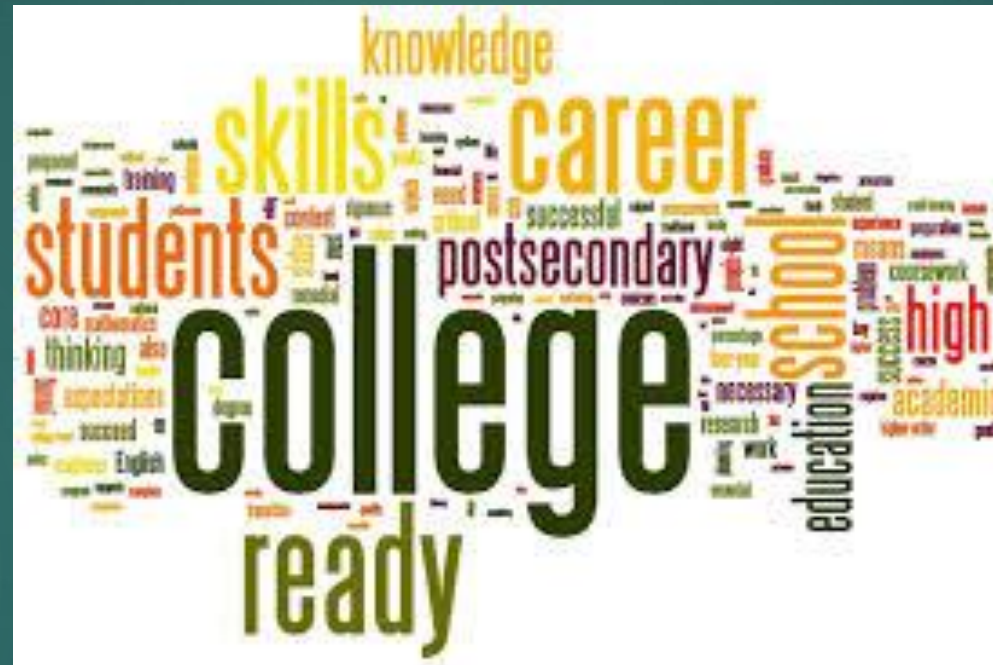


Welcome to Junior Parent College Night



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Agenda

- ▶ College Planning Resources
- ▶ Things to Consider
- ▶ College Applications
- ▶ College Entrance Exams
- ▶ Campus Visits
- ▶ Financial Aid
- ▶ Scholarships
- ▶ Timeline





College Admissions Simplified

- app.scoir.com
- Allows students to organize their college search and application process
- Parents are able to:
 - View their child's profile
 - See their college list
 - Conduct your own college search and suggest colleges for your student to consider
 - Access financial tools in order to get a better sense of the cost of attendance at various colleges during the selection process.

Your child is unique. Their admissions experience should be, too.

Helping your student find a school that's right for them can be intimidating – especially when you have just as many questions as they do.

How far along in the process should we be?

Will we be able to afford it?

What matters most when searching?

We hear you. That's why we created the parent experience. Designed for collaboration and to equip you with the information your family needs to make the right choice about college.



Parent Application Overview

Understand admissions costs

Use our tools to see what the cost of each school will be for your family based on how much you can contribute to their cost of education.

Research colleges...together.

Search for the basics *and* for unique interests best suited for your kid's success. Then share them for your student to review.

Stay connected

Stay current with your student's college lists and communicate with them in the platform.

[Parent Overview](#)
[Student Overview](#)

Things to Consider

College Comparison & Research

- ▶ Geographic location and size
- ▶ Cost and financial aid
- ▶ Average GPA, SAT and ACT Scores
- ▶ Admission policy
- ▶ Majors and educational programs
- ▶ Personal factors
- ▶ Campus environment
- ▶ Campus activities
- ▶ Support services

What do Colleges Look For?

- ✓ School Achievement
 - ✓ GPA and rigor of coursework
- ✓ Test Scores
- ✓ Recommendations
- ✓ Essay
- ✓ Interview (not all schools utilize this)
- ✓ Activities



Balancing College Choices & Factoring Selectivity

It is recommended students apply to 3-5 colleges

LIKELY: A school that typically accepts students with similar credentials.

PROBABLE: A school where chances of acceptance are better than being rejected, but not guaranteed.

REACH: A school where chances of being rejected are higher than being accepted, but some students with similar credentials have been admitted.

