continue to meet the scholarship qualifications throughout college.

To learn more about scholarships and to apply visit: pinellaseducation.org/scholarships

Scholarship Applications are available from September 30 until 5:00pm on January 31

If you have any questions, please contact scholarship@pinellaseducation.org

Pinellas Education Foundation

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Student Services

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> **Financial Aid Presentations**
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+ K-12 School Counseling

Multi-Tiered System of Supports

+ Prevention Office

Psychological Services

+ School Health Services

+ School Social Work

Mental Wellness

Financial Aid & Scholarships

IMPORTANT FAFSA INFO

Attention Seniors: The 2024-2025 FAFSA will open by December 31

Find out more about the Better FAFSA on our **FAFSA webpage**.

Scholarships

- Scholarship Opportunities Updated 4/18/2024
- Search for scholarships with the U.S. Department of Labor's free scholarship search tool
- The College Board's Big Future Scholarships program provides scholarship opportunities for completing steps to get ready for college.
- Scholarships for Students with Disabilities

Bright Futures Scholarship Program

- Florida Bright Futures website
- Bright Futures Volunteer Service/Paid Work Hours Process
- 2023-24 Bright Futures Eligibility Chart
- Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) - Required for Bright Futures

State of Florida Grant and Scholarship Programs administered by the Office of Student Financial Assistance

- State of Florida Grant and Scholarship Programs

Pinellas Education Foundation

- Pinellas Education Foundation Scholarship Webpage

Pinellas Education Foundation Traditional Senior Scholarship: You'll only need to fill out one application to match your needs and future interests with over 120 scholarship opportunities.

- FAQ-and-Catalog
- Apply for Traditional High School Senior Scholarships

Upcoming Events

SEP 14 — Elevating Excellence PSAT Prep
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

SEP 21 — Elevating Excellence PSAT Prep
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

SEP 26 — Annual North Pinellas County College & Career Fair
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

SEP 28 — Elevating Excellence College Essay Workshop
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

NOV 2 — Elevating Excellence Fall 2024 ACT Prep
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Elevating Excellence Fall 2024 ACT Prep
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

View Calendar

*Scholarship Opportunities is a monthly publication of a scholarship list for Pinellas County Schools.

BIGFUTURE SCHOLARSHIPS

Qualify to win $40,000 just by planning for your future

Open to all students in the class of 2025, and 2026, BigFuture® awards hundreds of $500 scholarships and at least two $40,000 scholarships each month to students who take steps toward their career and education after high school. There is no required essay, minimum GPA or test score. You qualify yourself by taking steps to get ready for life after high school. If your family's income is less than $60,000 per year, you will get extra chances at these scholarships and earn double the entries for every drawing.

1 Start Your Career List
Explore careers that match your interests.
Start: Any time*
Deadline: By the end of February of your senior year

2 Build Your College List
Find two or four-year colleges that interest you.
Start: Any time
Deadline: By June 30 of your junior year

3 Start Your Scholarship List
Find other scholarships to help you pay for college.
Start: July 1 before your senior year
Deadline: By the end of February of your senior year

4 Strengthen Your College List
Make sure your college list has a mix of reach, match, and safety schools.
Start: July 1 before your senior year
Deadline: By October 31 of your senior year

5 Complete the FAFSA
Fill out the free government form to apply for financial aid.
Start: December of your senior year
Deadline: By the end of February of your senior year

6 Apply to Colleges
Apply to the schools you want to attend.
Start: October 1 of your senior year
Deadline: By the end of February of your senior year

Get started at: **bigfuture.org/scholarships**

BigFuture®

*The "Start Your Career List" step is only open to the class of 2025 and 2026.

OCTOBER 7th – 11th

APPLY YOURSELF!

FLORIDA COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK

A variety of face-to-face & virtual workshops to assist you with your post-secondary planning!

Monday, October 7   **Writing an Effective and Engaging College Admissions Essay**   **Online Presentation**

Our guest speaker is a product of the Pinellas County Schools system, is an Associate Director of College Counseling, has conducted "Crafting a Competitive Admission Essay" workshops at various college admission conferences, as well as hosted her own TED Talk!

Tuesday, October 8   **St. Petersburg College Free Application Drive**   **Media Center**

Here's your opportunity to apply to SPC for FREE! You'll need to have the following information on hand:

- Your Social Security Number
- Your SPC ID number (if you already have one)
- Your parent's driver's license number
- Your parent's voter registration or car registration

SPC academic advisors will be available to help you complete a free application!   Scan to Sign Up

Wednesday, October 9   **Homecoming Ticket Giveaway / College T-Shirt Day**   **Cafeteria**

During lunch, stop by the Guidance table in the Cafeteria for a chance to win a FREE Homecoming ticket!

Thursday, October 10   **Say Hello to Xello / College Application Assistance**   **College & Career Center**

Open house with your counselors and CCC manager! Not sure where to begin? Feeling overwhelmed? Confused about Xello? Learn more about how-to-go college resources, the application process, test scores, letters of recommendation, and transcripts. Come prepared with any questions!

Friday, October 11   **Visit the College & Career Center**   **College & Career Center**

The College & Career Center welcomes you to stop by to meet our CCC manager and volunteer staff! Come learn about what the CCC has to offer and make an individual appointment to discuss scholarship opportunities, post-secondary and career planning resources, and begin creating your personal plan!

