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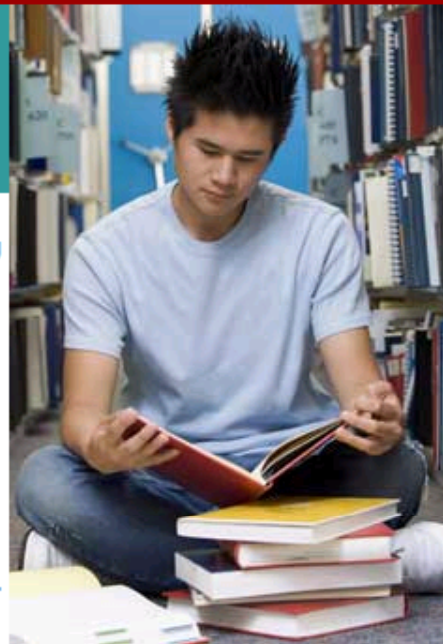
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- Accepted by almost 400 institutions
- Both in and out of state
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Other

- Many colleges have their own internal application
 - University of Florida
 - Florida State University
 - University of Central Florida
 - Jacksonville University
- Visit each college's website

University of Florida – Essay Question

- Please submit a 400-500 word essay. You can compose the essay in a word processor and then paste it into the text box or you can type directly in the text box. When you are finished save your work.
- You should keep your formatting as simple as possible and avoid using any special formatting; attributes such as bold, italics, underlining and quotation marks can be lost when placed into the textbox.
- **In the space provided, please write a concise narrative in which you describe a meaningful event, experience or accomplishment in your life and how it will affect your college experience or your contribution to the UF campus community. You may want to reflect on your ideas about student responsibility, academic integrity, campus citizenship or a call to service.**

- Extracurricular activities. List the organization(s) that are most important to you and in which you have made your highest achievements. Include your position, a description of the activity and the number of hours you contributed each week.
- Community service. List the activity, your role and the number of hours you volunteered each week.
- Employment. List and describe each job you've had, including dates of employment, job titles and hours worked each week.

DEADLINES!!!

- Very important
- Rolling admissions
- Regular Decision
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- Early Decision
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- Restrictive Early Action

Application parts

- Application
 - Name, address, personal information, class schedule
- Some schools require an essay
 - Common App schools could have a supplement with additional writing requirements
- Recommendations
 - Counselor
 - Teacher
 - Peer/coach/mentor/etc
- Testing
 - SAT
 - ACT
 - Subject Tests
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Fee Waivers

- Where to get them
- How to qualify
- How many can you use?
- SAT/ACT waivers vs. application fee waivers

Other possible forms...

- Supplements
 - Art
 - Athletic
 - Financial (International Students)
- Other requirements
 - Ex. Architecture programs
 - Service Academies

NCAA Clearinghouse

- Summer after Junior Year
- Send test scores
- Send transcripts
 - Originals from all schools attended
- Pay fee
- Complete Amateurism questionnaire



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Take the PSAT/NMSQT

- At school, sign up early to take the PSAT/NMSQT® in October. Get [PSAT/NMSQT tips and a free practice test](#).

Start Your College Search

- Start with you: Make lists of your abilities, preferences, and personal qualities. List things you may want to study and do in college.
- Jumpstart your college planning by [reading about majors and careers](#).
- Use College Search to find colleges with the right characteristics.

Start Thinking about Financial Aid

- Talk to your counselor about your college plans and attend college night and financial aid night at your school. [Use financial aid calculators to estimate your aid eligibility and college costs](#).



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Plan Your Spring Testing Schedule

- You can take either the SAT Reasoning Test™ or up to three SAT Subject Tests™ on one test day. Plan your testing schedule carefully if you want to take both types of SAT®. See the [SAT schedule of test dates](#) and [register online for the SAT](#).
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College Application FAQs

Get the Inside Scoop on Applying to College

We asked two experienced college counselors to help answer students' frequently asked questions about the college application process.

