

Parent University

Senior Year Planning Guide

“It’s not the plan that is important, it’s the planning.” (Dr. Graeme Edwards)



LOLHS Senior Parent Night
September 28, 2017

My Roadmap to College – 12th grade

August	September	October	November
<p>STAY CONNECTED! Twitter: @LOLHS_CRC Remind: @lolhs2018 to 81010 http://connectplus.pasco.k12.fl.us/sfraneco</p> <p>Visit CollegeBoard and get started with Big Future. https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org.</p> <p>Review your career plans and decide which type of school is right for you. If you need a plan, contact Ms. Colon or your School Counselor.</p> <p>Contact Ms. Colon for ACT and/or SAT registration information, test dates, and for fee waivers (if you're eligible).</p> <p>Apply for free/reduced lunch program. www.pascoschools.org</p>	<p>Attend the LOLHS Parent University (9/28)</p> <p>Contact schools/colleges you are interested in and set up a tour. (See info on the CRC blog about questions, excused absences, etc.)</p> <p>Narrow your college list, review college applications & begin to apply for admissions.</p> <p>Ask your English teacher or School Counselor to review your application essay.</p> <p>Many Universities have early priority deadlines, such as November 1st for UF and FSU. Don't delay in submitting a completed application package: Online application submitted, application fee paid, official scores sent from SAT/ACT and official transcript sent from Guidance.</p> <p>**SSAR is required by some universities in lieu of transcripts. Give yourself plenty of time!</p>	<p>Join a club. Get involved and stay active!</p> <p>Complete the Florida Financial Aid Application (includes Bright Futures) opens Oct. 1st. I will work within English classes to get this submitted with you.</p> <p>Complete FAFSA after October 1st www.fafsa.gov</p> <p>If available, attend local college fairs and continue working on college applications.</p> <p>Turn in community service hours for Bright Futures (ongoing).</p> <p>Retake SAT/ACT exams to try to raise your scores. Many universities "super-score", where they use the highest score from the individual subtests across dates to create a new composite/average score.</p>	<p>Keep your grades up. Colleges and Universities may require or request proof of your first semester grades.</p> <p>Watch for graduation cap and gown announcements and order forms. Avoid late fees!</p> <p>Check the CRC blog regularly for the updated Scholarship Central Newsletter and other scholarship links. http://connectplus.pasco.k12.fl.us/sfraneco</p>
December	January	February	March
<p>Complete a Pasco Education Foundation scholarship application. Deadline in January.</p> <p>Study for semester exams! Final class rank is determined after first semester!</p>	<p>Turn in community service hours. Keep copies of all forms you submit.</p> <p>Check the CRC blog for new scholarship postings.</p>	<p>Sign up to take the ASVAB for those pursuing a military career OR those who want to explore different careers.</p> <p>Plan to attend PHSC in the fall? Submit your application for admission. See Ms. Colon about the Senior Blitz.</p>	<p>Check college portals for important information such as financial aid awards, housing applications, etc.</p> <p>Make final college decision. Be PROUD! Let Ms. Colon and your School Counselor celebrate with you!</p> <p>Consider applying for a summer job. You'll be starting college before you know it!</p>
April	May	May, continued	June
<p>Track deadlines at your college: Housing, Financial Aid.</p> <p>Check your Bright Futures eligibility with Ms. Colon and/or at www.floridashines.org</p> <p>Turn in community service hours.</p>	<p>National deadline for making your final college decision is May 1st!</p> <p>Take your AP exams.</p> <p>Turn in your community service hours for Spring semester.</p> <p>Finalize summer school or summer job plans.</p>	<p>Last chance to take your ACT/SAT this year.</p> <p>Let Ms. Colon know of the scholarships you've been awarded.</p> <p>Attend graduation rehearsal. It is mandatory!</p>	<p>Watch the mail for packages from your college. They should be sending information about registration, orientation and other campus events.</p> <p>Best wishes for a successful future!</p>

