The purpose of the Senior handbook is to provide a resource to High School Seniors, Parents, School Counselors and College & Career Advisors for postsecondary opportunities which includes university, two-year college, technical college, military, workforce, and volunteerism.

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Mission

The School District of Manatee County will educate and develop all students today for their success tomorrow.
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Senior Checklist

August

___ Complete postsecondary research and make a final list.
___ Gather all postsecondary information.
___ Determine application options (early decision, early action, or regular decision)
___ If applicable, begin essays for college application
___ If applicable, register for SAT and/or ACT. Be aware of deadlines. Register for tests online. Have scores sent directly to the colleges to which you apply. Fee waivers for SAT/ACT tests as well as college applications are available for students with financial need. See your school counselor for more information.
___ Meet with postsecondary representatives who are visiting your school in person or via Zoom and phone. See College & Career Advisor for more information.
___ Apply for applicable scholarships.
___ Submit community service hours completed over the summer with coordinator at your school. Remember to make copies of hours prior to submission.
___ Be sure to check your school’s Schoology page for Senior information. (On Schoology, click “Courses” then look for the class page; on the Class of 2023 page, click “Updates” on the left side menu). Information will be posted here, so stay informed.
___ Send scores to at least one public university for Bright Futures

September

___ Attend College & Career Night for Seniors at your high school campus. See College & Career Advisor for details.
___ If applicable, gather letters of recommendations. Teachers and counselors should be given at least two weeks before the first college deadline. Also include a resume’ or list of activities to help the recommender write a well-rounded letter.
___ Continue to work on essays for college applications. Have 1-2 people review essays.
___ If needed, register for SAT and/or ACT. Be aware of deadlines. Register for tests online. Have scores sent directly to the colleges to which you apply.
___ Continue to meet with postsecondary representatives who are visiting your school in person or via Zoom and phone. See College & Career Advisor for more information.
___ Apply for applicable scholarships.
___ If applicable, work on completing college applications.
___ Check with the Test Coordinator, School Counselor or JROTC regarding the ASVAB exam date at your school if you are interested in the military or want to take a career interest inventory test.
___ Continue to submit community service hours. Remember to make copies of hours prior to submission.

October

___ Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as you can after October 1st. Find the FAFSA online at https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/FAFSA FAFSA information will be posted on the each of the High School Schoology pages. EVERY SENIOR SHOULD COMPLETE THE FAFSA!
___ If help is needed filling out the FAFSA, attend a District and Reach Manatee FAFSA night. See College & Career Advisor for nights, locations and times. Experts will be available to answer questions and help complete the application.
Continue to meet with postsecondary representatives who are visiting your school in person or via Zoom and phone. See College & Career Advisor for more information.

Apply for applicable scholarships

Continue completing college applications.

Continue to submit community service hours. Remember to make copies of hours prior to submission.

If needed, register for SAT and/or ACT. Be aware of deadlines. Register for tests online. Have scores sent directly to the colleges to which you apply.

Check the Florida Bright Futures eligibility requirements at www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org. (Click on “Bright Futures Scholarship” on the right). Make sure you are on track to receive the scholarships. It is the senior’s responsibility to know and meet the requirements.

Apply for Florida Bright Futures and other state grants/scholarships via the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) after October 1st, but before graduation. The application is online and takes 10 minutes. Apply in October while working on requirements. Students may complete the application even if they have not yet met the requirements. Students have until the end of senior year to attain the minimum GPA and credits as well as community service hours. Seniors may continue taking the SAT and ACT through June of their senior year.

November

Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible. Postsecondary institutions have “priority deadlines” for FAFSA.

Continue to meet with postsecondary representatives who are visiting your school in person or via Zoom and phone. See College & Career Advisor for more information.

Apply for applicable scholarships.

Continue completing college applications.

Continue to submit community service hours. Remember to make copies of hours prior to submission.

If needed, register for SAT and/or ACT. Be aware of deadlines. Register for tests online. Have scores sent directly to the colleges to which you apply.

December

If needed, register for SAT and/or ACT. Be aware of deadlines. Register for tests online. Have scores sent directly to the colleges to which you apply.

Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible. Postsecondary institutions have “priority deadlines” for FAFSA.

Complete and submit postsecondary application materials.

Follow up with postsecondary institutions that you have applied to. Be sure to check the status of your application to make sure all documents have been received and verify there are no missing items.

Apply for applicable scholarships.

Continue to submit community service hours. Remember to make copies of hours prior to submission.

January

Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible. Postsecondary institutions have “priority deadlines” for FAFSA.

If needed, register for SAT and/or ACT. Be aware of deadlines. Register for tests online. Have scores sent directly to the colleges to which you apply.
Complete and submit postsecondary application materials.

Apply for applicable scholarships.

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Please make sure all Senior fees are paid. Seniors will not be allowed to participate in Graduation with outstanding fees.

Ask school counselor to submit mid-year reports for colleges and universities if necessary.

February/March

Check the status of your financial aid awards by accessing the online accounts.

If needed, contact financial aid office of postsecondary institution to determine if additional documents are required.

If needed, update the FAFSA with updated information.

If college bound, apply for housing, and pay deposits if applicable (dates vary).

Schedule orientation with postsecondary institution.

If needed, register for SAT and/or ACT. Be aware of deadlines. Register for tests online. Have scores sent directly to the colleges to which you apply.

Apply for applicable scholarships.

Continue to submit community service hours. Remember to make copies of hours prior to submission.

Students should notify colleges and universities if they do not plan on enrolling at their institution.

