Senior Handbook
2023-2024

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 include 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.

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 colleges where you have applied. 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.
In Schoology, click "Courses", then look for the "Class of" page. Click "Updates" on the left side menu.

_____ 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 colleges where you have applied.

_____ 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

_____ Create your FAFSA login online at https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/FAFSA. Inform parents will need a separate login from students. FAFSA information will be posted on each High School Schoology page. **FAFSA APPLICATION OPENS DECEMBER 31st FOR THIS YEAR ONLY.**

_____ 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 tests online. Be aware of deadlines. Have scores sent directly to colleges where you have applied.

_____ Check Florida Bright Futures eligibility requirements at www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org. (Click "Bright Futures Scholarship" on the right). Make sure you are on track to receive the scholarship. 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, credits, and community service hours. Seniors may continue taking the SAT and ACT until August 31st of the students graduating year.

November

_____ 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 colleges where you have applied.

December

_____ If needed, register for SAT and/or ACT tests online. Be aware of deadlines. Have scores sent directly to colleges where you have applied.

_____ Create your FAFSA login online at https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/FAFSA. Inform parents will need a separate login from students. FAFSA information will be posted on each High School Schoology page. **FAFSA APPLICATION OPENS DECEMBER 31st FOR THIS YEAR ONLY.**

_____ For help filling out the FAFSA application, attend a District and Reach Manatee FAFSA night. See College & Career Advisor for dates and locations. Experts will be available to answer questions and help complete the application.

_____ Complete and submit postsecondary application materials.

_____ Follow up with postsecondary institutions where you have applied. 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 tests online. Be aware of deadlines. Have scores sent directly to colleges where you have applied.

_____ Complete and submit postsecondary application materials.

_____ Apply for applicable scholarships.

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

_____ 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.

_____ Make sure all Senior fees are paid. **Seniors with outstanding fees will not be allowed to participate in Graduation.**

_____ 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, revise your 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 tests online. Be aware of deadlines. Have scores sent directly to colleges where you have applied.

_____ 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 the 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 tests online. Be aware of deadlines. Have scores sent directly to colleges where you have applied.

_____ 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.

_____ Students 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 – Students entering Grade 9 Prior to 2023-2024

What options lead to standard diploma?

Successful completion of one of the following options:

- 24-credits
- Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) curriculum
- International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum
- 10-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 satisfactory 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
- Biology 1
- Geometry
- 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 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 courses 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 1, 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 1)
- An identified computer science** credit may substitute for up to one science credit (except for Biology 1)

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 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 on a 4.0 scale for all cohort years and pass statewide, standardized assessments unless a waiver of assessments.

* 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. 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.

Scholar Diploma Designation

In addition to the requirements of section (s.) 1003.4282, Florida Statutes (F.S.), a student must satisfy the following requirements (per. s. 1003.4285, F.S.):

- 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 Foreign Language
- Earn at least 1 credit in an AP, IB, AICE or a dual enrollment course.

*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 score to earn college credit.

Industry Scholar Designation

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

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 ELA4, mathematics, science, and social studies (excluding Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, and US History). The two options are as follows:

- Students with most significant cognitive disabilities may earn credits via access courses and be assessed via alternate assessments.
- 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.

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
- Biology 1
- Geometry
- U.S. History

Admission into Florida's State University System (SUS) 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 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

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 and Technical Education Directors
http://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/dist-ps-instit.stml

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 Educations' webpage at

http://wwwfldoe.org/schools/k-12-publicschools/sss/graduation=requirements/.

SAT/ACT COMPARISON

CollegeBoard SAT	ACT
Cost: $60 Late registration: Additional $30.00	Cost: $68 (including essay $93) Late Registration: Additional $38.00
General Information • Non-multiple-choice answers included • No guessing penalty • Testing time – 3 hours	**General Information** • 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	**Test Contents** **ENGLISH** • Production of writing, knowledge of language, and conventions of standard English **MATHEMATICS** • Number & quantity, algebra, functions, geometry, and statistics & probability **READING** • Key ideas & details, craft & structure, and integration of knowledge & ideas **SCIENCE** • Interpretation of data, scientific investigation, and evaluation of models, inferences, & experimental results **WRITING** • Writing skills **A student's scores on the Writing Test have no effect on the score of any ACT assessment Test or the Composite score.
Scoring Evidence-Based Reading/Writing 200-800 Math 200-800 Maximum Score 1600	**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

2023-2024 SAT
For College Admissions/Scholarships

SAT Registration

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

SAT cost is $60. Late Registrations are an additional $30.
Photo ID and admission ticket required on test day.
Test locations/dates are subject to change.
Test centers may experience closures or reduced capacity due to COVID-19 limitations.
Check for test center closures at https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/test-center-closings

Florida Student Scholarship & Grant Programs

Florida Academic Scholars (FAS): 1340 Total Score

Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS): 1210 Total Score

Florida Gold Seal Vocational & CAPE Scholars (GSV/CAPE): Reading 24, Writing & Language 25, Math 24

For additional information visit: https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/

SCHOOL	TEST CENTER CODE	SAT/ACT HIGH SCHOOL (CEEB) CODES
Braden River High School	10129	100083
Manatee High School	10135	100145
Booker High School	10598	101570
Sarasota High School	10595	101585

2023-2024 SAT TEST DATES		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
August 26, 2023	July 28, 2023	August 15, 2023
October 7, 2023	September 7, 2023	September 26, 2023
November 4, 2023	October 5, 2023	October 24, 2023
December 2, 2023	November 2, 2023	November 21, 2023
March 9, 2024	February 23, 2024	February 27, 2024
May 4, 2024	April 19, 2024	April 23, 2024
June 1, 2024	May 16, 2024	May 21, 2024

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

2023-2024 ACT
For College Admissions/Scholarships

ACT Registration

Online at https://www.actstudent.org/

Phone: 1-319-337-1270

ACT cost is $68. $93 Plus Writing. Late Registrations are an additional $38.

Photo ID and admission ticket required on test day.