College: It's not a dream, it's a plan.

📢 Save the Date! 📢

District hosted Financial Aid Seminar for families – OFHS Auditorium, Nov 4 @ 7PM

xello

Common App and Xello

Your school is integrating Xello with Common App. This means beginning August 1, you can link your Common App account with Xello to request forms from your counselor and recommendations from your teachers. Make sure you follow the steps below to link your accounts.

💡 **Note:** If you started working in Common App in your junior year, some of your data may have been deleted over the summer.

Before linking Common App with Xello

You'll need to complete a few steps in Common App before you can begin working in Xello. After signing in to your Common App account:

1 Click the **Common App** tab. From the left menu, open **Profile** and then **Education** to complete the required fields.

2 Click the **College Search** tab, and add at least one college you plan to apply to.

3 Click the **My Colleges** tab and open one of your saved colleges.

4 In the left menu of the college profile, click **Questions** and fill out your **Preferred Start Term**.

5 Again from the left menu, click **Recommenders and FERPA**. Read and complete the **FERPA Release Authorization form**.
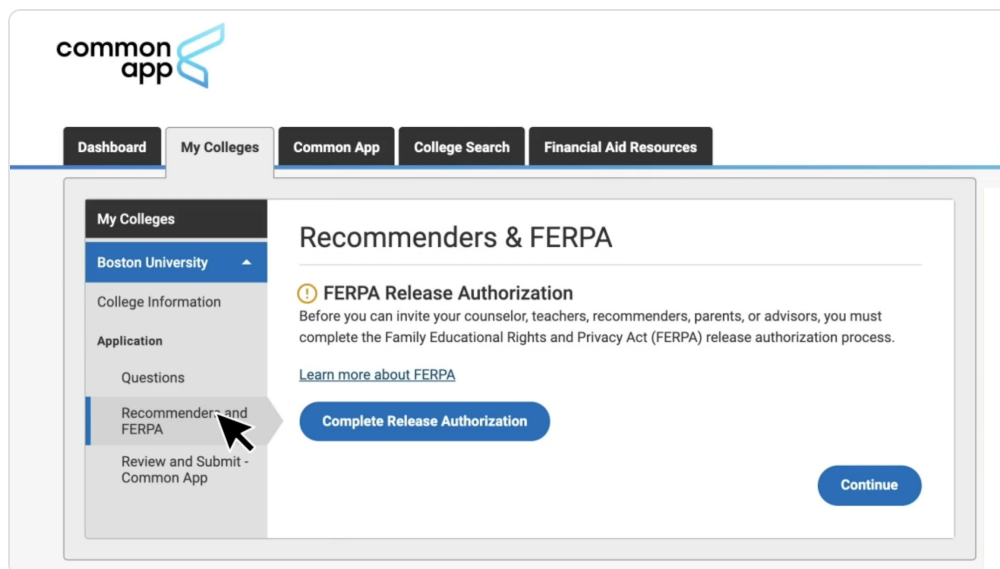
Link your Common App account with Xello

Once you've signed the **FERPA Release Authorization** form, you'll connect your Xello account to Common App. Connecting the two accounts means you can begin submitting requests for Common App documents and recommenders in Xello.

Watch the video: <u>Linking Common App to Xello</u>

To link your Common App account with Xello:

1 Sign in to Xello.

2 Under **Quick links**, select **College Planning**.

3 Click **View my applications** to see the full list of colleges you're tracking.

4 In the banner with the Common App logo, click **Connect** to open the Common App sign in page.
  - A pop-up will first let you know you may need to redo tasks you've already completed. This could include assigning a counselor or requesting a Teacher Evaluation. This will only apply to colleges associated with Common App.

5 Sign in to Common App.
  - Once you've logged into Common App, you're redirected back to the page you left in Xello.
  - The banner at the top of the page now states the accounts are connected.
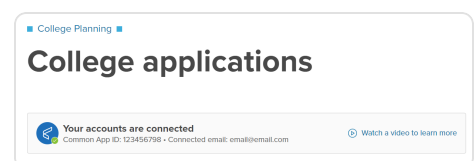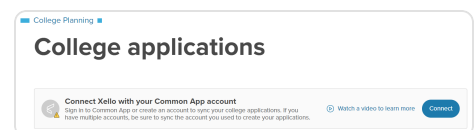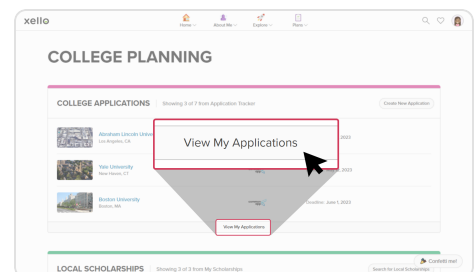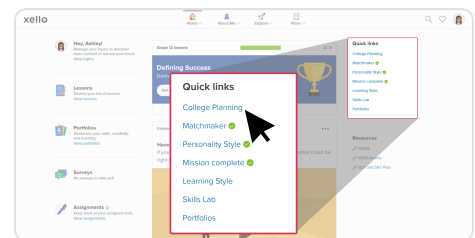
Once the accounts are connected, the colleges in your **My colleges** list in Common App are synced to your **Application tracker** in Xello. You can easily identify which colleges in Xello are linked to Common App by the badge next to the college name.