2017 State University System of Florida Admissions Tour MATRIX

Universities	FAMU	FAU	FGCU	FU	FLORIDA	FSU	NCF	UCF	UF	UNF	USF	UWF
Location	Tallahassee	Boca Raton	Ft. Myers	Miami	Lakeland	Tallahassee	Sarasota	Orlando	Gainesville	Jacksonville	Tampa	Pensacola
Enrollment Fall 2016	9,614	30,601	14,821	55,112	1,256	41,867	875	64,335	54,854	15,975	42,803	12,083
Undergraduate Enrollment Fall 2016	7,120	24,212	13,544	41,111	1,185	32,669	861	55,783	38,035	14,091	30,619	10,082
Sports Division	Div 1	Div 1	Div 1	Div 1	NA	Div 1	N/A	Div 1	Div 1	Div 1	Div 1	Div 2
Types of Applications Accepted	FAMU Online Only	FAU Online Application	FGCU Online Application	Institutional	FL Poly Online App and Common App	FSU Online Application or the Coalition Application	Common Application	UCF Online App or Common App	Coalition for Access and Affordability; www.admissions.ufl.edu	Institutional App only - will be on Common App some time this year	Institutional App Only	Institutional App Only
Preferred Time to Apply	September	Fall of Senior Year	Fall of the Senior Year	Prior to November 1	Prior to November 1	Prior to November 1	By November 1	Fall of the Senior Year	August 15 - November 1	Prior to "Scholarship Deadline"	Prior to November 1	Fall of the Senior Year
Application Fee	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30 (plus an additional \$5 processing fee if using the Coalition)	\$30	\$30	\$30 + \$5 processing Fee	\$30	\$30	\$30
What is your admissions notification plan?	Weekly; Scholarship Deadline November 29	Rolling with February 15th Priority Deadline	Nov. 15th Merit Scholarship Deadline; Rolling with Feb. 15th Priority Deadline	Rolling with Deadlines	Priority Deadline of November 1st and Rolling on a space available basis	Deadline Dates: 11/1/2017 and 2/7/2018 Corresponding Notification Dates: 1/25/2018 and 3/29/2018	Rolling, with Nov. 1 application and FAFSA priority deadline and April 15 guaranteed scholarship program deadline	Rolling	Feb. 9 for Nov 1 applicants	Rolling	Priority Deadline Nov 1; Scholarship Deadline Jan 15th	Scholarship Application Priority Deadline 12/1/2017; Firm Application Deadline 6/1/2018
% of Applicants Accepted Summer/Fall 2017	69% (Summer) 51% (Fall)	59% (Summer) 64% (Fall)	64% (Summer) 62% (Fall)	Summer/Fall: 50%	73% (Fall)	46% (Summer) 41% (Fall)	No Summer Admissions 54% (Fall)	50% (Summer) 45% (Fall)	40% (Summer) 40% (Fall)	79% (Summer) 50% (Fall)	Summer/fall: 45%	41% (Summer) 57% (Fall)
Mid Range Accepted GPA - Summer/Fall 2016	Summer 2017: 3.0 Fall 2017: 3.49 3.0-3.49	Summer 2017: 3.40-3.91 Fall 2017: 3.80-4.45	Summer 2017: 3.38-4.12 Fall 2017: 3.42-4.22	Early Fall - 3.74 Fall - 4.13	3.47-4.26	Summer 2017: 4.2 Fall 2017: 4.0-4.5	Fall 2017: 3.6 Fall 2017: 3.77-4.36	Summer 2017: 3.60 Fall 2017: 4.00 3.7-4.3	Summer 2017: 4.3-4.6 Fall 2017: 4.6	Summer 2017: 3.0-3.6 Fall 2017: 4.3 3.6-4.4	Summer 2017: 3.42-3.86 Fall 2017: 3.90 - 4.43	Summer 2017: 3.5 Fall 2017: 3.8
Middle Range New (2016) SAT (Evidence-based Reading and Writing/ Math) Accepted Summer/ Fall 2017	Summer/Fall RW: 500-590 M: 500-590	Summer RW: 520-590 M: 510-570 Fall: RW: 560-630 M: 580-620	Summer: RW: 530-590 M: 510-590 Fall: RW: 550-620 M: 530-600	Summer/Fall: RW: 590 M: 590	Fall: RW: 540-650 M: 540-660	Summer 2017 RW: 590-650 M: 570-650 Fall 2017 RW: 620-690 M: 610-680	Fall 2017 RW: 630-710 M: 580-690	Fall RW: 620-700 M: 610-700	Fall RW: 630-710 M: 640-730	Fall RW: 610-670 M: 590-660	Fall RW: 610-680 M: 600-680	Fall RW: 592 M: 574
Middle Range ACT Accepted - Summer/Fall 2017	Summer/Fall 18-21	Summer Comp: 21-24 Fall Comp: 23-27	Summer Comp: 20-23 Fall Comp: 21-26	Summer/Fall: COMP: 21-23	COMP: 24-29	Summer 2017 Comp: 25-29 Fall 2017 Comp: 27-31	Fall 2017 COMP: 26-31	Fall Comp: 26-30	Summer 2017: Comp: 28-32 Fall 2017: Comp: 28-32	Summer Comp: 21-24 Fall Comp: 25-29	Fall Comp: 26-30	Summer: Comp: 23 Fall Comp: 25
Are SAT Scores Interchangeable between test dates? (superscore)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Are ACT Scores Interchangeable between test dates? (superscore)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Prefer SAT or ACT?	Either	Either	Either	Either	Either	Either	Either	Either	Either	Either	Either	Either
Are Letters of Recommendation Required for Inclusion with the Application?	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes - 1	No	No, Not Required	Not required, but encouraged.	No	No
GPA Calculations/QP for Accelerated Mechanisms												
AP	1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1
Dual Enrollment	1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1
Honors	0.5	*0.5	*0.5	*0.5	*0.5	*0.5	*0.5	*0.5	*0.5	*0.5	*0.5	*0.5
IB	1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1
AICE	1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1