Test locations/dates are 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

Florida Student Scholarship & Grant Programs

Florida Academic Scholars (FAS): 29 Composite Score

Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS): 25 Composite Score

Florida Gold Seal Vocational & CAPE Scholars (GSV/CAPE): English 17, Reading 18, Math 19

For additional information visit: https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/

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Manatee High School	10135	100145
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2023-2024 ACT TEST DATES		
Test Date	**Registration Deadline**	**Late Registration Deadline**
September 9, 2023	August 4, 2023	August 18, 2023
October 28, 2023	September 22, 2023	October 6, 2023
December 9, 2023	November 3, 2023	November 17, 2023
February 10, 2024	January 5, 2024	January 19, 2024
April 13, 2024	March 8, 2024	March 22, 2024
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 17, 2024
July 13, 2024	June 7, 2024	June 11, 2024

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Classic Learning Test (CLT)

Florida students are now eligible to earn Bright Futures through the Classic Learning Test due to legislation that was passed in May 2023. Florida is also the first state in the nation to approve the CLT as an accepted admissions test at all state public universities and to fund all school districts to utilize the CLT for 11th grade students.

Visit https://www.cltexam.com/ to learn more about the Classic Learning Test. On the CLT website, there is information about test prep and day of testing information. The website also provides information on scholarships. Testing is allowed in school or remote proctoring is available. The CLT is 2 hours in length and the cost is $59. Test results are reported in 8 days.

The CLT considers students' intellectual capacity and aptitude, making it a good fit for students from a variety of educational backgrounds. CLT also uses meaningful pieces of literature for its reading passages to offer a more enjoyable and enriching testing experience.

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 – https://www.collegeboard.org/ (view your PSAT score report to evaluate strengths/weaknesses)
-    ACT academy (Free) – https://www.academy.act.org/
-    ACT Online Prep – https://www.actonlineprep.org/
-    Free online test prep – https://www.number2.com/
-    SAT vs. ACT – https://www.kaptest.com/sat/free/sat-practice
-    Free ACT Practice – https://www.kaptest.com/act/free/act-practice
-    No Red Ink – https://www.noredlnk.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 visit https://www.todaysmilitary.com/ways-to-serve.

Army AGE REQUIREMENTS	Marine Corps AGE REQUIREMENTS	Navy AGE REQUIREMENTS	Air Force AGE REQUIREMENTS	Space Force AGE REQUIREMENTS	Coast Guard AGE REQUIREMENTS
ACTIVE DUTY 17-35	**ACTIVE DUTY** 17-28	**ACTIVE DUTY** 17-39	**ACTIVE DUTY** 17-39	**ENLISTED** You must be 17–39 years of age, a U.S. citizen and have a high school diploma, GED with 15 college credits or GED.	**ACTIVE DUTY** 17-35
RESERVE 17-35	**RESERVE** 17-28	**RESERVE** 17-39	**RESERVE** 17-39	**OFFICER** You must be a U.S. citizen and have an undergraduate or postgraduate degree.	**RESERVE** 17-40
GUARD 17-35	**GUARD** N/A	**GUARD** N/A	**GUARD** 17-39	**CIVILIAN** Visit the **Air Force Civilian Service** site to learn more.	**GUARD** N/A
SERVICE ACADEMIES 17-23	**SERVICE ACADEMIES** 17-23	**SERVICE ACADEMIES** 17-23	**SERVICE ACADEMIES** 17-23		**SERVICE ACADEMIES** 17-22

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. Please 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.

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)

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 who are not able to take the ASVAB at their school should find a recruiter at https://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.

ROTC Scholarship Information

Students that are interested in becoming commissioned officers will need a college education. It is ideal for students to be scholars, athletes, and leaders. Thus, they should have high GPA's and ACT/SAT scores, participate in a varsity sport/community league, and serve in leadership positions on or off campus.

Below are links for ROTC college scholarship information.

Army ROTC scholarship information:
https://www.goarmy.com/careers-and-jobs/find-your-path/army-officers/rotc/scholarships.html

Air Force ROTC scholarships information:
https://www.afrotc.com/scholarships

Navy ROTC scholarship information:
https://www.navy.com/education-opportunities/college-options-and-scholarships/nrotc

Marine Corp ROTC scholarship information:
https://www.marines.com/become-a-marine/process-to-join/become-an-officer.html

Navy Reserve Officer training information:
https://www.navy.com/education-opportunities/college-options-and-scholarships/nrotc

Information on the military academies (US Military Academy at West Point, the Naval Academy, Air Force Academy, and Coast Guard Academy) can be found at their respective sites.

Academy appointments are even more competitive than ROTC scholarships. Students will need a nomination from their congressional Representative, US Senator, or the Vice President of the United States to attend. Specific requirements are found at each of the Academy websites.

Find complete criteria on Bright Futures Scholarships eligibility at https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/

Information	Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)	Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)	Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV)	Gold Seal CAPE Scholars (GSC)
Required GPA	3.5 Weighted Bright Futures GPA	3.0 Weighted Bright Futures GPA	3.0 Weighted Bright Futures GPA and 3.5 Unweighted GPA in the required career & technical education courses	No minimum GPA required, but 5 or more postsecondary credit hours through CAPE industry certifications, which articulate for college credit must be earned.
Required SAT/ACT/CLT/ PERT Score	SAT 1340 ACT 29 CLT 96	SAT 1210 ACT 25 CLT 84	SAT Reading 24 / Math 24 / Writing & Language 25 ACT Reading 19 / Math 19 / English 17 PERT Reading 106 / Math 114 / Writing 103	No test scores required.
Volunteer / Work Hours Requirement	100 Hours	75 Hours	30 Hours	30 Hours
Number of Hours of Funding Available	100% of program study	100% of program study	100% of program study, up to 72 credit hours in AS, AAS, CCC, or PSAV's 60 credit hours in ATD's	100% of program study, up to 72 credit hours in AS, AAS, CCC, or PSAV's 60 credit hours in ATD's*

*Beginning with the 2016-17 high school graduates, students who earn a Gold Seal CAPE (GSC) award and attain an AS or AAS degree may receive an additional 60 hours of funding toward a qualifying BS or BAS degree program.