Assign a counselor to send forms

Next, you'll need to assign a counselor at your school to send the necessary forms for your application to Common App colleges.

Watch the video: [Requesting your documents for Common App schools](#)

To assign a counselor to send your forms to Common App colleges:

1. Click on a college with the Common App logo.

2. Next to **Counselor forms**, click **Assign counselor**.

3. Choose the counselor at your school in charge of your transcript and Common App forms. Click **Select**.
   - You'll only need to assign a counselor once. Selecting a counselor means that they'll send all the necessary forms to all the schools saved in your **My colleges** list in Common App.

4. Click **Send** to return to the college page.
   - A banner at the top of the page indicates success.
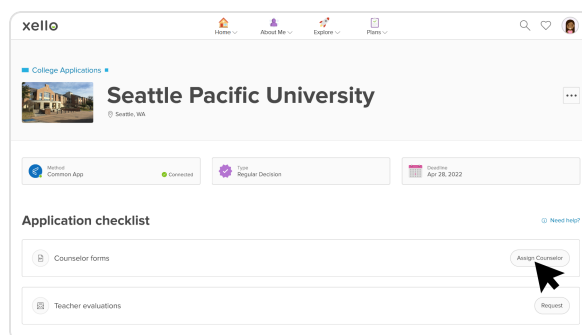
Request teacher evaluations for Common App colleges

You'll use Xello to request a teacher write and send a Teacher Evaluation to colleges on your behalf. To send a request:

1. Click on a college with the Common App logo.

2. Next to **Teacher evaluations**, click **Request** to open the list of teacher recommenders available at your school in Xello.
   - You can also search for teachers at other schools in you district who also use Xello with Common App enabled. This search is useful if you've transferred schools or if the teacher you want as a recommender has changed schools.

3. Choose the teacher you'd like and click **Select** .

4. Click **Send** to return to the college page.
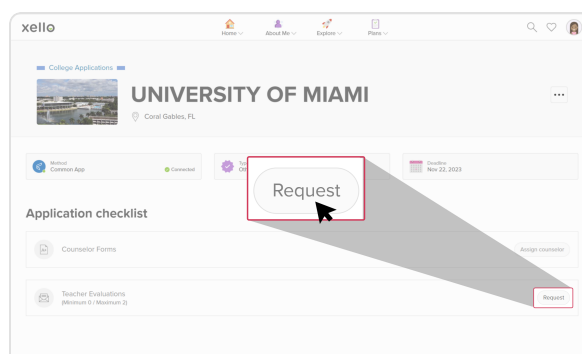
How to request a transcript

Use this quick guide to learn how to request and then track a transcript in Xello. Once you make the request, your high school will send your transcript to the colleges of your choice.

1 **Access College Planning tools**

Under **Quick links**, click **College Planning**.

This page shows all the applications you're tracking. You can also view scholarships and the **Knowledge Hub** to learn more about college planning topics.

2 **Create an application to track**

Begin by creating an application to track in Xello. This is where you'll request, and track the progress of transcripts and recommendation letters.

Click **Create your first application** to choose the college you want to begin tracking. Use the search bar to find a school or pick one of your saved ones. Then, add details such as your application method, type, and deadline.
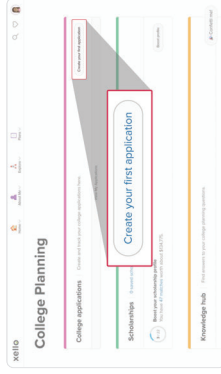
3 **Send a transcript**

Once you've created the tracker for the college, use the **Application checklist** to stay on top of your tasks to complete for the application.

Next to **Transcript**, click **Request**. You'll then need to choose a transcript type. Add a due date and click **Send request**. This will send a request to a counselor or admin in charge of transcripts at your school who will send yours to the college.
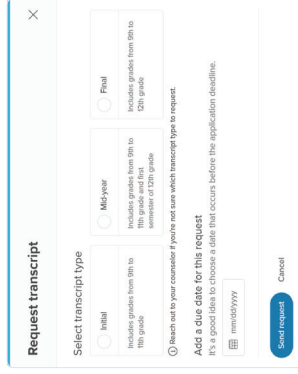
How to request a transcript

4 **View progress**

Check in on the progress of your transcript request to see updates on when your school processed it, sent it, and at what stage it is with the college.

View the status by opening the college application tracker you created. Next to **Transcript,** click its dropdown and select **Track transcript.** Here you can view all updates of you transcript requests.

# XELLO SEMESTER 1 ACTIVITY   Grade 12
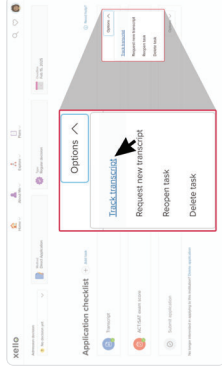
Creating a Personalized Career and Academic Plan (PCAP)

1) Log in to **Clever**, click on **Xello**.