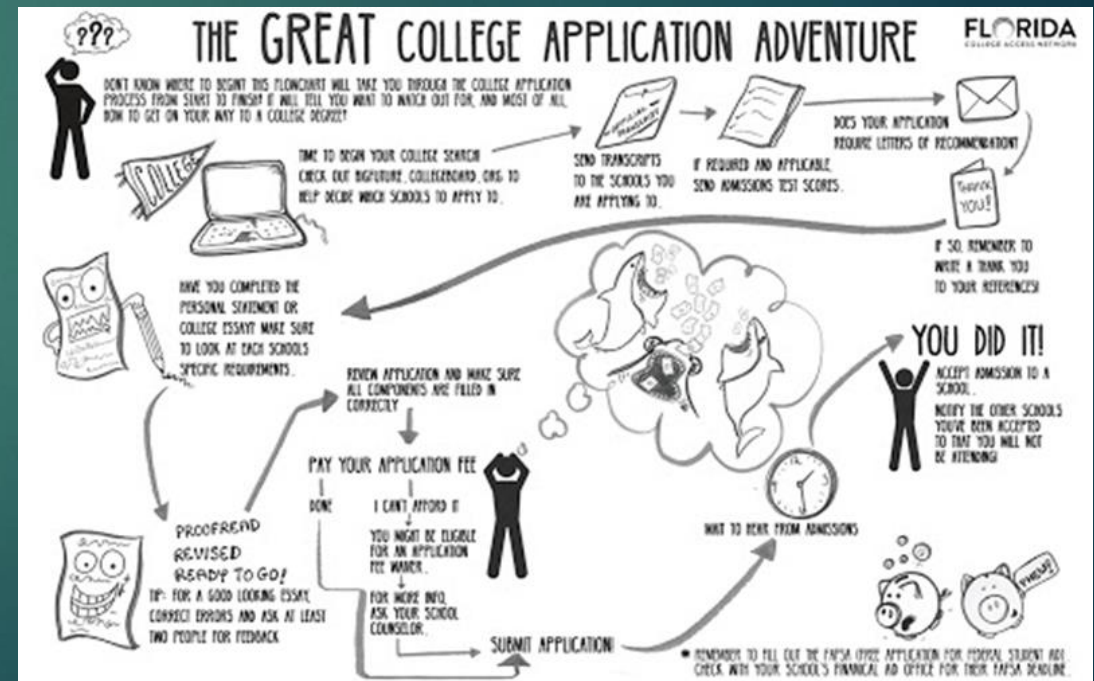
Students are encouraged to apply to at 1 reach school.



College Applications

- ❖ Go to the college website
- ❖ It is the student's responsibility to know their deadlines and what is needed for their application
 - ❖ i.e. Letters of Recommendation, Essay, transcript vs. SSAR
- ❖ Most applications are completed online either
 - ❖ Through the college's website
 - ❖ Common Application

* Fee waivers available if qualify for free/reduced lunch



State University System

University	Deadline	Application Type	Mid 50% GPA	MID 50% SAT/ACT	Transcript/ SSAR	Essays	Recommendations
FIU	Priority: 11/1/2020 Final: 4/1/2021	Institutional	4.0-4.6 Weighted/ Re-calculated	SAT- 1240-1360 ACT- 26-31	Transcript	No	No
UF	Priority: 11/1/2020 Final: 3/1/2021	Common App Coalition App	4.3 - 4.6 Weighted/ Re-calculated	SAT- 1340-1470 ACT- 30-33	SSAR	Yes	No
FSU	11/1/2020	Institutional Common App Coalition App	4.1 — 4.5 Weighted/ Re-calculated	SAT- 1270-1390 ACT- 28-32	SSAR	Yes	No
UCF	Rolling Admissions 5/1/2020	Institutional Common App	3.99 — 4.47 Weighted/ Re-calculated	SAT- 1280-1390 ACT- 28-32	Transcript	Yes	No
USF	Priority: 11/1/2020 Final: 3/1/2021	Institutional Coalition App	4.1 — 4.3 Weighted/ Re-calculated	SAT- 1260-1325 ACT- 27-30	Transcript	Optional	Optional
FAU	4/15/2020	Institutional Common App	3.58 — 4.18 Weighted/ Re-calculated	SAT- 1120-1260 ACT- 22-29	SSAR	No	No