Do I have a better chance of getting in if I apply early?

Nadine K. Maxwell: Many students apply early decision because they believe that there is an advantage to applying early and that their chances of being admitted are greater. Actually, this can vary from school to school and year to year, and may depend upon the applicant pool at the school where you are applying. Do your homework first and check to see what percentage of the students in the previous graduating classes at your high school were admitted early decision to a specific college or university. Are you qualified to apply as early decision? If you are, and this is a school you really wish to attend, then apply early decision.

For more information, read [Early Decision and Early Action](#).

How much time should I give my teachers to write letters of recommendation for me?

Mary Lee Hoganson: Teachers should always receive a minimum of two weeks notice, prior to the postmark date. Be sure to ask in a way that allows a teacher to decline comfortably if he/she does not have time to do an adequate job. For example: "Do you feel you know me well enough, and do you have enough time to write a supportive letter of recommendation for me to . . ."

Give the teacher a stamped envelope addressed to the college, along with any recommendation form provided by the college.

For more information, read [Letters of Recommendation](#).

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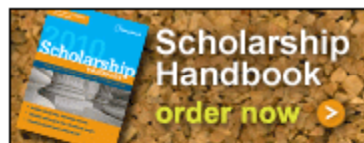
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school that participates. Some of the participating colleges accept the application online and some have a supplement that must be submitted in addition. The Common Application and all information pertaining to it is available at www.commonapp.org. This is a great time saver—but remember to do a good job and proofread no matter what application format you use.

How many times should I take the SAT® tests?

Nadine K. Maxwell: How well did you do on the SAT the first time you took it? Some students are satisfied with their SAT scores the first time they take it. Students who have taken the PSAT/NMSQT® more than once and feel prepared to take the SAT often only take the SAT twice. Sometimes students will take it three times, but most students will take it in the spring of the junior year and the fall of the senior year.

My SAT scores are very low and my grades are very high. Will this affect my chances of admission?

Nadine K. Maxwell: While SAT scores are an indicator of success in college, admissions staff members look at many different factors when making a decision about whether to admit a student or not. One of the main things they are looking for is to see if your high school academic profile indicates that you have the potential for academic success on their campus. What kind of courses have you taken? Have you taken rigorous courses such as AP® courses? Have you taken AP Exams so that there are scores to indicate how you may perform in a college-level course?

My parents don't make a lot of money—will colleges hold this against me?

Mary Lee Hoganson: Colleges should tell you whether or not they have a "need-blind" admissions policy. Those that do never consider ability to pay as an admissions criterion. Other schools, which are "need-conscious," may consider ability to pay, but only for a very small proportion of the admitted group. My advice always is: don't worry about this.

For more information, read [How Financial Aid Works](#).

I want to send additional material that I think will support my application? Is this okay?

Nadine K. Maxwell: It depends on what you want to send. Most colleges and universities read hundreds or maybe thousands of applications, and they expect to find the information that they need to make an admission decision about you in their specific application form. It is okay to send an additional letter of information to explain something that cannot be explained on the application forms, but other items that students sometimes send are not helpful and may be viewed as trying to distract the admissions staff members from the actual application. Talk to your school counselor about any additional items that you are thinking about sending. Their knowledge and experience will be helpful to you in making this decision.

How can I improve my chances of getting in off of the waiting list?

Mary Lee Hoganson: If a college is your first choice, let the college know that—although the college ethically may not ask for this information. Write a letter to the director of admission expressing your continuing strong interest and updating the admissions office with any new information that reflects well on your ability to contribute to the quality of the freshman class. In addition, you may wish to ask your counselor to make a call on your behalf. Many colleges keep track of these kinds of contacts and students who are enthusiastic and persistent will get looked at first. Colleges want to admit students off the waiting list who they believe will accept the offer of admission.

For more information, read [What to Do If You're Wait-Listed](#).

Do colleges really care about your senior year grades?