2) Under **Explore** at the top, select **Pathways**. Scroll to the bottom to review the different Pathway options. Clicking on a pathway will open a video and give more information about that particular option.
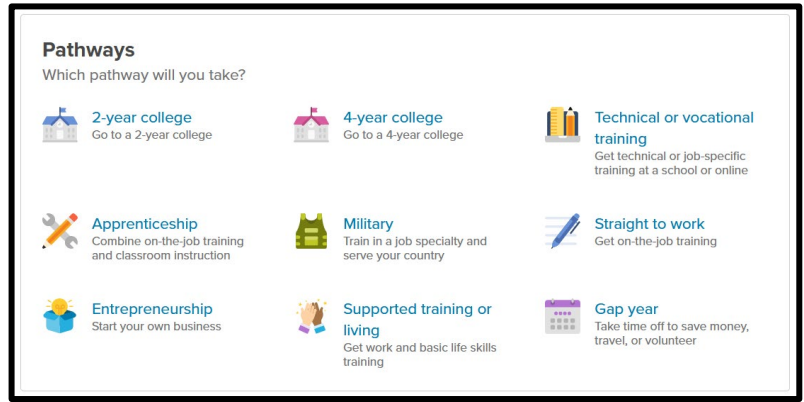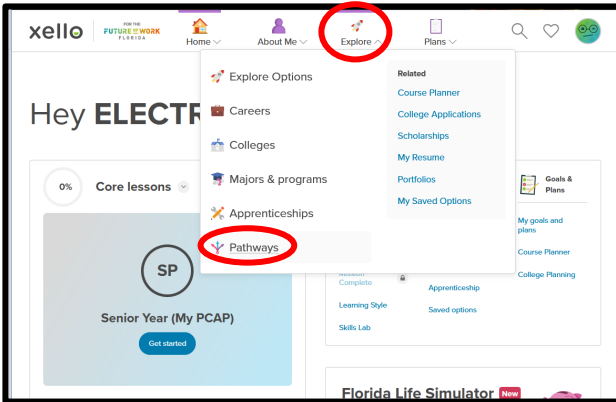
3) After you've reviewed the different pathways, go to **Plans** at the top and select **Plans**. Click **Make a plan** under **Make future plans** or **+Add Plan** next to **Make future plans**.
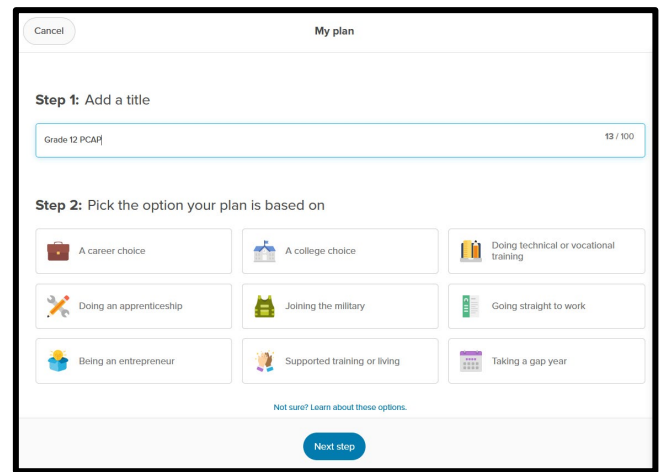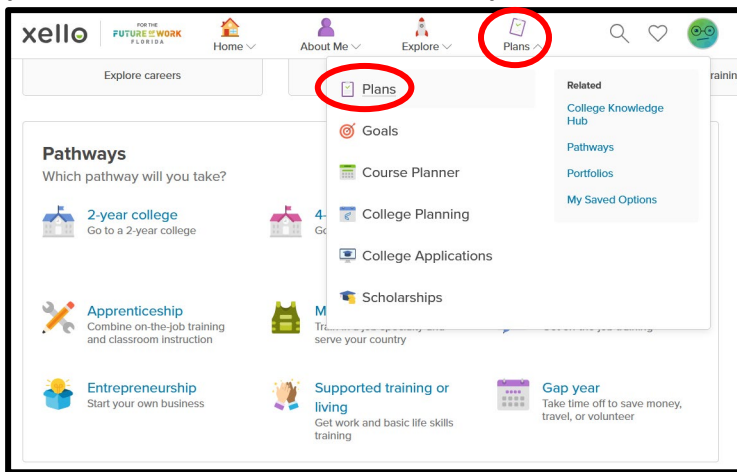
4) For **Step 1**, title the plan "Grade 12 PCAP". For **Step 2**, Select an option for this plan and click **Next Step** at the bottom. This will generate tasks associated with the selected plan. Click **Done** on the next screen.