Applicable to all Bright Futures Scholarships

Number of Years to Reinstate an Initial Award	Number of Years of Funding Available	Restoration Opportunity
Within 5 years of high school graduation	Up to 5 years from high school graduation	For insufficient GPA in 1st year of funding ONLY

Apply for Bright Futures beginning October 1st of your Senior year at https://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

Per Florida Statute 1009.534, to meet the Bright Futures requirement, a student must complete a program of volunteer service and/or paid work, as approved by the district school board. Students must earn 100 volunteer service hours and/or paid work hours. Approved work hours earned after June 27, 2022, may count towards fulfillment of hours. A student may identify a social or civic issue or professional area that interests them and develop a plan for their personal involvement in addressing the issue or learning about the area.

The student must, through papers or other presentations, evaluate and reflect upon their service or paid work experience. Such 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. The hours of volunteer service/work must be documented in writing, and the document must be signed by the student, the student's parent or guardian, and a representative of the organization for which the student performed the volunteer service/work. Students may do more than one service project/work.

It is the student's responsibility to know the deadline for submission of volunteer service/work hours. Check with the Volunteer Service Coordinator at the high school for this information. There is NO volunteer/community service/work requirement for graduation. Students should review the Bright Futures Student Handbook for additional information: https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/PDF/BFHandbookChapter1.pdf

What else you should know:

- Only activities performed during high school can be included. High School begins the summer after 8th grade is completed.
- All hours must be verified by the Volunteer Service Coordinator at the high school.
- If you are unsure if your volunteer service/work activity will count, check with the Volunteer Service Coordinator at your high school.
- Volunteer/work hours will not be given for travel, meal, or sleep time during overnight events.
- All volunteer service hours must be documented on the Approved School District of Manatee County Volunteer Service Verification Form or on company/organization letterhead, signed by the service supervisor.
- Volunteer Service activity reporting must be detailed, to include the dates, times, activities performed, and hours earned.
- Volunteer service/work hours will only be accepted when there is a responsible adult/supervisor on site to evaluate and conform student performance. Contact information for the supervisor may be requested.
- Business internships must be completed at a non-profit agency and may not be under the supervision or administrative leadership of a family member.
- Students may complete service projects that do not fall under these guidelines, but those hours will not be included on the high school transcript. Students should keep records of those hours.

Below are examples of potential service or work that would qualify and those that would not. Please check with your Volunteer Service Coordinator prior to starting any service/work to verify approval.

Would Qualify	Would not Qualify
Direct service for non-profit agencies: -Red Cross -Salvation Army -Meals-on-Wheels -Shelters	Family related activities or service to family members (parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, including step-relations)
Medical Facilities: -Nursing homes -Hospitals	Donations: -Canned foods -Locks of Love -Blood
Government Agencies: -Libraries -Internship for public office candidate	OJT hours applied towards high school credit (hours above and beyond the OJT required for credit hours can be used)
Service work with churches: -Mission Trips -Vacation bible School) logistics, not teaching) -Nursery	Activities for the sole benefit of a church or other religious house of worship: -Praise Team -Religious teaching (Sunday school) -Community outreach
High School service club projects (not meetings)	Court ordered community service
Volunteer for charitable events: -Relay for Life -race for the Cures	Hosting foreign exchange students
Work at a job that supplies pay stubs. Work hours earned after June 27.2022 may be counted.	Work at a job that does not supply a pay stub: -babysitting -lawnmowing
Girl/Boy Scout service projects	Attendance at self-improvement workshops, training, conferences, competitions, travel
Participation in events that benefits members of the community	Extra-curricular activities: -Community theater -Recitals -Performances/Games -Practices -Meetings

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   b. Mail official transcripts to P.O. Box 1849 Bradenton, Florida 34206.
   c. Fax transcripts from the issuing institution directly to 941-727-6380.
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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. 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

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 Student Aid Index 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.

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 December 31, 2023. wwwafsa.gov. The October date will return in the 2024-2025 school year.

Important College Terms

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 Student Aid Index, 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 parents/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 December 31st for this year only.

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

Before applying:

Parents/Guardians: Gather your income tax return information for the 2021 or 2022 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 you should gather all the tax information so you can fill out the form completely.

Get an FSA ID:

Both the student and parent need to apply for a separate FSA ID by filling out a brief application at https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch. Your FSA ID serves as your electronic signature. You will use the same FSA ID each year to complete and sign the FASFA application. **SAVE YOUR LOGINS!**

Timeline:

FAFSA opens on December 31st. Florida's 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 the state deadline. The FAFSA form is at https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/complete-application.
Check the college's website for requirements. Some colleges will require you to submit an additional financial aid form (such as CSS/Financial Aid Profile). 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 can accept or deny any of the aid offered to you.

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Tuesday, January 23 BAYSHORE HIGH SCHOOL	**Tuesday, February 13** MANATEE SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS
Thursday, January 25 MANATEE HIGH SCHOOL	
Tuesday, January 30 SOUTHEAST 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.

Financial Aid Process	Recommended Completion Date	Date Completed
Gather and prepare parent/Guardian and student tax information for the prior year. For students entering college in 2024- 2025 this will be 2022 taxes.	**August**	
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. At the time you complete the FAFSA, you are you are considered independent if: 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. In the last year, unaccompanied youth or homeless as determined by high school or other acceptable government organization.	**September**	
Apply Online www.fafsa.ed.gov Apply after October 1st for the academic year that begins the next August. To fill out the FAFSA, you will need Federal Tax Return forms for both of your parent/guardian as well as yours (if applicable). Do not forget to include the school codes for the colleges you want to receive your FAFSA.	**December**	
Check Your Financial Aid Awards Access this information through your online college account generated after you apply for admission to the college or by calling the financial aid office.	**February**	
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.	**March-May**	
Complete Load Requirements Generally, colleges require you to complete loan counseling. Make sure you sign and submit your Master Promissory Note. Be aware of load guidelines, requirements, and deadlines.	**May-June**	
Refund or Payment Preferences Check with the individual colleges to see how you receive your refund. Generally, you will receive your refund via check by mail, electronic deposit, or through a college-generated account or card.	**May-June**	