April

Check the status of your financial aid awards by accessing the online accounts.

Schedule orientation with postsecondary institution.

If needed, register for SAT and/or ACT. Be aware of deadlines. Register for tests online. Have scores sent directly to the colleges to which you apply.

Apply for applicable scholarships.

Continue to submit community service hours. Remember to make copies of hours prior to submission.

May

Commit to postsecondary institution and pay applicable deposits.

Return postsecondary institutions financial award letter indicating the awards that are being accepted and declined.

Schedule orientation with postsecondary institution.

Continue to submit community service hours. Remember to make copies of hours prior to submission. **Deadline is May 15th.**

Update the Bright Futures application with final postsecondary selection if needed.

Register for SAT and/or ACT if scores are still needed for Bright Futures. Be aware of program deadlines.

Send final transcripts to postsecondary institution.

GRADUATE! See Senior information for specific high school graduation details.
June/July

___ Attend postsecondary orientation (dates may vary).
___ Continue to apply for scholarships.
___ If applicable, request Dual Enrollment, AP scores from College Board to be sent to the postsecondary institution.
___ Monitor the Bright Futures Award Status.
___ Send final transcripts to postsecondary institution.
___ Student that completed dual enrollment courses, need to send an official transcript from the institution to the college or university that they plan on attending. For AICE or IB credits, please contact the school coordinator for more information.
Standard Diploma Requirements
Academic Advisement – What Students and Parents Need to Know

What are the diploma options?
Students must successfully complete one of the following diploma options:
• 24-credit standard diploma
• 18-credit Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning (ACCEL)
• Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pathway
• Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) curriculum
• International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma curriculum

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

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 1    U.S. History

+Special note: Thirty percent not applicable if not enrolled in the course but passed the EOC (credit acceleration program [CAP]).

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
• Online course 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
  o 2 credits in CTE courses, must result in completion and industry certification
  o 2 credits in work-based learning programs or up to 2 elective credits including financial literacy
• Physical Education is not required
• Fine and Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, or Practical Arts is not required
• Online course is not required
• Code Directory. **A computer science credit may not be used to substitute for both a mathematics and science credit.

24 Credit Standard Diploma

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| 8 Elective Credits |

| 1 Online Course |

Students must earn a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale for all cohort years and pass statewide, standardized assessments unless a waiver of assessment results is granted by the IEP team for students with disabilities.

* Eligible courses are specified in the Florida Course Code Directory. **A computer science credit may not be used to substitute for both a mathematics and science credit.
What are the additional graduation options for students with disabilities?

Two additional options are 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 significant cognitive disabilities may earn credits via access courses and be assessed via an alternate assessment.
- Students who choose the academic and employment option must earn at least 0.5 credit via paid employment.

What is the 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
- Geometry
- US History
- Biology

State University System (SUS)

Admission into Florida’s public universities 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 above)
- 3 Natural Science (2 with substantial lab)
- 3 Social Science
- 2 World Language (sequential, in the same language or other equivalents)
- 2 approved electives

State University System of Florida

The Florida College System

The 28 colleges of the Florida College System serve nearly 800,000 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. Many 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 successfully earned college credit.

Florida College System

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

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.

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### General Information:
- SAT:
  - Non-multiple-choice answers included
  - No guessing penalty
  - Testing time – 3 hours
- ACT:
  - Entirely multiple choice
  - No guessing penalty
  - Testing time – 2 hours & 55 minutes, 3 hours & 40 minutes with essay

### Test Contents:
**Evidence-Based Reading & Writing**
- Reading Test
- Writing & Language Test

**Mathematics**
- Problem solving & Data Analysis – Focuses on quantitative literacy
- Heart of Algebra – Focuses on the mastery of linear functions and systems
- Passport to Advanced Math – Questions require the manipulation and answering of complex equations
- Additional Topics in Math – Geometric and trigonometric skills most relevant to college and career readiness

**SAT Scoring:**
- Evidence-Based Reading/Writing: 200-800
- Math: 200-800
- Maximum Score: 1600

**ACT Scoring:**
- English: 1-36
- Mathematics: 1-36
- Reading: 1-36
- Science: 1-36
- Composite (Average of E, M, R, & S tests) /Maximum Score: 1-36
- Writing (optional) sub score: 2-12
- STEM score: 1-36
- ELA score: 1-36

**Additional Notes:**
- **A student’s scores on the Writing Test have no effect on the score of any ACT assessment Test or the Composite score.**
2022-2023 SAT

For College Admissions/Scholarships

SAT REGISTRATION
Online: www.collegeboard.org
Phone: 1-866-756-7346

SAT: $60.00
Additional $30 for late registration

Photo ID and admission ticket required on test day. Test locations/dates are subject to change. Please be aware that test centers may be experiencing closures or reduced capacity due to COVID-19 limitations. Check the website for test center closures: https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/test-center-closings

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Florida Student Scholarship & Grant Programs

Florida Academic Scholars (FAS): 1330 Total Score
Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS): 1210 Score
Florida Gold Seal Vocational & CAPE Scholars (GSV/CAPE) Reading: 24, Writing & Language: 25, Math: 24

For additional information visit: www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org

Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch are eligible for fee waivers. Visit your school counselor for more information. https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration/fee-waivers

Students may apply for accommodations if they are ELL, ESE, or 504 eligible. The approval process with SAT and ACT can take several weeks so it is important to see the school counselor early to complete the parental consent form.
# 2022-2023 ACT

For College Admissions/Scholarships

**ACT REGISTRATION**
- Online: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- Phone: 1-319-337-1270

**ACT: $63.00**
$88.00 Plus Writing
*Additional $36 for late registration*

Photo ID and admission ticket required on test day. Test locations/dates subject to change. For current information about your test center, go to test center cancellations for updates. ([https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-day/rescheduled-test-centers.html](https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-day/rescheduled-test-centers.html))

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**Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch are eligible for fee waivers. Visit your school counselor for more information.**


**Students may apply for accommodations if they are ELL, ESE, or 504 eligible. The approval process with SAT and ACT can take several weeks so it is important to see the school counselor early to complete the parental consent form.**

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SAT/ACT TEST PREPARATION TOOLS

Check out Khan Academy for SAT Prep. Practice is the key to success. Take full length practice tests, brush up on specific skills with short lessons, and get tests taking tips and strategies.