Mary Lee Hoganson: Absolutely! Many colleges will not make a decision until receiving first semester grades. They expect to see a performance that indicates you are ready for college-level work. The college at which you make your enrollment deposit will ask for a final transcript at the end of the senior year. (Admission letters often contain something like, "Your admission is contingent upon your continued successful performance.") It is not at all rare for a college to withdraw an offer of admission when grades drop significantly over the course of the senior year. (I have a folder full of copies of these letters.)

For more information, read [What to Do about Senioritis](#).

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Write an Effective Application Essay

A great application essay will present a vivid, personal, and compelling view of you to the admissions staff. It will round out the rest of your application and help you stand out from the other applicants. The essay is one of the only parts of your application over which you have complete control, so take the time to do a good job on it. Check out these tips before you begin.

Do

Keep Your Focus Narrow and Personal

Your essay must prove a single point or thesis. The reader must be able to find your main idea and follow it from beginning to end. Try having someone read just your introduction to see what he thinks your essay is about.

Essays that try to be too comprehensive end up sounding watered-down. Remember, it's not about telling the committee what you've done—they can pick that up from your list of activities—instead, it's about showing them who you are.

Prove It

Develop your main idea with vivid and specific facts, events, quotations, examples, and reasons. There's a big difference between simply stating a point of view and letting an idea unfold in the details:

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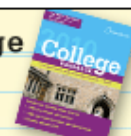
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A fruitful and successful college search should contain all of these elements:

- a career and preference survey
- a college search
- college(s) web site visits
- college campus visit(s)
- completion of a financial aid estimator
- a merit scholarship search
- completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- completion of on-line college and scholarship applications where available

College and Future Planning – suggested readings:

- College Unranked – Lloyd Thacker
- Colleges That Change Lives – Loren Pope
- Looking Beyond the Ivy League – Loren Pope
- Colleges with a Conscience - Princeton Review
- Less Stress, More Success: A New Approach to Guiding Your Teen Through College Admissions and Beyond - Ginsberg, Jones
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Decision Plans

Early Action-This plan is similar to the early decision plan; however, students notified of admissions need not accept the college's offer of admissions but may file other applications. Several features to remember are:

- * early action candidates can be rejected
- * no financial awards are made until April
- * candidates must have superior records, as the process is highly selective.

Early Action - Single Choice. There are a few colleges that have this plan. Under Single Choice, you may only apply to one college Early Action. Harvard, Yale, and Stanford are among the colleges that use this plan.

Early Decision--Early decision is a plan under which you may submit your credentials early to a college, usually by November 1 of your senior year. You are notified of your status by Mid-December. As part of an early decision plan, you are required to sign a statement agreeing to accept an offer of admission from that school if it is made.

Regular Admissions--The regular admissions process is the plan under which you submit your credentials during December or January. Your application is evaluated during February and March, and you are notified of your status by April 15. Most students apply to college under this plan.

Rolling Admission--Rolling admissions is the plan under which candidates submit credentials at their convenience up to a certain date, usually January 1. They receive an offer of acceptance or rejection within four weeks.



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Total Enrollment Fall 2008	11,848	39,146	39,136	50,275	51,474	15,430	39,263
% of Applicants Accepted Summer/Fall 2009	S - 73% Fall - 61%	41%	S - 53% Fall - 46%	S - 51% Fall - 44%	41%	S-86% Fall - 54%	42%
Mid Range Accepted GPA Summer 2009	2.98	3.2 - 3.8	3.3 - 3.9	3.3 - 3.8	4.0 - 4.2	2.9 - 3.5	2.92 - 3.53
Middle Range GPA Accepted - Fall 2009	3.05	3.5 - 4.1	3.6 - 4.2	3.5 - 4.2	4.3 - 4.4	3.3 - 4.0	3.58 - 4.12
Middle Range SAT Accepted - Summer 2009	CR+M 1171	CR+M 990 - 1060	1100 - 1250 CR+M+W 1630-1850	CR+M 1060 - 1150	CR+M+W 1820 - 1950	CR+M 1030 - 1060	CR+M 1020 - 1160
Middle Range SAT Accepted Fall 2009 (Reading & Math)	CR+M 1350	CR+M 1100 - 1230	1170 - 1320 CR+M+W 1730-1960	CR+M 1150 - 1290	CR+M+W 1970 - 2090	CR+M 1140 - 1260	CR+M 1120 - 1280
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Where the College Scholarships Are Develop Your Scholarship Strategy

