



COLLEGE
APPLICATIONS AND
SCHOLARSHIPS



Agenda

- What's new in College Admissions
- The College List
- College Applications- The Common Application
- Scholarships

What's new in College Admissions

- Common Application has increased applications for most colleges. It's used by over 1,000 colleges. Over 400 schools have no application fee. Fee waivers on Common Application for students who qualify.
- Test Optional for out of state schools. Generally, if your test score is within range of the school averages listed on the website you should submit the score. The ideal student to go test score optional is one who has a strong transcript with rigorous courses and good grades. Florida schools are required by the legislature to require test scores. Many colleges outside of Florida require test scores for scholarships.
- There is a lot of speculation about the recent decision of the Supreme Court to not allow schools to admit students using affirmative action. Schools still value diversity.
- Return on your investment- will the degree be worth the cost you've paid for college
- The Florida universities have been named #1 in the country by US News for the 6th year in a row. This is due, in part, to the low cost of earning a degree. Florida is the 2nd largest university system in the country with 430,000 students.

The College List

Match

- Location
- Size
- Sports and Extracurricular Activities
- Majors
- Cost
- Campus Atmosphere

Fit

- Grade Point Average
- Test Scores
- Course Rigor

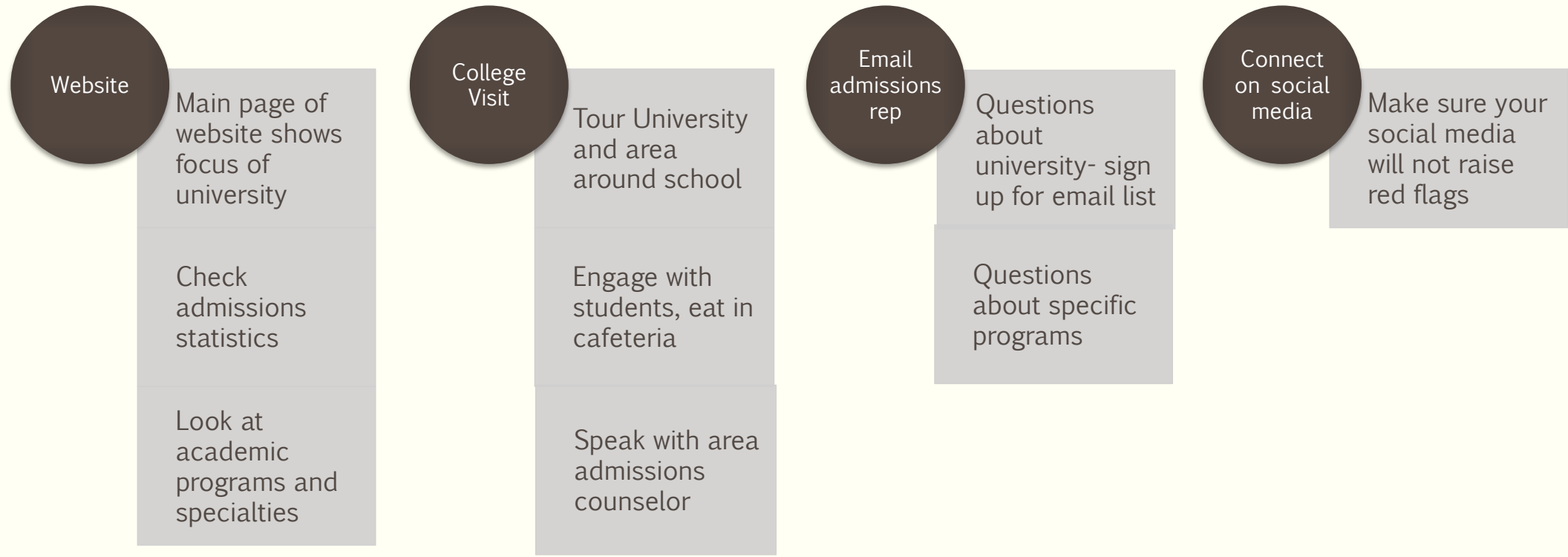
	FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY	7,803	4,933	1104	520	3.53	990 - 1140
	FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	29,614	23,067	6,292	4,280	3.58	1010 - 1150
	FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY	16,004	14,481	1,796	1,112	3.57 - 4.39	1020 - 1180
	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY	55,687	45,442	7,810	5,923	3.9 - 4.4	1060 - 1170
	FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY	1,593	1,531	N/A	161	3.8 - 4.5	1120 - 1220
	FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	44,161	32,936	12,775	4,614	4.1 - 4.5	1230 - 1320
	NEW COLLEGE OF FLORIDA	689	669	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA	68,406	58,721	11,600	7,640	3.9 - 4.3 / 4.10	1170 - 1240
	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	60,795	38,011	See Fall for combined	2,964	4.4 - 4.6	1240 - 1390
	UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA	16,517	14,282	1,982	1,359	3.11 - 3.74	950 - 1120
	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA	49,766	36,948	13,849	9,067	3.90 - 4.29	1100 - 1200
	UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA	13,504	9,280	673	271	3.81	970 - 1150