Link Your CollegeBoard Account to Khan Academy for personalized SAT Practice

Resource Websites:
- CollegeBoard – www.collegeboard.org (view your PSAT score report and evaluate strengths/weaknesses)
- ACT academy (Free) – www.academy.act.org
- ACT Online Prep – www.actonlineprep.org
- Free online test prep – www.number2.com
- SAT vs. ACT – www.kaptest.com/sat/free/sat-practice
- No Red Link – www.noredlink.com (ACT/SAT Practice)
Military Service Options
Department of Defense – Ways to Serve

To find more information on each of the specific branches of service, please follow this link: https://www.todaysmilitary.com/ways-to-serv e

Requirements vary by Service, but candidates must meet certain criteria for:

- **Age**

- **Physical ability** - Physical requirements vary greatly across each Service branch. Potential recruits should be in good physical condition, of appropriate weight and able to pass a standard physical screening prior to entry. For specific information, please contact a recruiter.

- **Education** - Success in any branch of the Military depends on a good education. A high school diploma is most desirable. Candidates with a GED (General Education Development) certificate can enlist, but some Services may limit their opportunities. It is very difficult to be considered a serious candidate without either a high school diploma or an accepted alternative credential.

- **Citizenship** - U.S. citizens or Legal Permanent Residents (people who have valid alien registration form, I-551 or green card, from the US Immigration and Citizenship services). For more information on citizenship and naturalization, visit the USCIS website.

- Properly documented noncitizens may enlist. However, opportunities may be limited. Contact a recruiter for more advice on a specific situation.

- For enlistment purposes, the United States includes Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands and Palau.

Selective Service: For almost all male U.S. citizens and male aliens living in the United States who are ages 18 through 25, there is a requirement to register with the Selective Service.
ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)

The ASVAB is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. It is administered annually in high schools as part of the Career Exploration Program.

The ASVAB has 10 tests. Student scores from four of the tests – Word Knowledge (WK), Paragraph Comprehension (PC), Arithmetic Reasoning (AR), and Mathematics Knowledge (MK) – are combined to compute the students score on what is referred to as the Armed Forces Qualification test (AFQT). The AFQT is used to determine the student’s eligibility for enlistment in the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps. Scores on the ASVAB tests are used to determine the best job for the student in the military.

Once a student has taken the initial ASVAB, he/she must wait one calendar month to retake the test. An additional calendar month is required between testing once the student retests a second time. After that, the student must wait six calendar months to retake the ASVAB. Scores used for enlistment may be used for up to two years from the date of testing.

Students interested in taking the ASVAB, contact the Test Coordinator, School Counselor or JROTC at your school campus. They work with military recruiters to schedule the ASVAB. The ASVAB is given once in the Fall and once in the Spring. Students not able to take the ASVAB at their school site should find a recruiter using the website www.todaysmilitary.com/request-information. When the recruiter has determined that you are otherwise qualified, he/she will set up a time for you to take the ASVAB at the closest Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) or an affiliated Military Entrance Test (MET) site.

Please visit https://www.officialasvab.com/ for more information on preparing for the ASVAB.
Find complete criteria on Bright Futures Scholarships eligibility at [https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/](https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/)

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**Applicable to all Bright Futures Scholarships**

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Apply for Bright Futures beginning October 1st of your Senior year from [http://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/)

Required Bright Futures test scores for the class of 2024 and beyond are subject to change with new legislation.
Volunteer Service & Paid Work Guidelines

Florida Academic Scholars Award, Florida Medallion Award, Gold Seal Vocational Award: Bright Futures

To access an award through the Bright Futures Program, a student must complete a program of volunteer service work or, beginning with a high school student graduating in the 2022-2023 academic year and thereafter, paid work, as approved by the school. The student may identify a social or civic issue or a professional area that interests him or her and develop a plan for his or her personal involvement in addressing the problem or learning about the area. The student must, through papers or other presentations, evaluate and reflect upon his or her volunteer or paid work experience. (Florida Statute 1009.534)

Volunteer Service or Paid Work may include, but is not limited to, a business or governmental internship, work for a nonprofit community service organization, or activities on behalf of a candidate for public office. These hours will meet the requirement for the Florida Bright Futures Award Program. Students must satisfy the hours requirement by either completing all volunteer hours OR completing 100 paid work hours.

Florida Academic Scholarship – 100 hours of community service
Florida Medallion Scholarship – 75 hours of community service
Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship – 30 hours of community service
Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholarship – 30 hours of community

Hours That Are Not Acceptable
- Court mandated community/volunteer service
- An activity where there is no leader or responsible adult on site to evaluate and confirm student performance.
- Donations (ex. Blood, Locks of Love, canned food)
- Hours submitted after graduation
- Fostering of animals
- Hours performed overnight at camps or designated events (exception Relay for Life).

