



College & Career Planning for Juniors

Braulio Alonso High School

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SAT/ACT Information

Sign up and prepare for SAT and ACT

Spring/Summer 2021 Test Dates (similar each year)

<u>SAT</u>	<u>ACT</u>
May 8 th June 5 th	April 17 June 12 July 17

Do not wait until it's too late to implement a practice plan. It is the biggest regret students have when it comes to college admissions—not realizing how important test scores are. Get an early start!

SAT/ACT Practice Websites

SAT Practice Websites

- [Collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org)
- [Satpractice.org](https://satpractice.org)
- [Khanacademy.org](https://khanacademy.org)

ACT Practice Websites

- [Academy.act.org](https://academy.act.org)
- [Act.org](https://act.org)

Application Process:

- Students apply for college in the fall of their senior year. Most college applications will open August 1st.
- **STEP 1**: Students submit their college application online on the college's website or on www.commonapp.org. Students must submit all required materials such as essay, resume, application fee, etc.

 *What is the Common Application?*

A standard application form that is accepted by about 500 colleges in lieu of their own form. Visit www.commonapp.org for a complete listing of colleges that accept this application. It is helpful to use an application platform like this if 3 or more colleges you are applying to accept it.

Application Process Cont.

- **STEP 2:** Students must request their SAT or ACT scores be sent to each college. Test scores are not on transcripts.

When you register for the ACT or SAT, be sure to sign up for the FREE score reports offered. Choose colleges wisely. If students do not sign up for the free score reports or want to send scores to additional colleges later, **there is a fee for each**. Scores must be sent directly from Collegeboard (www.collegeboard.com) or ACT (www.act.org). Scores can take up to 4 weeks to get to the college so request EARLY!

- **STEP 3:** For in-state colleges, complete a transcript request form (available at our registrar's office or on the Alonso Student Services module) or <https://sdhc.scriborder.com>.

Most students will be done after STEPS 1-3. Only some colleges require recommendations. Check specific colleges to see if recommendations are required. Request a recommendation letter from your counselor and allow them 2 weeks to complete. Do NOT wait until the last minute!

Letters of Recommendation- Senior Year



- Most Florida public universities do **NOT** require letters of recommendations. Check university websites to find out.
- For schools that do require letters:
 - See your counselor and request a “Student Information Sheet for Recommendations” and completely fill it out. Return to your counselor. Do **NOT** wait until the last minute (you should give your counselor at least 2 weeks to complete).

Transcripts: Senior Year

1. Official transcripts include all high school courses taken with semester grades earned, district (weighted) GPA, state (unweighted) GPA, rank in class, and senior year schedule.
 2. Official Transcripts **do NOT** include SAT or ACT scores. Student must send scores directly from Collegeboard or ACT to college or self report their scores if allowed.
- Dual enrollment students: you must also request that HCC send an official copy of your transcript (online through Hawknet).

Important Transcript Reminder

Keep in mind.....

- When you first send your transcripts to colleges, they are receiving your grades from 9th grade through the end of 11th grade.
- Colleges WILL see your FINAL transcript, which includes all grades earned from 9th grade through the end of 12th grade.

CommonApp Essay Prompts

Start Thinking and Writing Now!