NOTE: Asterisk indicates course(s) must have a grade of C or better to be weighted.

College financial aid timeline for HS seniors



July - Sept

- Research local scholarships
- Get an estimate of what colleges on your list will cost using **Net Price Calculator**
- Look up priority deadlines and required forms

Dec - Jan

- **Submit applications** for admission
- **Apply** for outside scholarships
- Get to know the **FAFSA**
- **Gather** year end documents for FAFSA and PROFILE

FAFSA Available
Jan 1st

Mar-Apr

- **Compare** your financial aid awards
- Communicate any **special circumstances** to financial aid offices
- Research **loans** offered and other financing options

HS Senior
Year Begins

Off to College

Oct-Nov

- Continue scholarship research
- Find out if you need to file the **CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE**
- Complete the **PROFILE**
- **CSS/PROFILE Available**
Oct 1

February



- File taxes as close to Feb 1st as possible
- Submit **FAFSA** and **PROFILE**
- Correct early FAFSA with actual tax information
- Add schools to **PROFILE** as needed
- Submit any other institution applications for aid

May

Make your decision
May 1st

Senior Year Calendar for Students Applying for Financial Aid

SUMMER BEFORE SENIOR YEAR

- ❑ **Research scholarship opportunities for which you might be eligible.** An early start will give you time to meet deadlines and to prepare a competitive application.
- ❑ Create the FSA ID and password for yourself and at least one parent at studentaid.gov/fsaid.

SEPTEMBER

- ❑ **Ask your school counselor about local scholarships** offered by community groups, civic associations, and businesses in your area.
- ❑ Start gathering what you need to complete the FAFSA. Visit FAFSA online at fafsa.gov for a list of required documents.
- ❑ If you're going to apply **Early Decision** to a college, and financial aid is an important part of your decision to attend, review application deadlines and requirements carefully.
- ❑ Use the online **financial aid calculator** on collegeboard.org to estimate your family's expected family contribution (EFC).
- ❑ Complete the Net Price Calculator on the college website. The Net Price Calculator is a tool that students can use to get an early indication of how much and what types of financial aid they might receive.

OCTOBER

- ❑ Find out if there's a **family financial aid night** at your high school or in your area.
- ❑ If you need to fill out the **CSS /Financial Aid PROFILE**, you can register on student.collegeboard.org/profile starting Oct. 1.
- ❑ If any **scholarship applications need recommendations**, request them now, or at least four weeks before the deadline.
- ❑ If a college you're applying to has an early **financial aid priority date**, submit your FAFSA as soon as you can. Be sure you have completed any supplemental applications required by the college.
- ❑ **File the FAFSA and other aid forms now.** Remember: Some funds may be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Apply early to ensure you meet deadlines and maximize your aid award.

NOVEMBER

- ❑ **Check each college's financial aid section of their website** for deadlines and the required forms.