Other General Guidelines
- Any volunteer service hours submitted or approved after the graduation date, even if earned prior to graduation will not be accepted. No exceptions.
- Only paid work hours earned beginning July 1st, 2022, will be accepted.
- Students must perform volunteer service during non-school hours.
- A parent/guardian cannot represent as a service agency or work contact.
- Volunteer Service/Paid Work hours will be capped at eight hours per day.

Students access and print the community service pre-approval form and community service log on their high school website. Forms must be turned in to the volunteer coordinator at their school site prior to graduation. It is highly recommended that students keep a copy of each pre-approval form and community service log.
**Adult Education Career Pathways**

Educational career counseling and academic advising is available for free to assist students with enhancing their knowledge along with an alignment of resources to meet education and career objectives. Financial aid assistance, grant and agency funding resources are available.

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Career Pathways for the Adult Education student provides career development standards, digital literacy, and workforce preparation activities designed to be integrated in the ABE, GED, and ESOL curriculum.

Career Pathways for the potential Technical College student provides support services for students to transition into postsecondary education, apprenticeship, programs, and the workforce. Students learn to locate resources, navigate, organize, and plan for their educational and career goals.

Please speak with your school counselor for help and additional information on programs offered at MTC. Students with DE credits need to meet with counselors to see if credits earn articulate to MTC. To apply please visit [https://www.manateetech.edu/apply-now/](https://www.manateetech.edu/apply-now/).
State College of Florida (SCF)

For more information, please visit https://www.scf.edu/. 
University of South Florida (USF)

Please visit the link below for additional information about The USF Sarasota-Manatee Campus.

https://www.sarasotamanatee.usf.edu/
**Important College Terms**

**Accreditation:** Recognition of a college or university by any of the regional or national accrediting bodies, indicating that the institution has been judged to be meeting its objectives.

**Candidates Reply Date:** A policy among subscribing institutions that permits students to wait until May 1st to choose, without penalty, among offers of admissions/financial aid. (This does not include candidates accepted under Early Decision plan.)

**Coalition Application:** A standard application that is accepted by 140 college and universities. Some schools will accept the Coalition application in addition to current applications, while other schools will require all students to use the Coalition application.

**Common Application:** A standard application form that is accepted by about 500 colleges in lieu of their own form. Available at [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org). If you are applying to a college that requires the Common Application, you must use this form to send transcripts and recs electronically.

**CSS/Financial Aid Profile:** A financial aid form produced by the College Board that is required for students seeking aid at approximately 10% of the nation’s universities (including most highly selective institutions). Check colleges’ websites for requirement information. Available at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

**Deferred Admissions:** The practice of some colleges allowing an accepted student to postpone enrollment for one year.

**Deferred Decision:** The practice of some colleges of holding an applicant’s record to review again with the next applicant pool. A student who is deferred is neither accepted nor rejected. Most schools require 1st semester senior year grades and allow additional recommendations in the 2nd evaluation. Students should contact the admissions office to discuss ways to enhance the application and what should be submitted.

**Demonstrated need:** The difference between the Expected Family Contribution and the total cost of attendance at a particular institution.

**Early Action:** An application process that permits students to apply to an institution of preference early in the senior year and receive a decision well in advance of the normal response dates in the spring. The candidate is NOT committed to enroll at that institution.

**Early Admission:** Admitting students of superior ability into college courses and programs before they have completed their high school diploma. This type of applicants must be filed in the junior year.

**Early Decision:** An application process in which a commitment is made by a student to the institution that, if admitted, the student WILL enroll. Only a student who can make a deliberate and well-reasoned first choice decision should apply early decision.
Important College Terms

**FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid):** The financial aid form produced by the federal government that is required for nearly all colleges. Student and parents should fill out the form starting October 1st at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov).

**Honors Program:** Any program offering an opportunity for superior students to enrich their educational experience through independent, advanced, or accelerated study.

**Modified Rolling Admissions:** The practice of institutions to review applicant pools several times throughout the year. The school will post several deadlines and the dates in which whose applications will be reviewed.

**NCAA Initial Eligibility Certification:** In order to participate in intercollegiate at NCAA Division I, II, or III colleges, student-athletes must submit their high school transcript and ACT/SAT scores to the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse. When registering for either test. Students should enter 9999 as one of their college choices to have test scores sent to the clearing house. Students may request an application fee waiver at the time of enrollment if the family demonstrates a financial need.

**Need Blind Admission:** The term that applies to colleges make decisions without regard to the financial circumstances of the applicants. Colleges with need-blind admissions do not necessarily offer aid to meet the full need of all accepted applicants.

**Open Admissions:** The policy of some colleges of admitting virtually all high school graduates, regardless of academic qualifications such as high school grades and admission test scores. Often only a high school diploma is required. (Community Colleges generally fall under an open admissions classification.)

**Rolling Admissions:** An admissions procedure by which the college considers each application as soon as required materials have been received. The college then notifies each applicant of acceptance or rejection as soon as possible.

**Self-Help Aid:** The portion of a financial aid package consisting of loans and wages from a work-study job.

**SAR (Student Aid Report):** A form sent to families in response to submission of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid that includes the Expected Family Contribution, a figure that may be modified at colleges that use institutional methodology.

**SSAR (Student Self-Reported Academic Record):** An online form required in lieu of an official transcript by UF, FSU, FAU, New College, and FL Poly. Students self-report all of their high school and dual enrollment courses, completed and currently in progress instead of requesting a transcript to be sent. UCF uses a similar program called SPARK (Self-Provided Academic Record for Knights).

