



Class of 2019 College Application Guide



Florida A & M University

Rolling Admissions – Beginning September 1, 2018 <https://www.famu.edu/admissions>

(If you are using an application fee waiver, you must submit a paper application.)

Application Deadlines

Summer 2019: March 1, 2019

Fall 2018: May 1, 2019

November 30, 2018* | Admission application for priority Scholarship Consideration (if eligible)

Scholarship Opportunities: <http://www.famu.edu/index.cfm?Scholarships&SchoolsandColleges>

Admissions Essay: Your personal statement should be no longer than 250 words each or a total of 500 words for both personal statements.

1. Describe an activity, interest, experience, or achievement in your life (this could be a book, movie or an activity or experience at work, home or school) that has been particularly meaningful to you.
2. How has your family history, culture, or environment influenced who you are?
3. What qualities or unique characteristics do you possess that would allow you to contribute to the university community?

Florida Atlantic University

Rolling Admissions - Apply online beginning Fall July 1st and Summer Feb 15th at www.fau.edu/admissions (no essay required)

Priority Application deadline February 15, 2019

Scholarships - <http://www.fau.edu/admissions/scholarships-fr.php>

Freshman scholarship deadline December 15, 2018; Freshman scholarship deadline January 15, 2019

FAFSA Deadline: December 15, 2018

Florida Gulf Coast University

Rolling Admissions - Apply online beginning Jan 9 (spring) June 1 (summer) Sept 1. (Fall) at www.fgcu.edu/eagles

NO Admissions Essay Required

Fall & Summer Priority Application Deadline: February 15, 2019

FAFSA Deadline: March 1, 2019

Scholarship Opportunities: <http://www.fgcu.edu/foundation/scholarships.asp>

Fall Admission Merit & Presidential Gold Scholarship Deadline: Nov 15, 2018



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Florida International University

Rolling Admissions - Apply online beginning July (Fall) <http://admissions.fiu.edu/>

Scholarships - November 1, 2018 – Priority Scholarship Consideration

<http://admissions.fiu.edu/financial/scholarships.php>

FAFSA Application Opens: October 1, 2018

Essay Topic: Students essay used for holistic review process

Please reflect back on your high school experience and write a letter to your high school self. What advice would you give yourself?

Florida Polytechnic University (Requires SSAR – See schools website for details)

Rolling Admissions – Application opens online beginning July 1st

Early Decision deadline: November 1, 2018

Priority deadline: January 1, 2019

Scholarship Opportunities: <https://floridapolytechnic.org/admissions/tuitionfinancial-aid/florida-poly-scholarships/>

Florida State University (Requires SSAR – See schools website for details)

Rolling Admissions - Apply online beginning August 1 at <http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/students.html>

Scholarship Opportunities: <http://admissions.fsu.edu/freshman/finances/scholarships.cfm>

First Deadline is November 1, 2018 – Decision by January 25, 2019 (CARE Program Deadline)

Second Deadline is February 7, 2019 – Decision by March 29, 2019

FAFSA Deadline: December 1, 2018

***LAST ACT/SAT TEST SCORES ACCEPTED: December Tests are the Last Scores Accepted for January Notification**

*View The Coalition Application Steps Form for Instructions & Essay

FSU Summer Bridge (Care Program) Deadline 2018

First Deadline is November 1, 2018 – Decision by January 25, 2019 (CARE Program Deadline)

Academic Requirements 3.0 GPA (weighted) SAT 980, and ACT 19

New College of Florida

Apply online beginning August 1 at <https://www.commonapp.org/CommonApp/default.aspx>

Priority decision deadline November 1 2018 – Scholarship deadline April 15, 2019 *View Common App for Essay Topics and app instructions. Scholarship Opportunities: <http://www.ncf.edu/scholarships>



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University of Central Florida

Rolling Admissions – Beginning July 15 Apply online at <http://www.admissions.ucf.edu> or <https://www.commonapp.org/CommonApp/default.aspx>

Application deadlines: March 1 for Summer. May 1 for Fall. **(RECOMMENDED DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1st)**

Scholarship Opportunities: <http://admissions.ucf.edu/cost/>

FAFSA Deadline: December 1, 2018

*View Common App Steps Form for Instructions & Essay Topics

University of Florida (Requires SSAR – See schools website for details)

Apply online beginning August 1 at Website: <http://www.admissions.ufl.edu> or <http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/students.html>

Deadline: November 1, 2018 / SSAR December 1, 2018 Decision: February, 2019

Scholarship Opportunities: <http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/programs/scholarships/>

FAFSA Deadline: December 15, 2018

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University of North Florida

Rolling Admissions - Apply online beginning June 1 at <http://www.unf.edu/admissions/applynow/>

Scholarship Opportunities: <http://www.fau.edu/admissions/scholarships-fr.php>

Priority Scholarship Deadline: October 15, 2018

Admissions Essay – Not Required

Although there is no essay required for admissions, **I highly recommend writing one for the Merit-Based Scholarship.**

Merit-Based Scholarship Essay Prompts:

1. What is most appealing to you about UNF?
2. What details of your life (your history, experiences, etc.) set you apart from other candidates?
3. How has your work and/or volunteer shaped you?



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University of South Florida

Rolling Decision beginning July 15 www.usf.edu/admissions or <http://usfweb2.usf.edu/admissions/apply.html>

Scholarship Opportunities: <http://usfweb2.usf.edu/admissions/scholarships.html>

Priority Scholarship Deadline: January 15, 2019

Admissions Essay – Not Required

NOTE: USF does not require this information with your initial application. However, in the event that you are deferred for any reason (including semester grades or new test scores), we encourage you to submit this additional documentation. You should send no more than two letters of recommendation, and the recommendations that mean the most are written by teachers who can best vouch for your potential for academic success in college.