Private/Out of State Universities

University	Deadline	Application Type	Mid 50% GPA	MID 50% SAT/ACT	Transcript/ SSAR	Essays	Recommendations
University of Miami	EA/ED: 11/1/2020 Regular: 1/1/2021	Common App	3.8	SAT- 1350-1480 ACT- 31-34	Transcript	Yes	Yes- Counselor, 2 teachers
Barry University	Rolling Final 5/1/2021	Institutional Common App		SAT- 970-1060 ACT- 17-20	Transcript	No	No
Nova Southeastern University	EA/ED: 11/1/2020 Regular: 2/1/2021	Institutional Common App	3.5-3.74	SAT- 1080-1280 ACT- 23-28	Transcript	Optional	Counselor
Emory University	ED: 11/1/2020 Regular: 1/1/2021	Common App Coalition App	3.79-4.0	SAT- 1350-1520 ACT- 30-33	Transcript	Yes	Yes- Counselor, 2 teachers
MIT	EA: 11/1/2020 Regular: 1/1/2021	Institutional	97% in the top 10%	SAT- 1490-1570 ACT- 33-35	Transcript	Yes	Yes- Counselor, 2 teachers
Columbia University	ED: 11/1/2020 Regular: 1/1/2021	Common App Coalition App	95% in the top 10%	SAT- 1480- 1560 ACT- 33-35	Transcript	Yes	Yes- Counselor, 2 teachers
Harvard University	REA: 11/1/2020 Regular: 1/1/2021	Common App Coalition App	93% in the top 10%	SAT- 1460-1590 ACT- 32-35	Transcript	Yes	Yes- Counselor, 2 teachers

College Entrance Exams

ACT/SAT Information

- ▶ Should take in March/April and May/June– and at least once in their senior year if not satisfied with the scores

ACT

- ❖ Registration: www.actstudent.org
- ❖ It is recommended students take ACT plus Writing

SAT

- ❖ Registration: www.collegeboard.org
- ❖ It is recommended students take SAT plus Writing
- Watch registration deadlines!
- Four free score reports if indicate colleges before testing, cost if order after test
- Takes 4-6 weeks for a college to receive scores
- Fee waivers available if student qualifies for free and reduced lunch

Test Preparation



- Khan Academy- Free preparation through College Board. Linking PSAT scores gives individualized program.
- <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice>



- ACT Academy- a free online learning tool and test practice program. Must enter scores to get individualized program.
- <https://academy.act.org/>
- <https://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/Preparing-for-the-ACT.pdf>

Campus Visits

- Varies by families/student
 - Option to wait until acceptance senior year
- Talk to specific schools and ask if they offer prospective student nights or open houses
- Visit local schools
 - Experience difference between sizes or public vs. private
 - Register on their admissions office



Financial Aid

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
 - Opens Oct. 1st of Senior Year
 - Will provide financial aid based on need
 - FAFSA4caster gives you a free early estimate of your eligibility for federal student aid: fafsa.ed.gov
- Scholarships
 - Majority will come from college directly
 - Check local organizations, places of work, updated on Naviance and Schoology
 - Usually based on Merit (Grades, Scores)
- Sticker price Vs. Actual Price
 - Will not know the actual price until accepted and receive financial aid award letter (Spring Senior Year)

Bright Futures Scholarship



Type	16 High School Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/SAT®)	Service Hours
FAS	4 - English <i>(three must include substantial writing)</i> 4 - Mathematics <i>(at or above the Algebra I level)</i> 3 - Natural Science <i>(two must have substantial laboratory)</i>	3.50	2019-20 Graduates: 29/1290 2020-21 Graduates: 29/1330	100 hours
FMS	3 - Social Science 2 - World Language <i>(sequential, in same language)</i>	3.00	2019-20 Graduates: 26/1170 2020-21 Graduates: 25/1210	75 hours

Check progress at: <https://www.floridashines.org/go-to-college/pay-for-college>

Other Scholarship Resources

- ✓ iPrep PTSA Scholarship
- ✓ College Board Opportunity Scholarship
 - ✓ <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/>
- ✓ Going Merry
 - ✓ <https://www.goingmerry.com/c/beatricep-3pzje>
- ✓ Raise.me
 - ✓ Micro-scholarships for grades, activities, SAT
- ✓ Posse Foundation- provides full tuition leadership scholarships to select colleges and universities through a Dynamic Assessment Process
 - ✓ <https://www.possefoundation.org/>
- ✓ Questbridge- scholarship program for high-achieving, low-income students
 - ✓ <https://www.questbridge.org/>
- ✓ Edmodo- Class of 2021



Junior/Senior Year Timeline

Junior Year

- ❑ Register for the SAT/ACT
 - ❑ Plan time to study/review for the exam
- ❑ Begin developing college list
- ❑ Summer Programs



Senior Year

- ❑ September/October
 - ❑ Senior Parent Night & FAFSA Info Night
 - ❑ College Fair
 - ❑ October 1st -FAFSA Opens (fafsa.ed.gov)
 - ❑ October 15th- Earliest Deadline
- ❑ November 1st
 - ❑ Early Action/Early Decision Deadlines. Can mean early acceptance notification and/or priority for scholarships
- ❑ Rolling and regular admission deadlines throughout the year. All deadlines vary depending on school