**Test Optional:** A term used by institutions that means it is not mandatory for students to submit their SAT and/or ACT scores as a part of their application.

**Waitlist:** A term used by institutions to describe a process by which they may initially delay offering or denying admissions during the regular decision pool. These students may be considered if space is available after admitted students have indicated whether they will attend.
Self-Reporting Coursework (SSAR)

SSAR is a student self-reported academic record that lists the classes and associated grades that have been attempted, or will be attempted, for high school and/or college credit. It replaces high school and college transcripts used by a few college admissions offices (ex. UF, FSU, FAU) during the initial review process. Official transcripts will only be requested and sent AFTER graduation to validate what is entered on the SSAR. Please research which colleges on your list require you to submit a SSAR and which require an official transcript. Since accuracy is critical, you are advised to have a copy of your high school summary sheet (unofficial transcript) available to use as a reference when filling out the SSAR.

Universities requiring SSAR will have instructions and a link to the form on their website. UCF uses a different form called SPARK.

Tips:

- District GPA = Weighted GPA
- You should list the high school you are graduating from, and all the courses listed on your summary sheet regardless of how many different schools you attended.
- All Senior courses must be included and listed as “in progress”. If you are unsure of what courses you will be taking second semester, provide your best estimate and update the SSAR if anything changes. If your schedule changes, you must immediately update your SSAR. To make changes to the SSAR, simply log in to the SSAR website with the email address and password used to create your original SSAR.
- Every course listed on your summary sheet must be entered in the SSAR (including middle school, online, dual enrollment, etc.) This also applies to any courses of these types that the student is taking in their senior year.
- Most of the grades on your summary sheet are semester grades. If there is a course that is a single grade for one credit, enter that grade twice (once for first semester and once for second semester). This also applies to dual enrollment courses that were awarded a full high school (1.0) credit.
- Summer courses: You will record the course and grade in the preceding school year. For example, if you look a course between the 9th and 10th grades, you will enter the course in the 9th grade.
- If you are unsure of what subject area a course falls into, please reach out to the admissions office of your college(s).
- **After you complete your SSAR on the SSAR website, you are NOT DONE. It must be individually linked through the application state check portal at each respective college that requires it.**

Some of these tips were copied from the SSAR FAQ sections of UF and FSU’s websites. Please visit these websites for how-to videos and the most up to date information.
Financial Aid (FAFSA)

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the financial aid form that the student will need to complete with their parent(s)/guardians to apply for student grants (i.e., Pell Grant), work-study, and loans for college tuition. Also, some colleges require students complete the FAFSA to be considered for their institutional scholarships.

Everyone is encouraged to apply for financial aid.
Income and assets are not the only factor reviewed for eligibility. Family size, number of children in college, and cost of the college are also important factors.

Apply online at www.fafsa.gov starting October 1st every year in college.

If starting college in the fall of 2023, complete the 2023-2024 FAFSA using the 2021 tax information.
If starting college in the summer of 2023, complete the 2022-2023 FAFSA using 2020 tax information AND the 2023-2024 FAFSA using 2021 tax information.

Before applying:
Parents/Guardians: Gather your income tax return information for the 2020 or 2021 year. Much of the information asked will be the same. You do NOT have to file your income tax return before you fill out the FAFSA, but gather all the tax information so you can fill out the form completely.
Get an FSA ID: The FSA ID serves as your electronic signature. Both the student and parent need to apply for an ID. You will each have a separate ID. To get the ID, fill out a brief application at http://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch. Parent(s) and student can create an ID on this site that you will use to sign the FAFSA application. You will use this same ID each year to complete the FAFSA. SAVE THESE LOGINS!

Timeline:
FAFSA opens on October 1st and our state deadline is typically mid-May. However, you should submit the FAFSA as soon as possible because college and private aid deadlines may be much earlier than state deadlines. Some colleges will require you to submit an additional financial aid form (such as CSS/Financial Aid Profile). Check the college’s website for requirements and the form is available at www.cssprofile.collegeboard.org. Many colleges will have institutional financial aid forms that must be accessed and completed through each college’s financial aid portal. Please check these one by one and make sure to complete all the requirements.

Other Information:
You will need to reapply for financial aid every year. You do not need to be accepted to college to apply for financial aid. However, to receive funds, you must be admitted and enrolled in college. After applying, you will get an award letter and have the opportunity to accept or deny any of the aid offered to you.

Questions or problems with FAFSA: Call 1-800-433-3243
District FAFSA In-Person & Virtual Events
2022-2023

Fill out the FAFSA – Complete the FAFSA
FAFSA Workshops start October 6th!
In-person and Virtual workshops: 1 to 1 help
Attend workshops and take home a $20 Publix Gift card
All virtual workshops are open to any Manatee County High School Senior
All workshops are held on Thursdays from 6pm-8pm.

In-Person Workshops – Join us and complete the FAFSA
- Thursday October 6th
  Location: Manatee High School
  Hosted by MHS and Team Success
- Thursday October 20th
  Location: Manatee School of the Arts
  Hosted by MSA, PHS and PCHS
- Thursday November 3rd
  Location: Braden River High School
  Hosted by BRHS and LRHS
- Thursday December 8th
  Location: Southeast High School
  Hosted by SEHS and BHS

Virtual Workshops – https://reachmanatee.live/FAFSAWorkshop
Thursday October 13th
Thursday October 27th
Thursday November 10th
Thursday December 1st
Thursday January 26th
Thursday February 9th

What Do I need to apply?
* FSA ID for yourself
* FSA ID for your parent/guardian
* Social Security #
* Driver License #
* 2021 W-2 and other records of money earned during that year
* 2021 Federal Income Tax Return
* Current business and investment mortgage info
* Business and Farm records
* Stock, Bonds, and other investment records
* Alien registration or permanent resident card (if you are not a U.S. citizen)

Who should Apply?
All High School Seniors should apply for free money for college, using the free application for federal student aid regardless of income.