Note: Make sure you keep in constant contact with the college about your financial aid process.
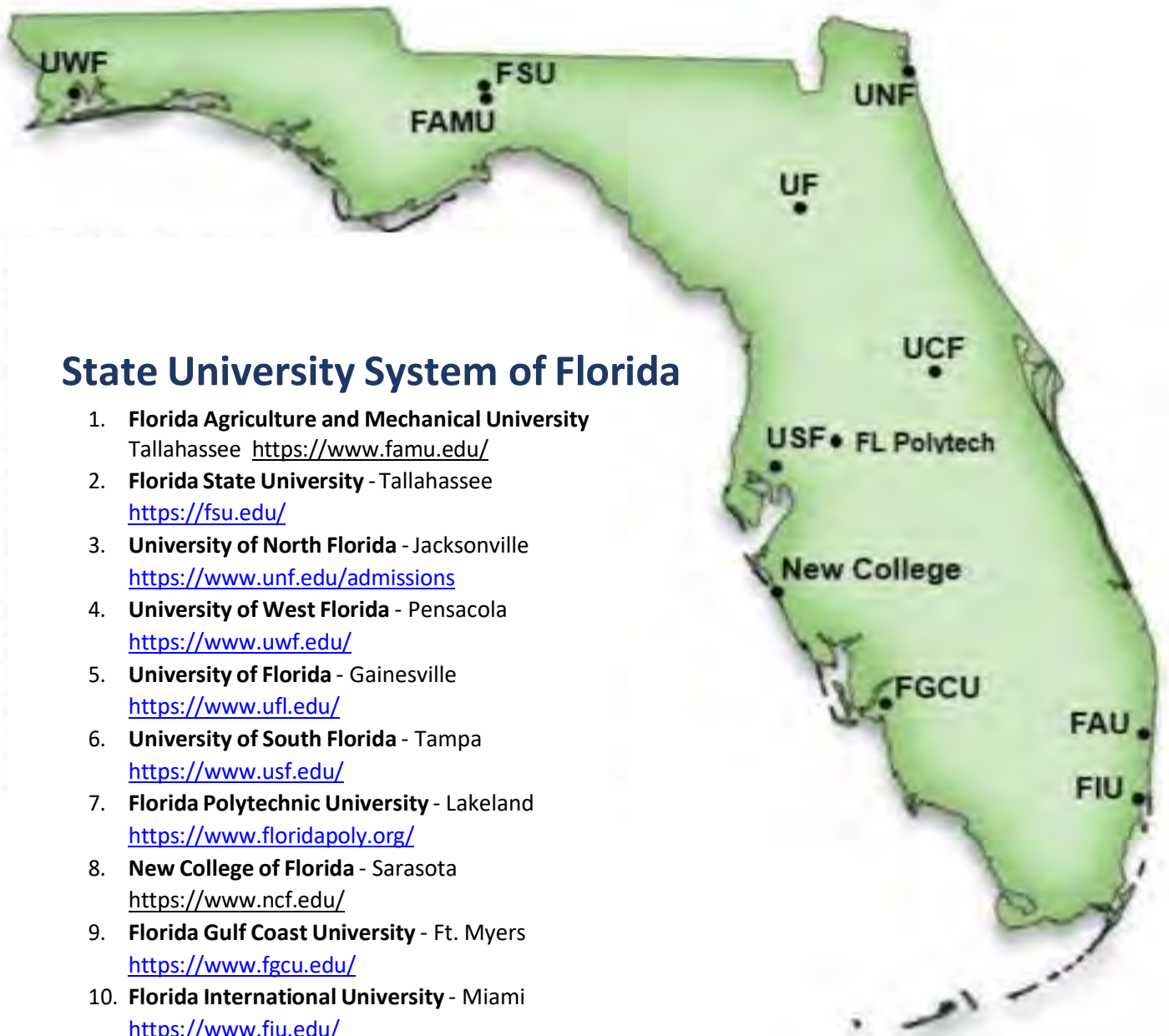
State University System of Florida

1. **Florida Agriculture and Mechanical University** Tallahassee https://www.famu.edu/
2. **Florida State University** - Tallahassee https://fsu.edu/
3. **University of North Florida** - Jacksonville https://www.unf.edu/admissions
4. **University of West Florida** - Pensacola https://www.uwf.edu/
5. **University of Florida** - Gainesville https://www.ufl.edu/
6. **University of South Florida** - Tampa https://www.usf.edu/
7. **Florida Polytechnic University** - Lakeland https://www.floridapoly.org/
8. **New College of Florida** - Sarasota https://www.ncf.edu/
9. **Florida Gulf Coast University** - Ft. Myers https://www.fgcu.edu/
10. **Florida International University** - Miami https://www.fiu.edu/
11. **Florida Atlantic University** - Boca Raton https://www.fau.edu/
12. **University of Central Florida** - Orlando https://www.ucf.edu/