Although most student aid comes in the form of federal education loans and grants from colleges, scholarships—with their lure of free money—get a huge amount of attention from students and their parents. If you decide to invest your time in a search for scholarships, it's important to have an organized system to find, apply for, and win scholarship money.

Start With a Personal Inventory

Most of the information you will be asked for on a scholarship search questionnaire will be easy to come up with—year in school, citizenship, state of residence, religion, ethnic background, disability, military status, employer, membership organizations, and so forth.

The smaller the geographical area a scholarship covers, the better your chances of winning.

Beyond those questions, you will have to give some thought to your academic, extracurricular, and career plans. You should ask yourself:

- Do I want to participate in a competition? If so, what are my talents and interests?
- What subject do I plan to major in?
- What career do I plan to pursue?

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Scholarship Tip

Take the

[PSAT/NMSQT](#)—You may qualify to enter the competitions for prestigious scholarships and participate in recognition programs.

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- **Okay:** "I like to be surrounded by people with a variety of backgrounds and interests"
- **Better:** "During that night, I sang the theme song from Casablanca with a baseball coach who thinks he's Bogie, discussed Marxism with a little old lady, and heard more than I ever wanted to know about some woman's gall bladder operation."

Be Specific

Avoid clichéd, generic, and predictable writing by using vivid and specific details.

- **Okay:** "I want to help people. I have gotten so much out of life through the love and guidance of my family, I feel that many individuals have not been as fortunate; therefore, I would like to expand the lives of others."
- **Better:** "My Mom and Dad stood on plenty of sidelines 'til their shoes filled with water or their fingers turned white, or somebody's golden retriever signed his name on their coats in mud. I think that kind of commitment is what I'd like to bring to working with fourth-graders."

Don'ts

Don't Tell Them What You Think They Want to Hear

Most admissions officers read plenty of essays about the charms of their university, the evils of terrorism, and the personal commitment involved in being a doctor. Bring something new to the table, not just what you think they want to hear.

Don't Write a Resume

Don't include information that is found elsewhere in the application. Your essay will end up sounding like an autobiography, travelogue, or laundry list. Yawn.

- "During my junior year, I played first singles on the tennis team, served on the student council, maintained a B+ average, traveled to France, and worked at a cheese factory."

Don't Use 50 Words When Five Will Do

Eliminate unnecessary words.

- **Okay:** "Over the years it has been pointed out to me by my parents, friends, and teachers—and I have even noticed this about myself, as well—that I am not the neatest person in the world."
- **Better:** "I'm a slob."

Don't Forget to Proofread

Typos and spelling or grammatical errors can be interpreted as carelessness or just bad writing. Don't rely on your computer's spell check. It can miss spelling errors like the ones below.



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Paying For College

Scholarships and Financial Aid Information

Securing financing for your college education is an essential step in your future planning. There are basically two ways of financing your education: Merit based scholarships, and Need Based Financial Aid.

Merit Scholarships

Merit scholarships are competitive. You face a national pool of applicants. Your best alternative might be to search for scholarships that are local to your city or state. Completing a scholarship search is the best way to begin. Try

www.fastweb.com

or

[Duval County Scholarship Book On-line.](#)

Financial Aid Based on Need

Many students receive need based financial aid. Completion of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in January of your senior year is essential in this process. You should, however, complete a financial estimator form to determine before you get your FAFSA results just how much college will cost you. See how one family will pay for college on the

[Need Comparison Chart](#)

NOTE: any of these four college will cost this family ONLY what their Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$4,500.