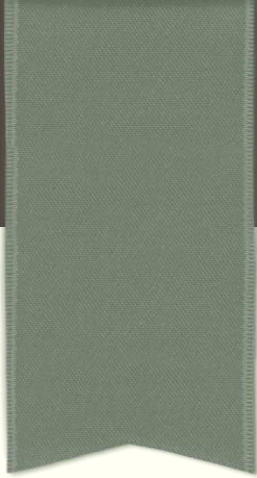
Middle 50% Admit FTIC ACT	Number of FTIC Applications	Number of FTIC Admits	Average or middle 50% FTIC GPA	Middle 50% Admit FTIC SAT	Middle 50% Admit FTIC ACT	SSAR/SPARK	Self-Reported Test Scores	2+2 Program
19 - 24	FAMU 21,415	4,186	3.91	1070 - 1240	22 - 27	Yes	No	FAMU IGNITE
20 - 24	FAU 30,337	17,727	3.70 - 4.30 / 4.0	1090 - 1250	22 - 28	Yes	Yes	Link to FAU
19 - 24	FCU 17,949	11,265	3.76 - 4.51	1080 - 1230	21 - 26	No	No	Destination FGCU
21 - 24	FIU 16,487	5,373	4.1 - 4.7	1240 - 1370	26 - 30	No	No	Connect4 Success
25 - 27	POLY 2,483	1,120	4.0 - 4.7	1250 - 1390	28 - 32	Yes	Yes	South Florida State College & Polk State College
26 - 30	PSU 62,046	14,128	4.3 - 4.6	1340 - 1450	29 - 33	Yes	Yes	Aspire TCC2FSU
N/A	new college 2,782	1,511	4.03	1100 - 1310	22 - 29	Yes	Yes	NCF Transform
23 - 26	UCF 43,332	16,157	4.1 - 4.5 / 4.30	1260 - 1380	26 - 30	Yes	No	Direct Connect
27 - 31	UF 66,866	12,742	4.4 - 4.6	1370 - 1510	31 - 34	Yes	Yes	Gator Engineering @ Santa Fe and State College of Florida
21 - 27	UNF 17,749	12,562	3.80 - 4.44	1060 - 1250	21 - 27	Yes	No	Transfer2UNF
22 - 25	USF 51,348	17,648	4.10 - 4.59	1250 - 1390	27 - 31	Yes	No	FUSE
19 - 24	UWF 9,397	5,212	3.95	1050 - 1230	21 - 27	Yes	No	2UWF

College List

- Don't rule out dream schools or private colleges
- Reciprocity Agreements with Florida schools
- Visiting schools is called "the golden ticket"
- Ask them to give you in state tuition.
- Check websites to see what is important to schools and do a "deeper dive" to see what the different majors look like
- There should be about 6 schools on your list. Two "reach schools", two realistic schools and two "safety schools"

How to show Demonstrated Interest





THE COMMON APPLICATION



Your future starts here

Apply to college for the first time or transfer to complete your degree. Navigate your entire college application journey with Common App.

[Start your application](#)

Let's get started!

Welcome to Common App! Please tell us how you will use the system so we can prepare your account. If you are unsure, we encourage you to explore each option before you continue.

Already have an account? [Go to the login page.](#)

First year student



Transfer student



Education professional



Parent or other adult



Welcome, Christian!

Congratulations on taking this first step in the college application process!

Here are some tips to get you started:

- This tab is your Dashboard. After you add a college to your list, you will see your application progress here.
- All colleges will need you to answer the common questions under your [Common App](#) tab.
- To apply to a college, head over to the [College Search](#) tab.
- Once you have added a college, you can complete and submit your application in the [My Colleges](#) tab.

