**Applying to College At-A-Glance**

**To be considered for college admissions, your application MUST include:**

1. **Online Application**

Submit the online application for each of your selections. Each university or college may have their own online application found on their website OR some universities participate in the Common Application or the Coalition Application.

1. **Application fee**

Fees can range from $30 to $80. If you took the SAT/ACT using a fee waiver you could be eligible to have your application fee waived. Check your CollegeBoard account to print these.

1. **Official Test Scores**

If you didn’t choose (at the time of test registration) to have your test scores automatically sent, you will need to log into your SAT and/or ACT account have your scores sent directly to the colleges. Keep in mind that it can take 2 weeks for your scores to be sent so plan ahead so you don’t miss any deadlines!

* FSU only wants official test scores after you’ve been accepted and committed to attend. Test scores are initially self-reported as part of the application.
1. **Official Transcript or Self-Reported Student Academic Record**

If the college requires official transcripts, you will request that LOLHS send your official high school transcript. The request is found on the LOLHS website banner on the homepage. There is no charge for this.

Many colleges are how using the Self-Reported Student Academic Record (SSAR) instead of official transcripts. You will need to make an account on the SSAR and enter your academic course history and grades. Once entered you will link your SSAR to your submitted admissions application.

If applying through Common Application, you don’t need to request an official transcript. Your School Counselor will upload this on your behalf.

**Do’s and Don’ts:**

* Do not procrastinate! Each university will identify a priority deadline, many as early as November 1st! Missing a deadline could seriously affect your chances of admission.
* Do not include a letter of recommendation with your application if the college doesn’t specifically ask for one. If they don’t ask for it, they don’t want it.
* Do stay organized! You will have different deadlines, logins, passwords, submissions, etc. You will need to find a good way to track all of it.
* Do not wait for updated test scores in order to apply. Use the scores you have now and apply early. Then continue to test if you’re trying to raise your scores. Many universities continue to accept updated test scores *after* you’ve already applied, even into December or January.
* Do continue to do your best work. Grades DO matter during your senior year.

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ACT Test Dates 2019-20

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| Test Date | Registration Deadline | Late Fee Required |
| September 14 | August 16 | August 30 |
| October 26 | September 20 | October 4 |
| December 14 | November 8 | November 22 |
| February 8 | January 10 | January 17 |
| April 4 | February 28 | March 13 |
| June 13 | May 8 | May 22 |
| July 18 | June 19 | June 26 |

For ACT registration and test practice materials, visit [www.act.org](http://www.act.org).

SAT Test Dates 2019-20

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| Test Date | Registration Deadline | Late Registration |
| August 24 | July 26 | August 13 |
| October 5 | September 6 | September 24 |
| November 2 | October 3 | October 22 |
| December 7 | November 8 | November 26 |
| March 14 | February 14 | March 3 |
| May 2 | April 3 | April 21 |
| June 6 | May 8 | May 27 |

For SAT registration and test prep materials, visit [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org).

\*\*Juniors and Seniors who qualify for free/reduced lunch are eligible for 2 fee waivers per test. See Ms. Colón for test fee waivers.

Financial Aid/Scholarships

Money for college (or financial aid) can come from 4 different funding streams:

1. Institutional Aid – Directly awarded from the college *after* application/admission.
2. Federal Aid ([www.fafsa.gov)](http://www.fafsa.gov)) - Opens October 1st for need-based grants, loans, work-study.
3. State Aid ([www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org)) - Opens Oct. 1st for state scholarships and grants, including FL Bright Futures scholarship.
4. Private Scholarships Varied awards, eligibility, and applications. Use different search sites to identify available scholarships. Websites and a monthly scholarship newsletter is posted on Ms. Colón’s website.

FL Bright Futures

* Application opens October 1st and you can apply before all requirements are met.
* Transcripts are uploaded by our school district and evaluated for eligibility in June 2019.

The Bright Futures scholarship can help you fund **up to 100% of your post-secondary education**! There are four different awards: **Florida Academic Scholars, Florida Medallion Scholars, Gold Seal Vocational Scholars, and Gold Seal CAPE Scholars.**

All awards are based on student GPA, test scores, and completion of community service hours. You can find the **complete eligibility requirements**, including minimum criteria for each award at:

[www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/bf/bfmain.htm](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/bf/bfmain.htm).

Have more questions? Contact Ms. Colón, College and Career Specialist

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