Visit each school's website for more information.
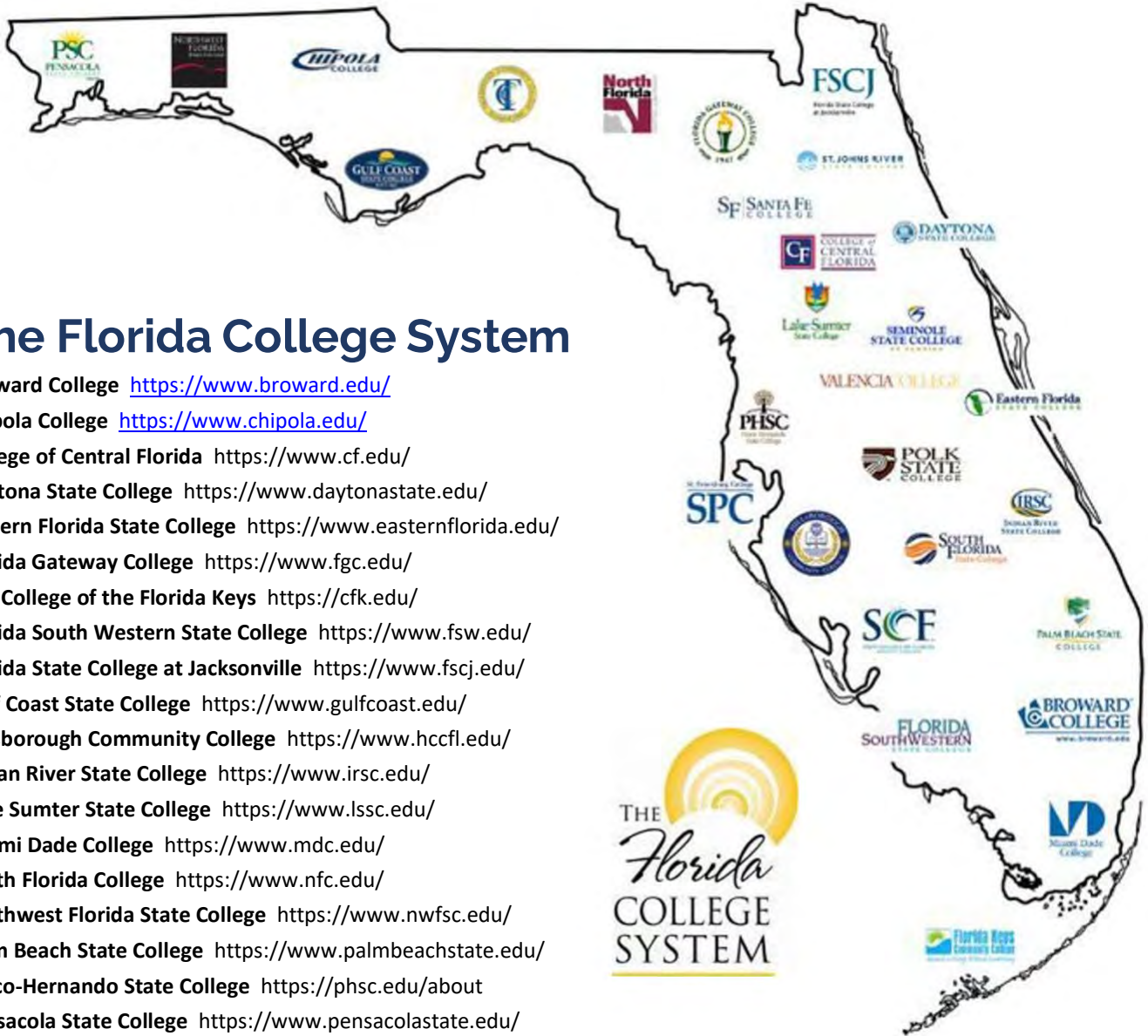
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Broward College https://www.broward.edu/

Chipola College https://www.chipola.edu/

College of Central Florida https://www.cf.edu/

Daytona State College https://www.daytonastate.edu/

Eastern Florida State College https://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 https://www.fscj.edu/

Gulf Coast State College https://www.gulfcoast.edu/

Hillsborough Community College https://www.hccfl.edu/

Indian River State College https://www.irsc.edu/

Lake Sumter State College https://www.lssc.edu/

Miami Dade College https://www.mdc.edu/

North Florida College https://www.nfc.edu/

Northwest Florida State College https://www.nwfsc.edu/

Palm Beach State College https://www.palmbeachstate.edu/

Pasco-Hernando State College https://phsc.edu/about

Pensacola State College https://www.pensacolastate.edu/

Polk State College https://www.polk.edu/

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St. Petersburg College https://www.spcollege.edu/

Santa Fe College https://www.sfcollege.edu/

Seminole State College of Florida https://www.seminolestate.edu/

South Florida State College https://www.southflorida.edu/

State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota https://www.scf.edu/

Tallahassee Community College https://www.tcc.fl.edu/

Valencia College https://valenciacollege.edu/

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Private Colleges and Universities in Florida