We are here to help you every step of the way! If you run into any questions or you need some help, check out our 24/7 [Applicant Solutions Center](#) or [contact us](#) at any time.

Need help?



How can I add a college to my Dashboard?

You can add a college from the **College Search** tab.

Then follow these steps:
[Read more](#)

I already submitted, can I change some of my answers?

You can return at any time and change your answer to any question in the Common App tab for future
[Read more](#)

How many colleges can I add to my Dashboard?

Common App member colleges have stipulated that applicants may add up to 20 colleges. The college
[Read more](#)

Common App

Profile

Family

Education

Testing

Activities

Writing

Courses & Grades
0 college(s) require

Profile

Preview

Personal Information

Legal first/given name*

Christian

Would you like to share a different first name that people call you?

 Yes No

Clear answer

Middle name

Last/family/surname*

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Need help?



Need Help?

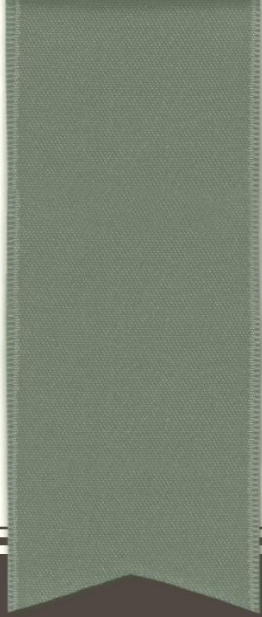
Please use the link below to look for an answer to your question. Answers to most questions can be found in [Read more](#)

Types of Decisions

- Early Admissions: preferred by most schools. Deadline is October 15 (FSU) or November 1.
- Early Decision: a binding agreement, used if you KNOW the school is your #1 choice. This can increase your chances of admission. Check statistics to find out if it will be an advantage.
- Rolling Admissions: used by non-competitive schools or schools who want to fill up spots after EA and ED.
- Deferred: Colleges usually are watching for more information to see if you will qualify. Can be test scores or, more often, senior year first semester grades
- Denied: Not a good fit for the school. Appealing decision is usually only successful if there is a change in student status.

Self Reported Student Academic Record (SSAR)

- 1. Go to ssar.selfreportedtranscript.com
- 2. Using the transcript as a guide, fill in the coursework
- 3. Use the student number at the end and enter it on the Common App
- 4. Coursework for the senior year needs to be reported. Students need to report any dropped classes to the colleges or Common Application at the end of first semester.
- At some point the students will need to get a transcript from any postsecondary institutions they have attended. Transcripts will be mailed to the college they will attend.
- May 1 is the deadline to choose the college the student will attend. Students should put down a dorm deposit as soon as possible to secure the best room.



SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Types of Scholarships

- Government: Federal and State

Federal- must fill out Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Pell Grant is

one of the main grants given by the Federal government. The application opens December 1. New and easier to fill out. Uses taxes from 2 years ago. 42 ques.

Work Study is another type of aid.

State- Florida Bright Futures, Jose Marti, various others. Must fill out floridafinancialaid.org. Application opens October 1.

- Institutional Financial Aid- Colleges vary on deadlines and policies. Early is better.
- Private Scholarships- Use search engines, such as Fastweb.com, to find.

Florida Scholarships

Florida Bright Futures Requirements

- Florida Academic Scholar
 - 3.5 GPA in core subjects only
 - 1340 on SAT
 - 29 on ACT
 - 100 hours of community service or work experience
 - Must fill out application on floridafinancialaid.org. Application opens October 1
- Florida Medallion Scholar
 - 3.0 GPA in core subjects only
 - 1210 on the SAT
 - 25 on the ACT
 - 75 hours of community service or work experience
 - Must fill out the application on floridafinancialaid.org. Application opens October 1

Scholarship Tips

- Apply early- most financial aid is given in February.
- Work with the financial aid office at the university
- Some schools require the CSS- College Search Service Profile. Check your college website. This application is through College Board. Application fee is required. This is a longer more detailed application.
- Some schools automatically consider you for merit aid, based on SAT/ACT or grades.
- Do your homework on the website.
- Raise.me and College Board opportunity scholarships are easy to get
- Scholarships stack and can bring in a significant amount of money
- Carefully compare award letters after being admitted. Loans are usually listed.

Where will your student land?