[See how,](#)

BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP

Award Levels

- **Florida Academic Scholar Award:**
- **\$126.00/credit hour**
- **Florida Medallion Scholar Award:**
- **\$95.00/credit hour**
- **Examples of costs per credit hour:**
- **UF \$145, FSU \$138, UNF \$134, UCF \$128, FCSJ - ~\$89.**
- **Most college courses are 3 credit hours; the average credits per year = 30.**

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In 1997, the Florida Legislature created the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program. This Florida Lottery-funded scholarship rewards students for their academic achievements during high school by providing funding for them to pursue postsecondary educational and career goals in Florida.

2009 High School Graduates [apply here](#) beginning December 1, 2008, and before graduation. Additional documentation is required for [Home Education](#), [GED](#), and [Out-of-State](#) applicants.

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Federal Student Aid FAFSA

We have simplified the process of filling out the FAFSA. You can follow each section all of the way through for a comprehensive set of instructions.

Special Announcements

Updated information available for the new TEACH grant.

Looking for an early start on the financial aid process?



You can use FAFSA4caster to learn about the financial aid process and get an early estimate of your eligibility for federal student aid.

[Link to FAFSA4caster](#)

Before Beginning a FAFSA 1

Get organized! To simplify the application process, gather required documents and other information ahead of time.

- [Determine Your Dependency Status](#)
- [FAFSA on the Web Worksheet](#)
- [Search for School Codes](#)
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Filling Out a FAFSA 2

Fill out the application! The FAFSA contains questions that ask about you, your financial information, your school plans, and more.

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View your results online! You can check the status of your application, make corrections to a processed FAFSA, and get other information.

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FAFSA ALERTS:

FAFSA Deadlines:

Submit 2009-2010 FAFSA on the Web Applications by **midnight Central Daylight time, June 30, 2010.** [More»](#)

State deadlines are normally much earlier than Federal deadlines. [To find your state's deadline, select state deadlines.](#)

Scheduled Maintenance:

FAFSA on the Web will be unavailable every Sunday from 5 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Eastern Time).

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

	COLLEGE A Private Moderate cost: Jacksonville University	COLLEGE B State U, In- State: UNF, UF, FSU, etc	COLLEGE C State U, Out-of- State: University of Virginia	COLLEGE D Private University of Miami	COLLEGE E Public - 2 year, Live at home: FCCJ	COLLEGE F Private - highest cost Ivies, MIT, Duke **
Tuition and Fees	\$23,900.00	\$3,790.00	\$29,790.00	\$34,834.00	\$2,226.00	\$37,630.00
Room and Board	\$7,400.00	\$7,200.00	\$7,709.00	\$10,254.00		\$10,180.00
Books and supplies	\$900.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,150.00	\$1,200.00	\$800.00	
Personal Expenses, miscellaneous, travel	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,662.00	\$3,590.00	\$2,940.00
Cost of Attendance (Sticker Price *)	\$35,200.00	\$14,990.00	\$41,649.00	\$49,950.00	\$6,616.00	\$50,750.00
Expected Family Contribution EFC (based on results of FAFSA) ***	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Need - amount needed to attend this college	\$29,200	\$8,990	\$35,649	\$43,950	\$616	\$44,750
Financial Aid Package:						
Grant (Gift Money)	\$21,950.00	\$5,424.00	\$28,399.00	\$36,700.00		\$37,500.00
Loan	\$5,250.00	\$2,566.00	\$5,250.00	\$5,250.00		\$5,250.00
Work Study	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00
Total Aid Package - if college meets 100% of need	\$29,200.00	\$8,990.00	\$35,649.00	\$43,950.00		\$44,750.00

Financial Aid

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- File EARLY, watch deadlines!
- Don't pay
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 - Lots of resources