Adventists University of Health Sciences	https://www.ahu.edu/	Orlando
Ave Maria University	https://www.avemaria.edu/	Ave Maria
Barry University	https://www.barry.edu/en	Miami Shores
Beacon College	https://www.beaconcollege.edu/	Leesburg
Bethune-Cookman University	https://www.cookman.edu/	Daytona Beach
Eckerd College	https://www.eckerd.edu/	St. Petersburg
Edward Waters College	http://www.ewc.edu/	Jacksonville
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University	https://erau.edu/	Daytona Beach
Everglades University	https://www.everglades-edu.info/	Boca Raton
Flagler College	https://www.flagler.edu/	St. Augustine
Florida College	https://floridacollege.edu/	Temple Terrace
Florida Institute of Technology	https://www.fit.edu/	Melbourne
Florida Memorial College	https://www.fmuniv.edu/	Miami
Florida National University	https://www.fnu.edu/	Hialeah
Florida Southern College	https://www.flsouthern.edu/home.aspx	Lakeland
Full Sail University	https://www.flsouthern.edu/home.aspx	Orlando
Hodges University	https://www.hodges.edu/	Naples
Jacksonville University	https://www.ju.edu/	Jacksonville
Johnson University	https://johnsonu.edu/	Kissimmee
Keiser College	https://www.keiseruniversity.edu/	Ft. Lauderdale
Lynn University	https://www.lynn.edu/	Boca Raton
Northwood University	https://www.northwood.edu/	Tampa
Nova Southeastern University	https://www.nova.edu/index.html	Ft. Lauderdale
Palm Beach Atlantic College	https://www.pba.edu/	West Palm Beach
Rasmussen College	https://www.rasmussen.edu/	Ft. Myers/Ocala/Tampa
Ringling College of Art and Design	https://www.ringling.edu/	Sarasota
Rollins College	https://www.rollins.edu/	Winter Park
Southeastern College	https://seu.edu/	Lakeland
St. Leo University	https://www.saintleo.edu/	St. Leo/Tampa
St. Thomas University	https://www.stu.edu/	Miami
Stetson University	https://www.stetson.edu/	Deland
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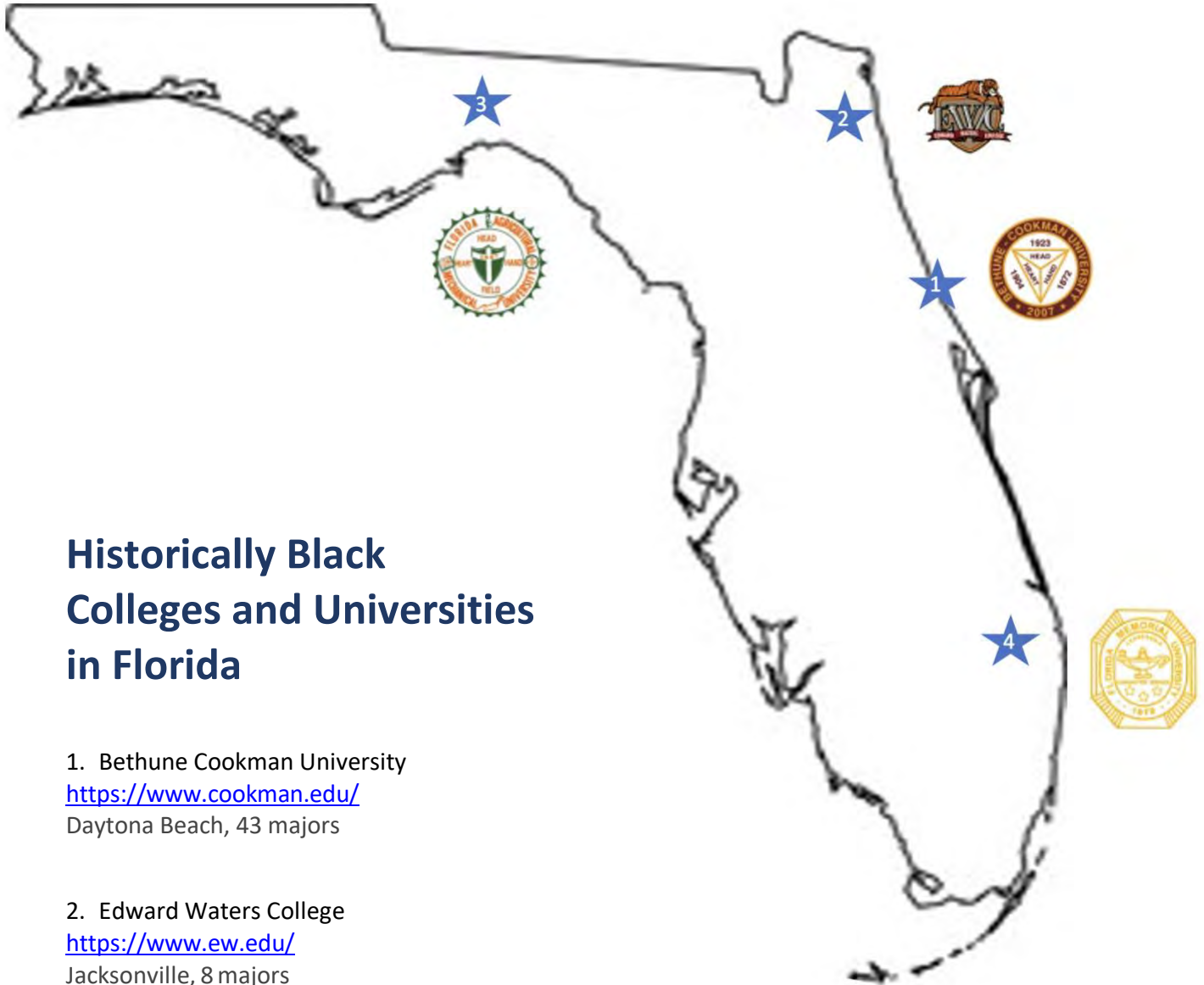
Historically Black Colleges and Universities in Florida

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
https://www.fmuniv.edu/
Miami Gardens, 34 majors