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

Financial Aid



**District
Financial Aid
Website**



**Scholarship
Opportunities**



**Bright Futures
information**



**Hillsborough
Education
Foundation**



FAFSA

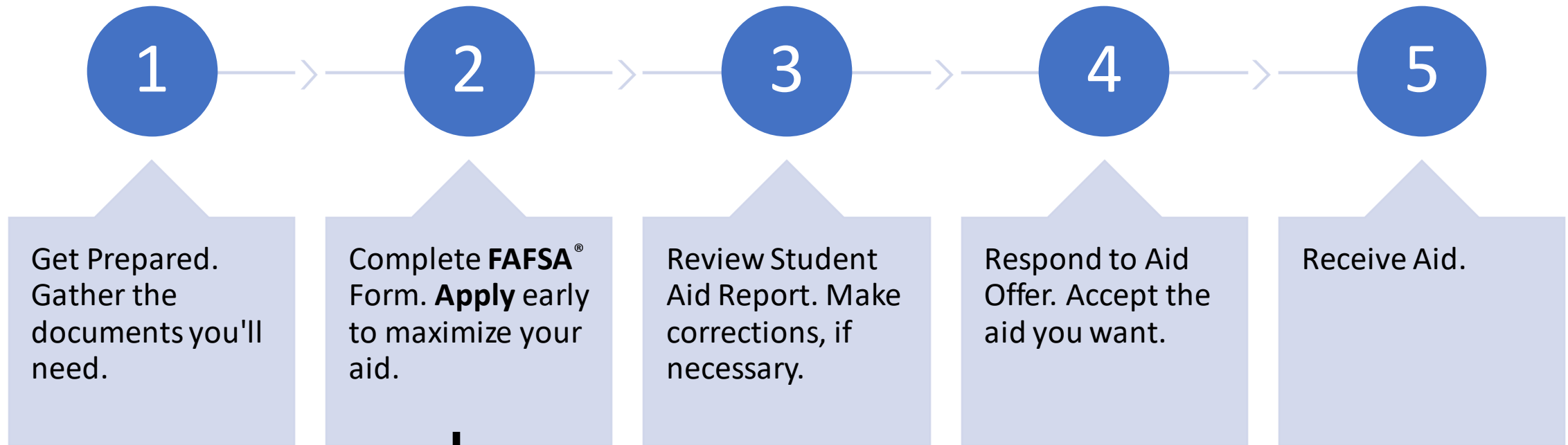


**Scholarship
Search Engines**



<https://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/doc/list/hillsborough-technical-colleges/financial-aid/103-893/>

FASFA – Steps to Apply



- You may start applying for FASFA on 10/1/2021.
- Deadline: June 30, 2022
- Apply early to maximize your chances at more financial aid.



Dual Enrollment, AP, & Bright Futures

Dual Enrollment

What is it?

- Dual enrollment is an acceleration program that allows high school students to take college courses and simultaneously earn college and high school credits. Dual enrollment courses DO go on the student's COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT.

Am I eligible?

- To be eligible, students must have a 3.0 unweighted GPA, have college ready test scores and be enrolled in a Florida high school.

How much does it cost?

- Dual Enrollment students can earn college credits at no cost.

AP Programs

What is it?

- AP courses are college-level courses designed for students in grades 9-12. Students receive bonus points for earning a C or higher in AP courses (+0.08 credit per class).

Am I eligible?

- Eligibility is based on academic success (grades, test scores and prerequisites) and teacher recommendations.

How do I earn college credit?

- Students can earn college credit by passing the exam for an AP course. The “passing score” is determined by individual colleges.

Bright Futures

What is it?

- Bright Futures provides scholarships based on high school academic achievement. The program has different award levels, each with its own eligibility criteria and award amounts. Awards are per credit hour.

Bright Futures

Am I eligible? (subject to change)

- FAS (Florida Academic Scholars) - 100% tuition paid + money for books
- Requirements
 - 3.5 GPA
 - 100 service hours
 - ACT: 29
 - SAT: 1330

Am I eligible? (subject to change)

- FMS (Florida Medallion Scholars) – 75% tuition paid
- Requirements
 - Minimum 3.0 GPA
 - 75 service hours
 - ACT: 25
 - SAT: 1210



College Info

State University System of Florida

- FAMU
 - FAU
 - FGCU
 - FIU
 - Florida Poly
 - FSU
- New College of Florida
 - UCF
 - UF
 - UNF
 - USF
 - UWF

Florida Agriculture and Mechanical University (Tallahassee)

(updated yearly)

- **GPA:** 3.67
- **SAT Score:** 1100
- **ACT Score:** 22.3
- **Application Deadline:**
 - 11/1/20 for FALL 2021 Semester (early admissions)
 - 3/1/21 for FALL 2021 Semester
- **Application Waivers Accepted:** SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver



Florida Atlantic University (Boca Raton)

(updated yearly)

- **GPA:** 3.62 – 4.24
- **SAT Score:** 1110 – 1260
- **ACT Score:** 23 - 29
- **Application Deadline:**
 - 2/15/21 for Fall 2021 Semester
 - 4/15/21 for Fall 2021 Semester
- **Waivers Accepted:** SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver, Free/Reduced Lunch



Florida Gulf Coast University (Ft. Myers)

(updated yearly)

- GPA: 3.51 – 4.26
- SAT Score: 1080 - 1230
- ACT Score: 21 – 26
- **Application Deadline:**
 - 12/1/20 for FALL 2021 Semester (early admissions)
 - 7/1/21 for FALL 2021 Semester
- Waivers Accepted: SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver, Free/Reduced Lunch



Florida International University (Miami)

(updated yearly)

- **GPA:** 4.0 – 4.6
- **SAT Score:** 1240 – 1360
- **ACT Score:** 26 - 21
- **Application Deadline:**
 - 4/1/21 for FALL 2021 Semester
- **Waivers Accepted:** SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver, Free/Reduced Lunch



Florida Polytechnic University (Lakeland)

(updated yearly)

- **GPA:** 3.9 – 4.6
- **SAT Score:** 1280 – 1400
- **ACT Score:** 28 - 32
- **Application Deadline:**
 - 11/1/20 for FALL 2021 Semester (early admissions)
 - 4/1/21 for FALL 2021 Semester
- **Waivers Accepted:** SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver, Free/Reduced Lunch



Florida State University (Tallahassee)