University of West Florida

Apply online Beginning September 1st at: <https://www.gowestflorida.org/go/>

Scholarship Opportunities: <http://uwf.edu/finaid/scholarships.cfm>

Admissions Essay – Not Required

Common App

Florida Universities that are part of this application include University of Central Florida and New College of Florida

<https://www.commonapp.org/how-apply#component-wrapper-10>

Coalition Application

The Coalition Application is an application accepted by 140 accredited colleges and universities, including all eight Ivy Leagues. Florida Universities that are part of this application include University of Florida and Florida State University.

Steps for applying

A. Go to <http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org>

*. Click on the button that says “Create Your Account/Start An Application.”

B. Create your account

*. There will be a confirmation link sent to your e-mail. Make sure to check your junk/spam folder!!!

C. Log in as A Student.

1. Start your profile à This is information about yourself, your classes, and your extracurricular activities.

2. Add to your locker à This is where you upload files like your essays or your portfolios if you’re applying as an Arts or Design major. You can also upload other media that is required for your preferred major (e.g.: videos for Film majors).



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3. Invite contacts à This application allows you to invite your counselors, teachers, parents, etc. to aid in completing your application (e.g.: submitting a letter of recommendation).

4. Build your college list à This is where you select the colleges you want to send your application to.

*. You can only use this application to apply to any of the 140 colleges in the list on the first page. NO other colleges accept this application.

**.. The “Start Application” button for a college is only available at the time when the college is accepting applications.

D. Essay prompts for 2017-2019:

Essay Prompts

The prompts for the 2017-19 application years are:

- Tell a story from your life, describing an experience that either demonstrates your character or helped to shape it.
- Describe a time when you made a meaningful contribution to others in which the greater good was your focus. Discuss the challenges and rewards of making your contribution.
- Has there been a time when you've had a long-cherished or accepted belief challenged? How did you respond? How did the challenge affect your beliefs?
- What is the hardest part of being a teenager now? What's the best part? What advice would you give a younger sibling or friend (assuming they would listen to you)?
- Submit an essay on a topic of your choice.

2018-2019 College Admission Testing

· Standardized tests (SAT & ACT) provide colleges with a common measure to help them make admission decisions. Additionally, they are one indicator of a student's readiness to do college-level work. Test scores may also be used as a criterion for awarding merit-based financial aid.

· The vast majority of higher education institutions accept both the SAT and the ACT for college admission and regard them as equally valid.

· When students should take (or re-take) the ACT or SAT or both, depends on the students' goals. Whether it be individual college requirements, college placement, and/or Bright Futures Scholarship eligibility. It is best for students to allow enough time to re-take a test if necessary.

· Students register through the College Board or ACT web sites. They must create a Log-In and Password. Please keep this information saved in a notebook for future use. <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register> & <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html>

· Fee waivers are available for students who are eligible for free or reduced lunch. You may request fee waivers from Mr. I. Fee waivers CAN be used after Registration Deadlines – Late Fees May Apply!

· Students must print Test Ticket after registration is complete. Test Ticket and Valid ID must be brought with you on test day. If you do not have Test Ticket and Valid ID, you WILL NOT be allowed to take exam. Please bring a snack and water on test day.

· CEEB Code or 6-digit high school code for Orlando Science High School is 102293



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SAT TEST DATE TEST REGISTRATION DEADLINE

SAT Test Dates 2018-19 (U.S.)

Test Date	Normal Deadline	Late Registration*	Online Score Release
August 25, 2018	July 27, 2018	August 14, 2018	September 17, 2018
October 6, 2018	September 7, 2018	September 26, 2018	October 19-25, 2018
November 3, 2018	October 4, 2018	October 24, 2018	November 16-22, 2018
December 1, 2018	November 1, 2018	November 20, 2018	December 14-20, 2018
March 9, 2019**	February 8, 2019	February 27, 2019	March 22-28, 2019
May 4, 2019	April 5, 2019	April 24, 2019	May 17-23, 2019
June 1, 2019	May 2, 2019	May 22, 2019	July 10, 2019

**The late registration deadline is one week earlier if you are registering by mail.*

***Regular SAT only.*

SAT Sunday Testing

<http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/specialcircumstance>

BEFORE Registration Deadline, First Time Registries Must Submit By Mail the Items Below:

*Paper Registration w/Test Center Code #01000 *Letter From Your Clergy *Test Waiver (if applicable)



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ACT TEST DATE TEST REGISTRATION DEADLINE

2018-19 ACT Test Dates & Registration Deadlines

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Complete Score Release**
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018	March 10-23, 2018	April 24 - June 8, 2018
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018	May 5-18, 2018	June 19 - August 3, 2018
July 14, 2018*	June 15, 2018	June 16-22, 2018	July 24 - August 27, 2018
September 8, 2018	August 3, 2018	August 4-17, 2018	September 18 - November 2, 2018
October 27, 2018	September 21, 2018	September 22 - October 10, 2018	November 13, 2018 - January 1, 2019
December 8, 2018	November 2, 2018	November 3-25, 2018	December 18, 2018 - February 1, 2019
February 9, 2019*	January 11, 2019	January 12-18, 2019	February 20 - April 5, 2019

ACT Non-Saturday Testing

<http://actstudent.org/faq/nonsat.html>

*Register for the ACT on-line and look for Test Centers in your area that end with zero (0)

*You can also look up locations by visiting website and clicking on “Test Centers”/enter state ”Florida” –

Sunday test centers will appear in bold, underlined, and contain an (*).