5) You can now review the tasks, add specific college/major information and select a specific career, or add personal notes if you like.
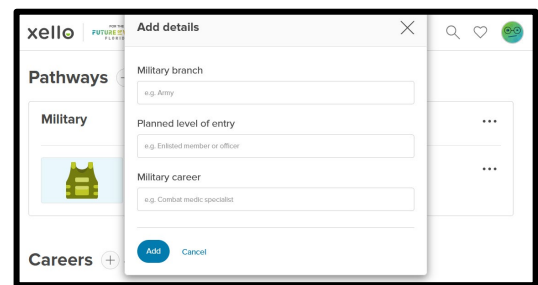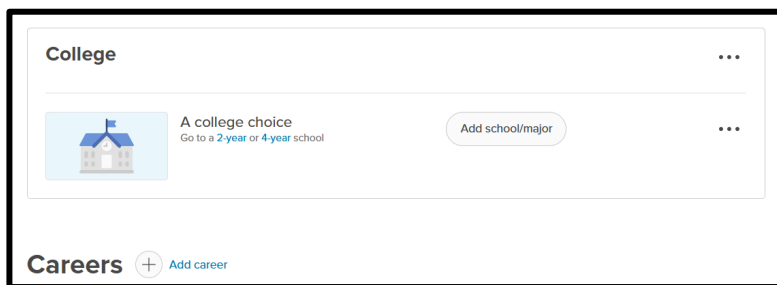
6) Click back to the Xello home page, then click **Get started** under **Senior Year (My PCAP)** located under **Core lessons**.

7) Explain "why you're so excited to pursue this plan" in the space provided and click **Turn in** at the bottom.

Congratulations, the Xello Semester 1: Grade 12 task is now complete!

NAME OF INSTITUTION	SUMMER SEMESTER					
	Total Enrollment	Total Undergraduate Enrollment (2023)	Anticipated class size	Average or middle 50% FTIC GPA	Middle 50% Admit FTIC SAT	Middle 50% Admit FTIC ACT
FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY	9,742	8,011	348	3.47	1025	19.88
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	30,854	23,458	1,150	3.33 – 4.0	1030 – 1090	20 – 24
FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY	16,230	14,243	400	3.16 – 4.21	1030 – 1160	19 – 24
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY	54,037	38,715	3,600	3.9 – 4.4	1090 – 1190	21 – 24
FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY	1,618	1,569	200	3.96	1130	23
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	43,234	32,217	2,600	4.1 – 4.5	1280 – 1360	28 – 30
NEW COLLEGE OF FLORIDA	383	361	8	3.36	1045	23
UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA	69,316	59,547	3,400	3.91 – 4.38	1180 – 1240	24 – 26
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	60,489	38,347	1,800	4.5 – 4.7	1240 – 1400	27 – 32
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA	16,575	13,897	1,500	3.63 – 3.96	1000 – 1160	19 – 25
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA	48,732	36,452	3,211	3.61 – 4.15	1100 – 1190	22 – 25
UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA	14,343	9,646	40	3.51 – 4.1	1000 – 1210	19 – 25

This matrix was produced by Florida International University.

Middle 50% FTIC CLT	Anticipated class size	Average or middle 50% FTIC GPA	Middle 50% Admit FTIC SAT	Middle 50% Admit FTIC ACT	Middle 50% FTIC CLT	SSAR/SPARK	Self-Reported Test Scores	2+2 Program
	1,100 – 1,400	3.84	1120 – 1150	21 – 23	76	YES	NO	IGNITE
78 – 91	4,250	3.73 – 4.34	1090 – 1270	22 – 28	76 – 90	YES	YES	Link2FAU
54 – 68	2,400	3.80 – 4.54	1070 – 1230	21 – 26	63 – 67	NO	NO	Destination FGCU
63 – 78	1,650	4.1 – 4.7	1250 – 1390	26 – 31	83 – 94	NO	NO	Connect4Success
N/A	330	4.35	1160 – 1360	25 – 31	81	YES	YES	N/A
84 – 86 (6 students)	3,400	4.2 – 4.6	1360 – 1470	30 – 33	92-97 (4 students)	YES	YES	Aspire Transfer Programs through Tallahassee State College (Traditional, Elite, Honors, Online)
53	230	3.96	1170	24	82	YES	YES	Guaranteed Admission Program
81 – 88	4,900	4.01 – 4.55	1300 – 1420	29 – 31	92 – 100	YES	NO	Direct Connect to UCF
N/A too few	5,400	4.5 – 4.7	1380 – 1510	31 – 34	N/A too few	YES	YES	Gator Engineering @ Santa Fe; Gator Design and Construction @ Santa Fe
58 – 65	1,500	4.14 – 4.57	1130 – 1300	24 – 29	71 – 86	YES	NO	Transfer2UNF
67 – 82	4,068	4.07 – 4.55	1250 – 1400	27 – 31	81 – 91	YES	NO	FUSE
	1,460	3.69 – 4.24	1040 – 1240	20 – 27		YES	NO	2UWF

SUS Application Deadlines

FAU
- Early Action · October 15, 2024
- Rolling Admission · March 14, 2025

FIU
- Early Action · November 01, 2024
- Regular Decision · February 25, 2025

FSU
- Early Action · October 15, 2024
- Regular Decision · December 01, 2024
- Rolling Admission · March 01, 2025

New College
- Early Action · November 01, 2024
- Early Action II · February 01, 2025
- Regular Decision · April 01, 2025
- Rolling Admission · June 01, 2025

UCF
- Early Action · October 15, 2024
- Rolling Admission · May 01, 2025

FL POLY
- Early Action · November 15, 2024
- Early Action II · January 15, 2025
- Regular Decision · March 01, 2025
- Rolling Admission · May 01, 2025