Contact your college & career advisor with questions about the FAFSA and special events at your high school.
Financial Aid Checklist

Please read all financial aid documents, materials, and notifications. Financial Aid follows federal regulations through guidelines and procedures. Financial Aid requires students to maintain satisfactory academic progress per the requirements at the postsecondary institution they attend.

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<td>Register for a student and parent/Guardian FSA ID. If you are a dependent student, a parent/guardian is also required to apply for a PIN, you are considered independent if at the time you complete the FAFSA you are:... 1. 24 years of age 2. Married 3. Since age 13, if both parents deceased, ward of the court or in foster care 4. A veteran of the armed forces 5. Active-duty military 6. Have children/dependents when you provide more than half their living expenses. 7. Working on master’s degree or doctoral degree 8. Emancipated minor or in a legal guardianship as determined by the court system 9. In the last year, unaccompanied youth or homeless as determined by high school or other acceptable government organization.</td>
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<td>Apply Online <a href="http://www.fafsa.ed.gov">www.fafsa.ed.gov</a> Apply after October 1st for the academic year that begins the next August. To fill out the FAFSA you will need both your parent(s)/guardian Federal Tax Return forms as well as yours if applicable. Do not forget to put the school codes of the colleges you want to receive your FAFSA.</td>
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<td>Follow up with Your Campus Financial Aid Office After submissions of your FAFSA to determine what/if any additional documents are required or requested to be submitted to meet eligibility.</td>
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<td>Check your Financial Aid Awards You can access this information through your online college accounts generated after you have applied for admissions to the college or by calling the financial aid office.</td>
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<td><strong>March-May</strong></td>
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<td>Complete, Sign, and Submit Required Financial Aid Documents Make sure to keep up with all financial aid documents you receive and send. Pay close attention to qualifications, guidelines, and deadlines.</td>
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<td>Complete Load Requirements Generally, colleges require you to complete loan counseling. Make sure you sign and submit your Master Promissory Note and stay aware of load guidelines, requirements, and deadlines.</td>
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Note: Make sure you keep in constant contact with the college about your financial aid process.
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2. Florida State University (Tallahassee)
   http://fsu.edu
3. University of North Florida (Jacksonville)
   http://www.unf.edu/admissions
4. University of West Florida (Pensacola)
   http://www.uwf.edu
5. University of Florida (Gainesville)
   http://www.ufl.edu
6. University of South Florida (Tampa)
   http://www.usf.edu
7. Florida Polytechnic University (Lakeland)
   http://www.floridapoly.org
8. New College of Florida (Sarasota)
   http://www.ncf.edu
9. Florida Gulf Coast University (Ft. Myers)
   http://www.fgcu.edu
10. Florida International University (Miami)
    http://www.fiu.edu
11. Florida Atlantic University (Boca Raton)
    http://www.fau.edu
12. University of Central Florida (Orlando)
    http://www.ucf.edu

Visit each institution’s website for more information.
The Florida College System

Broward College: http://www.broward.edu/
Chipola College: http://www.chipola.edu/
College of Central Florida: http://www.cf.edu/
Daytona State College: http://www.daytonastate.edu/
Eastern Florida State College: http://www.easternflorida.edu/
Florida Gateway College: https://www.fgc.edu/
The College of the Florida Keys: https://cfk.edu/
Florida South Western State College: https://www.fsw.edu/
Florida State College at Jacksonville: http://www.fscj.edu/
Gulf Coast State College: http://www.gulfcoast.edu/
Hillsborough Community College: http://www.hcfl.edu/
Indian River State College: http://www.irsc.edu/
Lake Sumter State College: http://www.lssc.edu/
Miami Dade College: http://www.mdc.edu/
North Florida College: http://www.nfc.edu/
Northwest Florida State College: http://www.nwfsc.edu/
Palm Beach State College: http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/
Pasco-Hernando State College: https://phsc.edu/about
Pensacola State College: https://www.pensacolastate.edu/
Polk State College: http://www.polk.edu/
St. Johns River State College: http://www.sjrstate.edu/
St. Petersburg College: http://www.spcollege.edu/
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Seminole State College of Florida: http://www.seminolestate.edu/
South Florida State College: http://www.southflorida.edu/
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Historically Black Colleges and Universities in Florida

1. Bethune Cookman University
   https://www.cookman.edu/
   Daytona Beach, 43 majors

2. Edward Waters College
   https://www.ew.edu/
   Jacksonville, 8 majors

3. Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
   https://www.famu.edu/
   Tallahassee, 94 majors

4. Florida Memorial University
   Miami Gardens, 34 majors

For more information on each school please visit the schools’ website.
Technical Colleges in Florida

Listed by County.