DECEMBER

- ❑ Check the status of your admission and financial aid applications. If any outstanding items are required by your college, ensure you respond by required deadlines. Many colleges provide online resources where you may check the status of your application.

JANUARY

- ❑ If needed, correct or update your **Student Aid Report (SAR)** that follows the FAFSA. Contact the college financial aid office for additional guidance.
- ❑ If you submitted the **CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE**, check **your acknowledgment** and send any corrections, if necessary, directly to the colleges that require it.

MARCH

- ❑ Submit any final, outstanding information or documentation that may be required to process your aid award.

APRIL

- ❑ Most admission decisions and financial aid award letters arrive this month. **Carefully compare financial aid award letters** from the colleges that accept you.
- ❑ Contact the colleges if you have any **questions about the financial aid packages** they've offered you. Make sure you understand all terms and conditions.
- ❑ If you didn't get enough aid to be able to attend a particular college, explore other alternatives to cover the cost. Additional options, might include federal loans, such as the Parent Loan to Undergraduate Students (PLUS), which may not have been included in your initial award. If your family's financial circumstances have changed or you have special circumstances that may impact your eligibility, contact your financial aid office to discuss your options.
- ❑ Make a final decision, **accept the aid package, and mail a deposit check** to the college you select before May 1 (the acceptance deadline for most schools).
- ❑ On the **waiting list** at your first-choice college? Don't let being wait-listed jeopardize your aid at another college that has accepted you. Accept that award in case you don't make it off the waiting list.

MAY

- ❑ **Thank everyone** who wrote you recommendations or otherwise helped with your scholarship applications.

JUNE

- ❑ Think about your summer job options. The more money you make, the easier it will be to finance college — and have some fun during the school year.

Financial Aid 101

What is financial aid? Financial aid is money that can help you pay for college. Some aid needs to be paid back or earned, and some aid is a gift. This money is available to all kinds of people. Here are the most important things you should know about financial aid.

4 QUICK FACTS ON FINANCIAL AID

1 MORE THAN \$185 BILLION IN AID IS AVAILABLE

There are four main sources:

- Federal government (largest source)
- State governments
- Colleges and universities
- Private organizations

2 THE FAFSA IS THE PLACE TO START — AND IT'S FREE

To qualify for many types of aid, you'll need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This application gives you access to these types of aid:

- Grants and scholarships: money you don't have to pay back
- Work-study jobs: paid, part-time work that's generally on campus
- Loans: money you need to pay back, usually after you graduate

3 THE FAFSA IS CONVENIENT

Complete the form online at fafsa.gov or download paper forms there. You can even import your family's tax information directly from the IRS website.

- You can begin filling out your FAFSA on Oct. 1.

4 MORE AID IS OUT THERE

Once you have completed the FAFSA, you should apply for these types of aid:

- Financial aid at the colleges to which you are applying
- Private scholarships for which you are eligible

Once you identify a college that is a good fit for you, you should investigate your financial aid options. Each college has its own financial aid policies — guidelines for deciding who qualifies for aid, what type of aid is available, and similar questions.

To be sure you understand what is available, check to see if the answers to these questions appear on the college's website or in their print materials. If not, schedule a phone meeting or an interview with a member of the financial aid staff if you're going to be visiting the college.

Questions for Financial Aid Officers:

- What's the average total cost — including tuition and fees, books and supplies, room and board, travel, and other personal expenses — for the first year?
- How much have your costs increased over the last three years?
- Does financial need have an effect on admission decisions?
- What is the priority deadline to apply for financial aid, and when am I notified about financial aid award decisions?
- How is financial aid affected if I apply under an early decision or early action program?
- Does the college offer need-based and merit-based financial aid?
- Are there scholarships available that aren't based on financial need, and do I need to complete a separate application for them?
- Does the college require me to fill out the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE®?
- If the financial aid package the college offers isn't enough, are there any conditions under which it can be reconsidered, such as changes in my family's financial situation or my enrollment status (or that of a family member)?
- How does the aid package change from year to year?
- What are the terms of the programs included in the aid package?
- What are the academic requirements or other conditions for the renewal of financial aid, including scholarships?
- When can I expect to receive bills from the college, and is there an option to spread the yearly payment over equal monthly installments?