FAMU
- Early Action · November 01, 2024
- Rolling Admission · April 01, 2025

UWF
- Rolling Admission · April 01, 2025

FGCU
- Early Action · November 01, 2024
- Rolling Admission · April 01, 2025

UNF
- Rolling Admission · April 01, 2025

UF
- Early Action · November 01, 2024
- Regular Decision · January 15, 2025

USF
- Rolling Admission · March 01, 2025

St. Petersburg College

Start at SPC and transfer to one of our partner institutions

Bulls

USF FUSE/PATHE

Fuse-Guaranteed admission to USF in selected majors, after completion of your AA degree

PATHe-Pinellas Access to Higher Education-transfer to USFSP (into any major) with support from a PATHe Advisor

Rattlers

FAMU IGNITE

Guaranteed admission to FAMU, after completion of your AA degree

Knights

UCF TRANSFER CONNECT

Offers a clear path to transfer from SPC to UCF with the support of a UCF Success Coach

NOVOS

NCF TRANSFORM PROGRAM

Guaranteed admission to New College of Florida in selected majors, after completion of your AA degree

HOW TO GET STARTED

1. Explore the above transfer plans, scan QR code
2. Apply to St. Petersburg College
3. Speak with an SPC advisor

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PRIVATE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES OF FLORIDA

	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	wwwflsouthern.edu	www.ju.edu	www.keiseruniversity.edu/residential
LOCATION	ORLANDO, FL	MIAMI SHORES, FL	ST. PETERSBURG, FL	DAYTONA BEACH, FL	ST. AUGUSTINE, FL	TEMPLE TERRACE, FL	MELBOURNE, FL	LAKELAND, FL	JACKSONVILLE, FL	WEST PALM BEACH, FL
UNDERGRDUATE/FULL TIME ENROLLMENT	1221	2,040	1,950	7,551	2,359	591	3,500	2,721	2,698	1175
PERCENTAGE OF UNDERGRADUATES FROM FLORIDA	83%	69%	20%	28.73%	56%	0	40%	56%	48%	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	3.23	3.42	3.4-3.7	3.99	3.67	3.5-3.9	3.51-3.93	3.4 - 4.1 (weighted)	3.7	3.2-3.4
MIDRANGE/AVG. SAT (CR & M, MIDDLE 50%)	Test Optional	967*	1120-1290*	1250	1157	1065-1130	1150-1330	1170-1360	1220	990 TEST OPTIONAL*
MIDRANGE/AVG. ACT (CR & M, MIDDLE 50%)	Test Optional	18*	23-29*	27	29	21-24	24-30	24-30	25	19
TUITION, FEES, HOUSING AND FOOD	$43,740	$48,400	$66,618	$58,856	$45,030	$31,215	$59,420	$58,400	$65,740	$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	$5,673	$8,686	$29,000	$1,738	$16,586	$6,299	$4,000	$26,704	$30,000	$6,543
AVG NON-NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT AWARD	$4,967	$13,908	$18,000	$14,179	$4,049	$5,916	$20,000	$23,305	$30,000	$11,000
TOP 3 MAJORS	NURSING / OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY / HEALTHCARE ADMIN.	MANAGEMENT / NURSING / PSYCHOLOGY	MARINE SCIENCE / ANIMAL STUDIES / ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE	AERONAUTICAL SCIENCE / AEROSPACE ENG. / MECHANICAL ENG.	BIOLOGY / COASTAL ENVIRON. SCIENCE / SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP	BUSINESS ADMIN. / NURSING / 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
UNDERGRDUATE/FULL TIME ENROLLMENT	2,311	7,219	1,722	2,229	2,099	2,500	2,260	12,570	9,585	894
PERCENTAGE OF UNDERGRADUATES FROM FLORIDA	31%	49%	24%	50%	65%	55%	66%	32%	20%	82%
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	ROLLING	Nov. 1	NOV 1 ED/EA, JAN 6 ED2/R2	ED-NOV. 1, EA-NOV. 15, RD-MAR. 1	ROLLING
MIDRANGE GPA	3.47	3.92	3.2-3.87	3.5	3.3 (UNWEIGHTED)	3.56	3.89	3.86	3.6	3.23
MIDRANGE/AVG. SAT (CR & M, MIDDLE 50%)	1175	1090-1330	N/A	1150-1350	1120-1170*	1120	1140-1300	1360-1490	1240	960
MIDRANGE/AVG. ACT (CR & M, MIDDLE 50%)	24	24-31	N/A	24-29	20-23*	24	24-30	31-34	24.8	18
TUITION, FEES, HOUSING AND FOOD	$56,700	$55,540	$73,490	$71,690	$44,640	$42,530	$75,138	$86,406	$49,020	$43,797
ACCEPT AICE? AP? IB? DUAL ENROLLMENT (DE)? ALL?	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL
AVG NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT AWARD	$6,754	$23,514	$7,317	$38,231	$1,069	$6,408	$44,442	$47,156	$18,328	N/A
AVG NON-NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT AWARD	$18,568	$19,064	$10,305	$25,462	$14,501	$18,085	$29,904	$24,895	$13,495	$18,880
TOP 3 MAJORS	INT'L. BUSINESS MGMT. / ENTREPRENEURSHIP / SPORTS MGMT.	BIOLOGY / PRE-NURSING / PSYCHOLOGY	COMPUTER ANIMATION / ILLUSTRATION / GAME ART	BUSINESS / BIOLOGY / PSYCHOLOGY	PRE-NURSING / BUSINESS / BIOLOGY	MINISTRY / PSYCHOLOGY / NURSING	HEALTH SCIENCE / PYSCHOLOGY / BUSINESS ADMIN.	BIOLOGY / NURSING BSN / BUSINESS	UNDECIDED / FINANCE / MARKETING	BUSINESS ADMIN. / AGRICULTURE / EXERCISE SCIENCE

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Post-Secondary Options

THE FL COLLEGE SYSTEM

https://www.fldoe.org/schools/higher-ed/fl-college-system/about-us/colleges.stml

Florida's colleges remain the primary point of access to higher education in Florida, with 65 percent of the state's high school graduates pursuing postsecondary education beginning at one of Florida's 28 colleges.