For more information on each school, please visit the school's website.
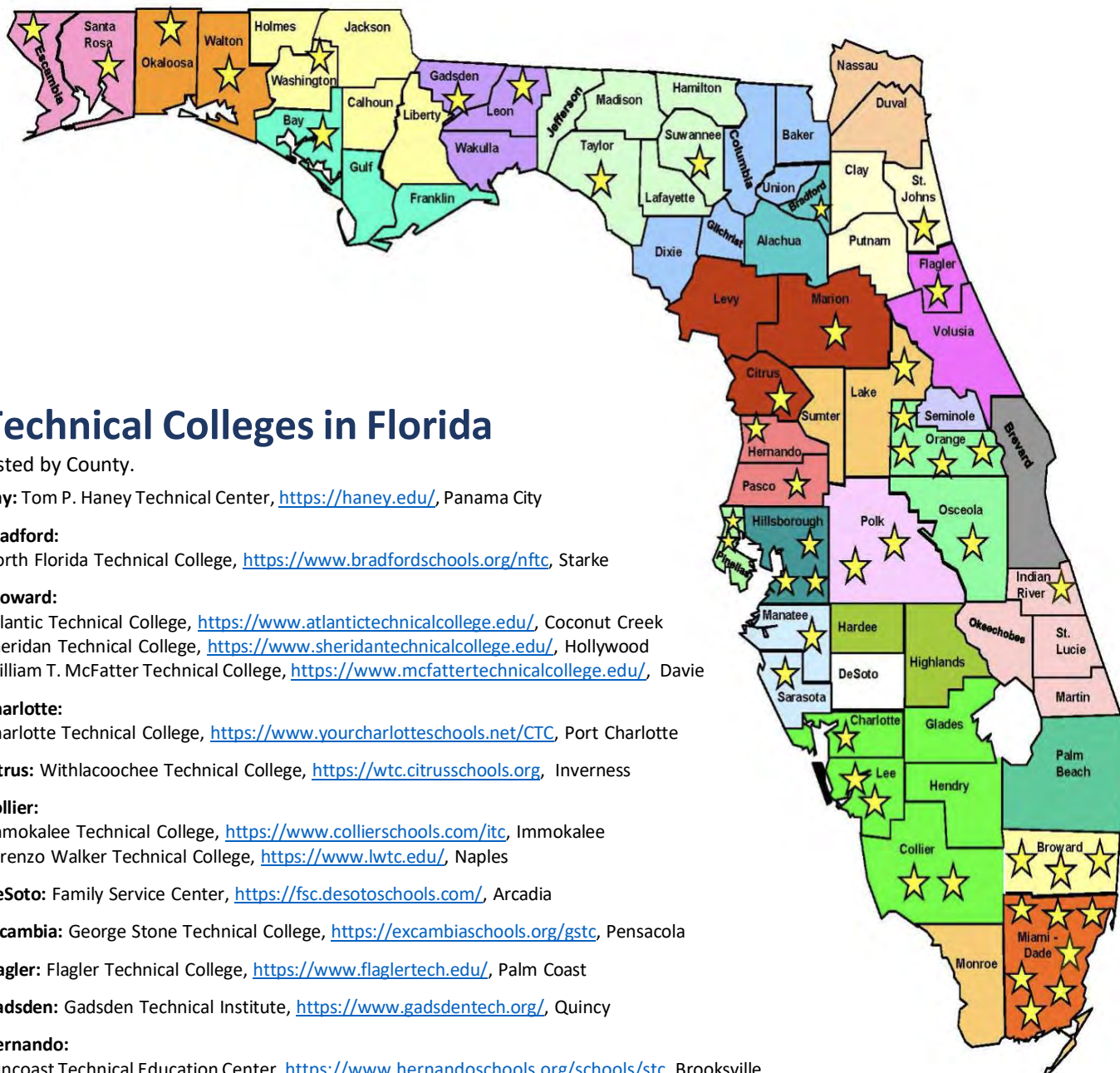
Technical Colleges in Florida

Listed by County.

Bay: Tom P. Haney Technical Center, https://haney.edu/, Panama City

Bradford:
North Florida Technical College, https://www.bradfordschools.org/nftc, Starke

Broward:
Atlantic Technical College, https://www.atlantictechnicalcollege.edu/, Coconut Creek
Sheridan Technical College, https://www.sheridantechnicalcollege.edu/, Hollywood
William T. McFatter Technical College, https://www.mcfattertechnicalcollege.edu/, Davie

Charlotte:
Charlotte Technical College, https://www.yourcharlotteschools.net/CTC, Port Charlotte

Citrus: Withlacoochee Technical College, https://wtc.citrusschools.org, Inverness

Collier:
Immokalee Technical College, https://www.collierschools.com/itc, Immokalee
Lorenzo Walker Technical College, https://www.lwtc.edu/, Naples

DeSoto: Family Service Center, https://fsc.desotoschools.com/, Arcadia

Escambia: George Stone Technical College, https://excambiaschools.org/gstc, Pensacola

Flagler: Flagler Technical College, https://www.flaglertech.edu/, Palm Coast

Gadsden: Gadsden Technical Institute, https://www.gadsdentech.org/, Quincy

Hernando:
Suncoast Technical Education Center, https://www.hernandoschools.org/schools/stc, Brooksville

Hillsborough:
Aparicio-Levy Technical College, https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/altc, Tampa
Brewster Technical College, https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/brewster, Tampa
Erwin Technical College, https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/erwin, Tampa

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

Lake: Lake Technical College, https://www.laketech.org/, Eustis

Lee:
Cape Coral Technical College, https://capecoraltech.edu/, Cape Coral
Fort Myers Technical College, https://fortmyerstech.edu/, Fort Myers

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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, https://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:
Traviss Technical College, https://www.polkedpathways.com/traviss-technical-college/, Lakeland
Ridge Technical College, https://www.polkedpathways.com/ridge-technical-college/, Winter Haven

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://washingtonholmestechcenter.schoolinsites.com/, Chipley

For more information on each school, please visit the school's website.

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've 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 don't 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

Xello is the online program that fully engages every student in building skills, knowledge, and Plans for future success. The Xello tile is located on the student's SSO.

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
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.

https://www.floridashines.org/find-a-career
Florida Shines has the resources you need to explore careers, make a plan, and prepare for work.

https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/explore-careers
CollegeBoard's Big Future website has an entire section dedicated to career exploration including a career search engine and career quiz.

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.

CAREER SEEKER
SERVICES

CareerSource Suncoast offers numerous opportunities to *help with your career development and job search*.

Whether you are new to the job market or are a seasoned professional, our dedicated career coaches will support you through all phases of your search. And, our services are offered at *no cost* to you.

- Career Workshops
- Grant Funded Training
- Youth Summer Job Opportunities
- Start Your Own Business! - THRIVE
- SNAP/Welfare Transition
- Reemployment Assistance
- Veteran Services
- Disability Employment Assistance

GET REGISTERED ON EMPLOYFLORIDA.COM IT'S FREE!

One of the nation's largest state job banks

Hundreds of thousands of job opportunities

Employment resources

GET STARTED

Visit www.EmployFlorida.com to register as a "Job Seeker" and upload your resume to search and apply for open job!

For more information visit careersourcesuncoast.com/young-adults

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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:
https://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 senior year.

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

Check other scholarship search engines such as:
https://www.scholarships360.org/
https://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search
https://www.scholarships.com/
https://www.cappex.com/

Community Foundation of Sarasota (https://www.cfsarasota.org/), State College of Florida Foundation (https://scf-foundation.org/) , and Manatee Community Foundation (https://manateecf.org/) .

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.

1. Go to https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/
2. Click on the following links: "First Time Applicants" "Create a Student Account".
3. Complete the required fields.
4. Click submit.
5. 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.
6. 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!!!