Bay: Tom P. Haney Technical Center, [https://haney.edu/](https://haney.edu/), Panama City

Bradford: North Florida Technical College, [https://www.bradfordschools.org/nftc](https://www.bradfordschools.org/nftc), Starke

Broward:
- Atlantic Technical College, [https://www.atlantictechnicalcollege.edu/](https://www.atlantictechnicalcollege.edu/), Coconut Creek
- Sheridan Technical College, [https://www.sheridantechcollege.edu/](https://www.sheridantechcollege.edu/), Hollywood
- William T. McFatter Technical College, [https://www.mcfattertechnicalcollege.edu/](https://www.mcfattertechnicalcollege.edu/), Davie

Charlotte: Charlotte Technical College, [https://www.yourcharlotteschools.net/CTC](https://www.yourcharlotteschools.net/CTC), Port Charlotte


Collier:
- Immokalee Technical College, [https://www.collierschools.com/itc](https://www.collierschools.com/itc), Immokalee,
- Lorenzo Walker Technical College, [https://www.lwtc.edu/](https://www.lwtc.edu/), Naples

DeSoto: Family Service Center, [https://fsc.desotoschools.com/](https://fsc.desotoschools.com/), Arcadia


Flagler: Flagler Technical College, [https://www.flaglertech.edu/](https://www.flaglertech.edu/), Palm Coast

Gadsden: Gadsden Technical Institute, [https://www.gadsdentech.org/](https://www.gadsdentech.org/), Quincy

Hernando: Suncoast Technical Education Center, [https://www.hernandoschools.org/schools/stec](https://www.hernandoschools.org/schools/stec), Brooksville

Hillsborough:
- Aparicio-Levy Technical College, [https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/alto](https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/alto), Tampa
- Brewster Technical College, [https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/brewster](https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/brewster), Tampa
- Erwin Technical College, [https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/erwin](https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/erwin), Tampa

Indian River: Treasure Coast Technical College, [https://tctc.indianriverschools.org/](https://tctc.indianriverschools.org/), Vero Beach

Lake: Lake Technical College, [https://www.laketech.org/](https://www.laketech.org/), Eustis

Lee:
- Cape Coral Technical College, [https://capecoraltech.edu/](https://capecoraltech.edu/), Cape Coral
- Fort Myers Technical College, [https://fortmyerstech.edu/](https://fortmyerstech.edu/), Fort Myers

For more information on each school please visit the schools’ website.
Technical Colleges in Florida (Continued)

Leon: Lively Technical College, [https://www.livelytech.com/] Tallahassee

Manatee: Manatee Technical College, [https://www.manateetech.edu/] Bradenton

Marion: Marion Technical College, [http://mariontc.edu/] Ocala

Miami-Dade:
- D.A. Dorsey Technical College, [https://www.dadorseytech.edu/] Miami
- George T. Baker Aviation Technical College, [https://www.bakeraviationtechcollege.com/] Miami
- Lindsey Hopkins Technical College, [https://www.lindseyhopkins.edu/] Miami
- Miami Lakes Educational Center and Technical College, [https://miamilakes.edu/] Miami Lakes
- Robert Morgan Educational Center and Technical College, [https://robertmorganeducenter.com] Miami
- South Dade Technical College, [https://www.southdadetech.edu/] Homestead
- The English Center, [https://www.tecmiami.com/] Miami

Okaloosa: Okaloosa Technical College, [https://www.otcollege.net/] Fort Walton Beach

Orange:
- Orange Technical College - Avalon Campus, [https://www.orangetechcollege.net/campuses] Orlando
- Orange Technical College - East Campus, [https://www.orangetechcollege.net/campuses] Winter Park
- Orange Technical College - Main Campus, [https://www.orangetechcollege.net/campuses] Orlando
- Orange Technical College - South Campus, [https://www.orangetechcollege.net/campuses] Orlando
- Orange Technical College - West Campus, [https://www.orangetechcollege.net/campuses] Winter Garden

Osceola:
- Osceola Technical College, [https://www.osceolaschools.net/otech] Kissimmee
- Osceola Technical College - St. Cloud Campus, [https://www.osceolaschools.net/otech] St. Cloud
- Osceola Technical College - Poinciana Campus, [https://www.osceolaschools.net/otech] Kissimmee

Pasco: Fred K. Marchman Technical College, [https://mtec.pasco.k12.fl.us/] New Port Richey

Pinellas:
- Pinellas Technical College - Clearwater Campus, [https://www.pcsb.org/myptc] Clearwater
- Pinellas Technical College - St. Petersburg Campus, [https://www.pcsb.org/myptc] St. Petersburg

Polk:

Santa Rosa: Radford M. Locklin Technical College, [https://locklintech.com/] Milton

Sarasota: Suncoast Technical College, [https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/suncoasttechnicalcollege] Sarasota

St. Johns: First Coast Technical College, [https://fctc.edu/] St Augustine

Suwannee: Riveroak Technical College, [https://rtc.suwannee.k12.fl.us/] Live Oak

Taylor: Big Bend Technical College, [https://www.bbtc.edu/] Perry

Walton: Emerald Coast Technical College, [https://www.ectc.edu/] DeFuniak Springs

Washington: Florida Panhandle Technical College, [https://washingtonholmesstechcenter.schoolinsites.com/] Chipley
Career Exploration

Many college applications will ask students to choose a major. Finding the right career and getting there is a journey. Check out the following resources to learn about different career possibilities and associated majors based on your personality and interests.

**Tips for career exploration:** Think about what interests you or people you have read about or met who have interesting jobs. Identify potential careers in your areas of interest. Research what skills, classes, and degrees that different jobs require. You might discover that you do not like any of the courses needed to complete a college major that would prepare you for one of the jobs on your list.