The 28 state colleges offer career-related certificates and two-year associate degrees that prepare students to transfer to a bachelor's degree program or to enter jobs requiring specific skills. Many also offer baccalaureate degrees in high-demand fields.

Florida College System institutions have an open-door policy. This means students will be admitted to an associate degree program.

THE INDEPENDENT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES OF FLORIDA

https://icuf.org/our-colleges/

The Independent Colleges & Universities of Florida (ICUF) is a diverse association of 30 private, not-for-profit, higher education institutions. All are based in Florida and are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools (SACS). They serve more than 150,000 degree-seeking students.

THE PRIVATE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES OF FLORIDA

https://www.pcuf.net/

Private College and Universities of Florida (PCUF) is an organization of twenty of Florida's most competitive and prestigious private colleges and universities. They work with over 79,000 of the best and brightest college students from Florida, the United States, and the world.

PCUF believes that a private education can offer support, community, and mentorship that is a better fit than state institutions for many high school students. Collectively, they are here to offer students amazing opportunities, academically, athletically, and socially.

NONPUBLIC POSTSECONDARY SCHOOLS/COLLEGES

https://web02.fldoe.org/CIE/SearchSchools/SchoolSearch.aspx

There are also numerous institutions that have met the requirements of the Commission for Independent Education to operate a nonpublic postsecondary school/college in the state of Florida.

CAREER & TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

https://www.pcsb.org/Page/21885#career_and_tech_schools

Vocational education is education that prepares people to work in a trade, a craft, as a technician, or in professional vocations such as engineering, accountancy, nursing, medicine, architecture, or law. Craft vocations are usually based on manual or practical activities and are traditionally non-academic but related to a specific trade or occupation.

THE MILITARY

https://www.todaysmilitary.com

When it comes to learning about the Military, knowing where to start your research may seem daunting. Don't worry — Today's Military is there to help.

The first steps to considering service include understanding the Military's basic entrance requirements, exploring the different Service branches and deciding between enlisted and officer career paths.

Today's Military overview pages show the various stages of a military career, from the joining process to training, working and taking advantage of military benefits.

College Days

Any post-secondary visitation, whether it is to a university/college, a technical/vocational school, or a military recruiter's office is known as a "College Day." A College Day is a Code 3 excused absence, which does <u>not</u> affect your exam exemption eligibility. College Days are limited to one (1) day for Juniors and three (3) days for Seniors. However, in order to receive the Code 3 excused absence, you must follow this procedure:

1. Turn in a **College Day Request Form** (copies are located in the Guidance lobby or can be downloaded from the Guidance website), or bring a note from your parent, to your clerk at least three (3) days prior to the visit.

2. Obtain an original letter on letterhead/stationary from the location of your visit that addresses you by name and confirms the date of your visitation.

3. Return the letter to your alpha clerk upon your return to school.

Also, please note that you are responsible for obtaining and completing all missed class and homework assignments due to the College Day absence.

Transcripts

All transcript requests are to be made through your Xello account.

Letters of Recommendation and Secondary School Reports

Letters of recommendation should be written by someone who can describe your skills, accomplishments and personality. Colleges and employers value recommendations because they: (1) reveal things about you that grades and test scores can't; (2) provide personal opinions of your character; and (3) show who is willing to speak on your behalf. Letters of recommendation work for you when they present you in the best possible light, showcasing your skills and abilities. In order to request a letter of recommendation, please follow this procedure:

1. Complete a **Student Resume for Letters of Recommendation** form (copies are located in the Guidance lobby or can be downloaded from the Guidance website).

2. Provide the Student Resume to the recommender(s) (e.g., teacher, counselor, coach, administrator, etc…).

3. Letters of recommendation requests for college applications can be made in your Xello account. For any other type of LOR, give your recommender(s) addressed and stamped envelopes for each scholarship program and/or employer that requires a recommendation.

4. Make your recommender(s) aware of any deadlines. Be sure to give them <u>at least two (2) weeks</u> before your earliest deadline to complete and send your letters.

5. Follow up with your recommender(s) a week or so before recommendations are due to make sure your letters have been sent.

2024 – 2025
COLLEGE ADMISSION TEST DATES

CollegeBoard **SAT Exam: collegeboard.org** **Cost: $68**
Late Fee: + $34

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
August 24, 2024	August 9	August 13
October 5, 2024	September 20	September 24
November 2, 2024	October 18	October 22
December 7, 2024	November 22	November 26
March 8, 2025	February 21	February 25
May 3, 2025	April 18	April 22
June 7, 2025	May 22	May 27

Students taking the digital SAT **who need to borrow a device from College Board** will need to register and request their device earlier than the registration deadline—at least 30 days before test day.