(updated yearly)

- GPA: 4.1 – 4.5
- SAT Score: 1290 – 1410
- ACT Score: 29 - 32
- Application Deadline:
 - 12/1/20 for FALL 2021 Semester (early admissions)
 - 3/1/21 for FALL 2021 Semester
- Waivers Accepted: SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver, Free/Reduced Lunch



New College of Florida (Sarasota)

(updated yearly)

- **GPA:** 3.73 – 4.33
- **SAT Score:** 1150 - 1340
- **ACT Score:** 24 – 30
- **Application Deadline:**
 - 12/1/20 for FALL 2021 Semester (early admissions)
 - 7/1/21 for FALL 2021 Semester
- **Waivers Accepted:** SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver, Free/Reduced Lunch



University of Central Florida (Orlando)

(updated yearly)

- **GPA:** 3.96 – 4.46
- **SAT Score:** 1250 – 1370
- **ACT Score:** 26 – 30
- **Application Deadline:**
 - 5/1/21 for Fall 2021 Semester
- **Waivers Accepted:** SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver, Free/Reduced Lunch



University of Florida (Gainesville)

(updated yearly)

- GPA: 4.4 – 4.6
- SAT Score: 1340 – 1480
- ACT Score: 30 - 33
- Application Deadline:
 - 11/1/20 for FALL 2021 Semester (early admissions)
 - 3/1/21 for FALL 2021 Semester
- Waivers Accepted: SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver, Free/Reduced Lunch



University of North Florida (Jacksonville)

(updated yearly)

- **GPA:** 4.0 – 4.5
- **SAT Score:** 1200 – 1320
- **ACT Score:** 25 – 28
- **Application Deadline:**
 - 7/1/21 for FALL 2021 Semester
- **Waivers Accepted:** SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver, Demonstrating Participation in Free/Reduced Lunch



University of South Florida (Tampa)

(updated yearly)

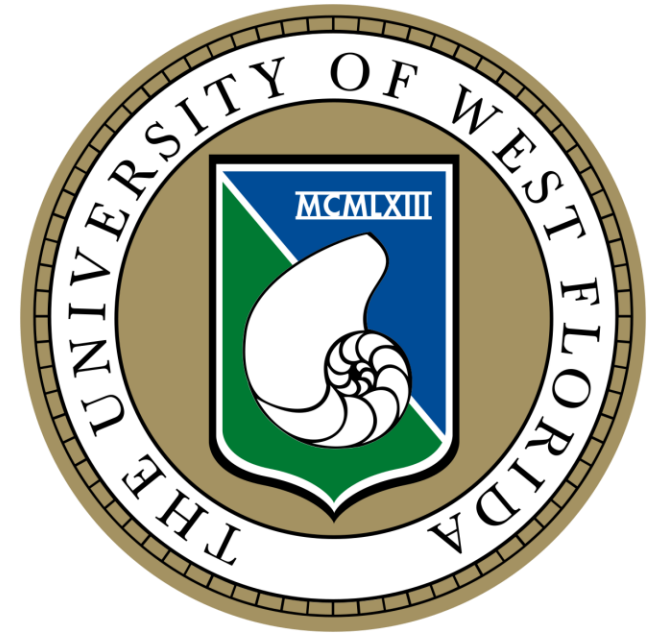
- **GPA:** 4.1 – 4.4
- **SAT Score:** 1270 – 1340
- **ACT Score:** 28 – 30
- **Application Deadline:**
 - 11/1/20 for FALL 2021 Semester
- **Waivers Accepted:** SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver, Free/Reduced Lunch



University of West Florida (Pensacola)

(updated yearly)

- GPA: 3.9
- SAT Score: 1173
- ACT Score: 25
- Application Deadline:
 - 12/1/20 for FALL 2021 Semester (early admissions)
- Waivers Accepted: SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver, Free/Reduced Lunch



Private Colleges in Florida

- Adventist University of Health Sciences
- Barry University
- Eckerd College
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Flagler College
- Florida Institute of Technology
- Florida Southern College
- Jacksonville University
- Keiser University
- Lynn University
- Nova Southeastern College of Art + Design
- Rollins College
- Saint Leo University
- Southeastern University
- Stetson University
- University of Miami
- The University of Tampa
- Warner University

Hillsborough Community College

- Over 190 academic programs, including business, engineering, liberal arts, education, & health
- Multiple transfer programs (an AA or AS from HCC will transfer as credits towards a bachelor's degree)
 - See <https://www.hccfl.edu/academics/articulation-agreements/transfer-agreements> to see transfer programs.
- College credit certificates (typically 1 year or less)



Hillsborough Technical Colleges

1. Aparicio-Levy (aparicio-levy.edu)
2. Brewster (brewster.edu)
3. Erwin/Erwin West (erwin.edu)