Using grants and scholarships to pay for college

Grants and scholarships are two types of financial aid that don't have to be paid back. So be sure to include them in your plan for paying for college!

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Let's start with a simple explanation of scholarships

A scholarship is a financial award that is given based on specific criteria, and doesn't have to be paid back. Scholarships are always free—you should never pay to find or apply for one. There are millions of scholarships available—you just have to look for them! You may think scholarships are only for athletes and students who are at or near the top of their class. That's certainly true in some cases, but did you know there are scholarships out there for almost every skill and interest? The challenge is finding the right ones for you. Start your search for free with **Sallie Mae® Scholarship Search**.

Why apply for scholarships?

The answer to that question is simple! You don't need to pay back the funds you receive from college scholarships. And there's no limit to the amount of scholarships you can apply for or receive.

Hints for finding scholarship opportunities

- Check out the list of scholarships offered by the colleges you're interested in attending. You'd be surprised at the wide range of areas covered.

- Search for scholarships online or take it a step further and register for free on scholarship search engines where you create a profile and filter results by your hobbies, special skills, future college major, and community service interests.

- Look for scholarships offered by local organizations in your town. Your local library is a good place to start to learn more about local businesses and organizations that sponsor scholarships.

- Reach out to your friends, family, and members of the community:

  - School counselors, school administrators, teachers, coaches, and mentors

  - Religious organizations

  - Local youth organizations such as Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, Boys & Girls Clubs, and 4-H)

  - Local philanthropic organizations (such as the Lions Club, Rotary Club, Kiwanis, and Chamber of Commerce)

  - Any other organizations your parents or family members belong to, or even your parent's employers

- There are national scholarships sponsored by large corporations and foundations, which look for applicants nationwide who have different interests or skills.

Once you've found scholarships you'd like to pursue, remember to:

- Stay on top of deadlines and requirements when applying, and be sure to carefully proofread everything you submit for consideration.

- Keep track of all the scholarships you have applied for by setting up a simple spreadsheet.

- Follow instructions.

- Include strong recommendations.

Websites to Know

Entrance Exam Practice and Registration Sites:

https://www.collegeboard.com/ (PSAT, SAT, SAT subject tests)

https://www.satpractice.org/ (SAT)

https://www.khanacademy.org/

https://www.academy.act.org/ (ACT)

https://www.act.org/ (ACT)

https://www.march2success.com/

College Information Sites:

https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/

https://www.imfirst.org/

https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/

Financial Aid Information Sites:

https://www.fafsa.gov/ (CAUTION: **Do not Use** www.fafsa**.com**)

https://www.studentiad.gov/

https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/ (Bright Futures application)

Scholarship Information Sites:

https://www.scholarships.com/

https://www.fastweb.com/

https://www.cappex.com/

https://www.chegg.com/scholarships

Career Sites:

https://www.usajobs.com/

https://www.jobcorp.com/

https://www.careerbuilder.com/

https://www.monster.com/

Military Sites/ROTC Scholarship:

https://www.airforce.com/

https://www.army.mil/

https://www.uscg.mil/

https://www.marines.mil/

https://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 Contacts

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Mary Zilko	ext. 20159

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Kirsten Lawlor	ext. 31004
Kelsey Bilak	ext. 31157
Meg Durshimer	ext. 31101

Lakewood Ranch High School	**941-727-6100**
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Anastasia Verno	ext. 32021
Jennifer Moser	ext. 32148
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Brandi Clark-Hankerson	ext. 36226
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Karyn Baker	ext. 37007
Life Program	**941-751-7027**
Joe Scarpino	ext. 38003
Manatee Virtual School	**941-751-6550**
Doug Gordon	ext. 42131

NCAA Information

NCAA Eligibility Center Registration – Online https://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 seventh semester; seven of the 10 must be in English, Math or Science.
- These grades are "locked in" at start of the seventh semester (and cannot be repeated for GPA improvement).

Test Scores: (ACT/SAT)

As of January 2023, standardized test scores are **not required** for all student-athletes who initially enroll full time on or after August 1, 2023. During the 2023 NCAA Convention, Divisions I and II adopted legislation to remove test scores for these students. The vote was based on the recommendation from the Standardized Test Score Task Force, a specialized group charged with reviewing initial-eligibility requirements as part of the NCAA's plan to advance racial equality. Please be aware that college acceptance will still require test scores.

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 (https://www.eligibiltycenter.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.

Division I Core-Course Requirement (16)	Division I Qualifier Requirements *Athletic Aid, practice, and competition	Division I Academic Redshirt *Athletics Aid and Practice (No Competition)	Division II Core-Course Requirements (16) [Visit NCAA eligibility center for other Division II requirements / Partial Qualifier Requirements]
*4 years of English *3 years of Math (Algebra 1 or higher) *2 years of natural physical science *2 years of Social Science *4 years of additional courses (any area above, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy	*16 core courses *Ten (10) core courses completed before the start of seventh semester. Seven (7) of the 10 must be in English, Math, or Natural/Physical Science. *Corresponding test score (ACT sum score or SAT combined score) and core-course GPA (minimum 2,300) on division 1 Sliding Scale *Graduate from High School	*16 core course *Corresponding test score (ACT sum score or SAT combined score) *Core-Course GPA (minimum 2,000) on division 1 Sliding Scale *Graduate from High School	*3 years of English *2 years of math (Algebra 1 or higher) *2 years of science *3 years of additional English, Math, or natural/physical science *2 years of Social Science *4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy

Class of 2024 Graduation Dates

School	Date
Bayshore High School	Wednesday, May 15 - 4:00 PM
Braden River High School	Tuesday, May 14 - 7:30 PM
Lakewood Ranch High School	Thursday, May 16 - 7:30 PM
Manatee High School	Friday, May 17 - 7:30 PM
Palmetto High School	Friday, May 17 - 7:30 PM
Parrish Community High School	Wednesday, May 15 - 7:30 PM
Southeast High School	Thursday, May 16 - 4:00 PM

For additional information, please contact the High School or visit https://www.manateeschools.net/graduation.