ACT **ACT Exam: act.org** **Cost: $69**
Late Fee: + $38

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Standby / Photo Upload Deadline
September 14, 2024	August 9	August 25	September 6
October 26, 2024	September 20	October 7	October 18
December 14, 2024	November 8	November 22	December 6
February 8, 2025	January 3	January 20	January 31
April 5, 2025	February 28	March 16	March 28
June 14, 2025	May 9	May 26	June 6
July 12, 2025	June 6	June 20	July 4

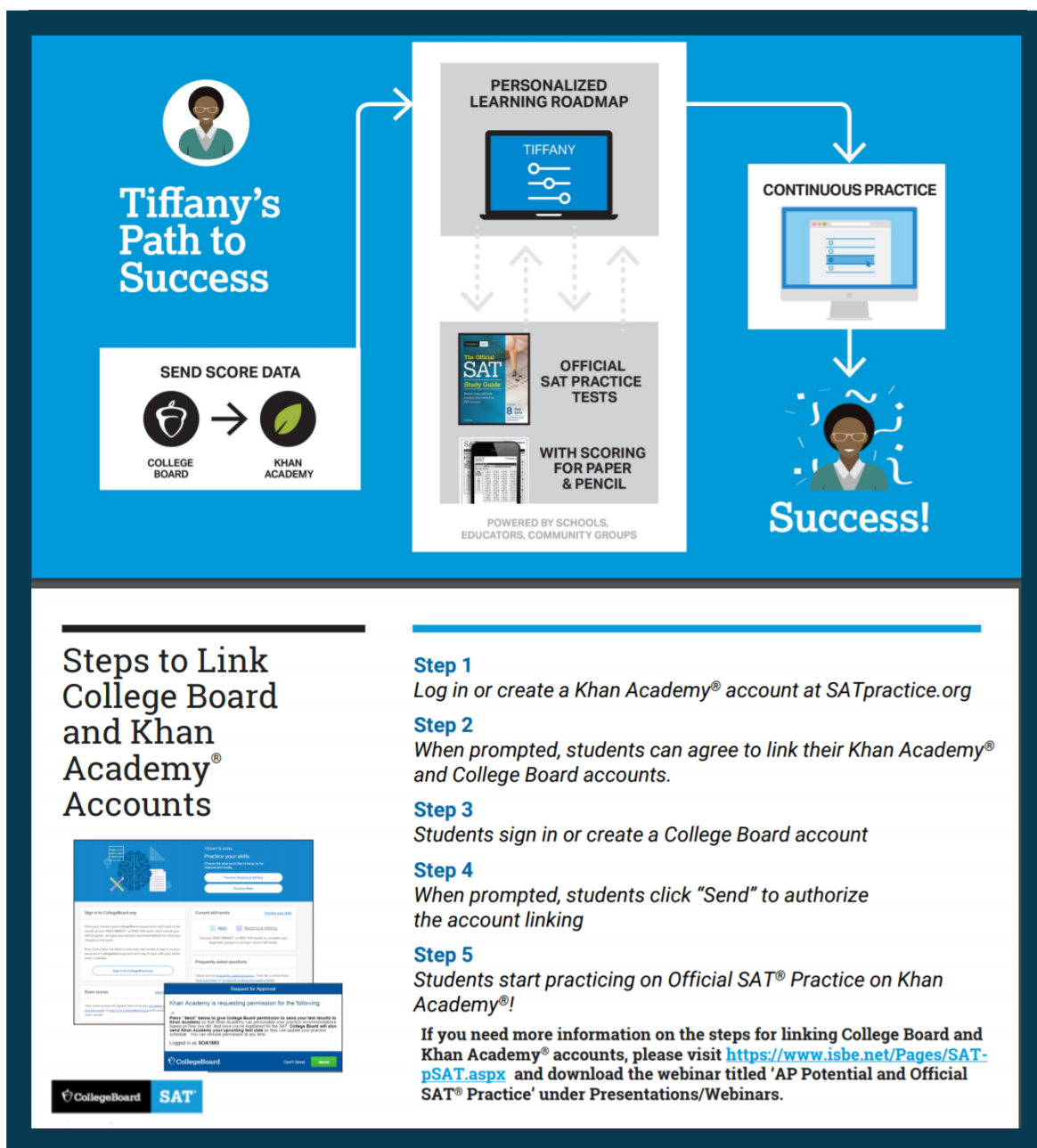Stop by the College & Career Center for information on FREE test prep and test registration resources.

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Step 2
When prompted, students can agree to link their Khan Academy® and College Board accounts.

Step 3
Students sign in or create a College Board account

Step 4
When prompted, students click "Send" to authorize the account linking

Step 5
Students start practicing on Official SAT® Practice on Khan Academy®!

If you need more information on the steps for linking College Board and Khan Academy® accounts, please visit https://www.isbe.net/Pages/SAT-pSAT.aspx and download the webinar titled 'AP Potential and Official SAT® Practice' under Presentations/Webinars.

? Questions - Stop by the College and Career Center

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