**Resources for Researching Careers:**

http://www.16personalities.com

Recent research in careers suggest that personality type has a much greater impact on career satisfaction that was originally thought. Try this “freakishly accurate” quiz to see where you fall.

https://www.self-directed-search.com

Take the “Self-Directed Search” – the most widely used inventory in the world. It’s a self-administered, self-scored, and self-interpreted career counseling tool. ($14.95) https://roadtripnation.com

https://www.floridashines.org/find-a-career

Take the career interest profiler or explore different careers with the Career Cluster Finder. The Road Trip Nation Interview Archive consists of over 5,000 videos on struggle, triumph, and self-discovery that are broken into 48 themes and 29 interests. This is a great way to learn more about topics and careers you may be interested in from thought leaders.

Florida Shines has the resources you need to explore careers, make a plan, and prepare for work. CollegeBoard’s Big Future website has an entire section dedicated to career exploration including a career search engine and career quiz - https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/explore-careers

What’s Next?

Once you have researched possible careers and made a list, it is time to take action! Try out these ideas to gain valuable insight into what a day in the careers that interest you looks like.

Volunteer where you are likely to meet someone who has one of the jobs that interests you. Look into a paid or unpaid internship. Accompany someone working in that field to see what a day on the job is like. Find a mentor who can give your perspective and advice. Talk to family members and friends who work in those careers or know others who do.
Scholarship Opportunities

College is expensive. There’s tuition, room and board, books, food…it all adds up fast!

The following list provides information about where to find scholarships: Each High School maintains a scholarship list that includes local and regional opportunities.

- Participate in College Board’s Big Future Scholarships program: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

- Check college websites. Many universities offer merit scholarships. These are typically posted under “financial aid” or “scholarships.” Check early. Deadlines are often during the 1st semester of your senior year.

- Manatee Education Foundation offers a directory of many local scholarships: [https://mefinfo.org/the-scholarship-source/](https://mefinfo.org/the-scholarship-source/)

- Check other scholarship search engines such as: [www.scholarships360.org](http://www.scholarships360.org)  
  [www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search)  
  [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)  
  [www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)  


Apply for Bright Futures via the Florida financial Aid Application FFAA starting October 1st of your senior year. You must submit before graduation. You can apply before meeting all the requirements.

- Go to [www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org)
- Click on the following links: “First Time Applicants” “Create a Student Account”
- Complete the required fields
- Click submit
- SAVE the Username and Password automatically generated for you. You will use this to log back in and check on the status of your application once it has been submitted.
- Fill out the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)

- **ROTC Scholarships** are available through various branches of the military. These scholarships can potentially be full tuition scholarships and have various test score and GPA requirements.

Make sure to follow scholarship directions and be aware of deadlines. Type all required responses (essay, resume, etc.). Make copies and keep them on file.

**Start your scholarship search EARLY!!!**
Websites to Know

Entrance Exam Practice and Registration Sites:
www.collegeboard.com (PSAT, SAT, SAT subject tests)
www.Satpractice.org (SAT)
www.khanacademy.org
www.academy.act.org (ACT)
www.act.org (ACT)
www.march2success.com

College Information Sites:
http://bigfuture.collegeboard.org
www.imfirst.org
https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/

Financial Aid Information Sites:
www.fafsa.gov (CAUTION: Do not Use www.fafsa.com)
www.studentaid.gov
www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org (Bright Futures application)

Scholarship Information Sites:
www.scholarships.com
www.fastweb.com
www.cappex.com
www.chegg.com/scholarships

Career Sites:
www.usajobs.com
www.jobcorp.com
www.careerbuilder.com
www.monster.com

Military Sites/ROTC Scholarship:
www.airforce.com
www.army.mil
www.uscg.mil
www.marines.mil
www.public.navy.mil

SCAM Alert!
If you encounter one of these scenarios, do not pursue that avenue for college assistance.

- The scholarship is guaranteed or your money back.
- Do NOT give your credit card information or bank account to hold a scholarship EVER!
- You hear, “We will do all the work for you.”
- The scholarship costs money
- Do not believe you were selected by a “National Foundation” to receive a scholarship, or “You are a finalist in a contest” that you did not enter.
- You get an appointment time to see someone that you did not set.
## High School College & Career Advisor Contact List

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### NCAA Information

**NCAA Eligibility Center Registration – Online** [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)

Starting in their freshman year, a student athlete should register for a PROFILE PAGE account. The Profile account registration is free and registered students receive timely updates from the Eligibility Center.

**Core Courses: (16)**

Sixteen (16) core courses are required (see chart below for subject-area requirements).
- Ten core courses completed before the 7th semester; seven of the 10 must be in English, Math or Science.
- These grades are “locked in” at start of the 7th semester (and cannot be repeated for GPA improvement).

**Test Scores: (ACT/SAT)**

Normally, students must present a corresponding test score and core-course GPA on the sliding scale. However, NCAA extended its COVID-19 policies for students who initially enrolled full-time during the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 academic years. During these academic years, eligibility will only be based on NCAA core course GPA and core course requirements. Many individual colleges will still require appropriate SAT/ACT score for admission, so students are advised to take the SAT/ACT and submit their scores to the Eligibility Center. Students who wish to submit scores can enter 9999 during ACT or SAT registration to ensure the testing agency reports your scores directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

**Core Grade-Point Average:**

Only core courses that appear on the high school’s list of NCAA Courses on the NCAA Eligibility Center’s website ([www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)) will be used to calculate your core-course GPA. Division 1 core GPA requirement is a minimum of 2.3, Division II requires a minimum of 2.2.

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