

Young Women's Preparatory Academy



**Welcome Back**

**Class of 2012**

On Your Mark, Get Set,  
Go.....  
**To College**



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PROGRAM



Please come visit me anytime!

# What Are My Options?



## **COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY**

F.I.U, UF, FSU, MDCC  
Harvard, Cornell, B.U.,  
U.M., Barry, Nova, etc.

## **VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL**

Lindsey Hopkins,  
Miami Dade A.S. Program  
George T. Baker, etc.

## **MILITARY**

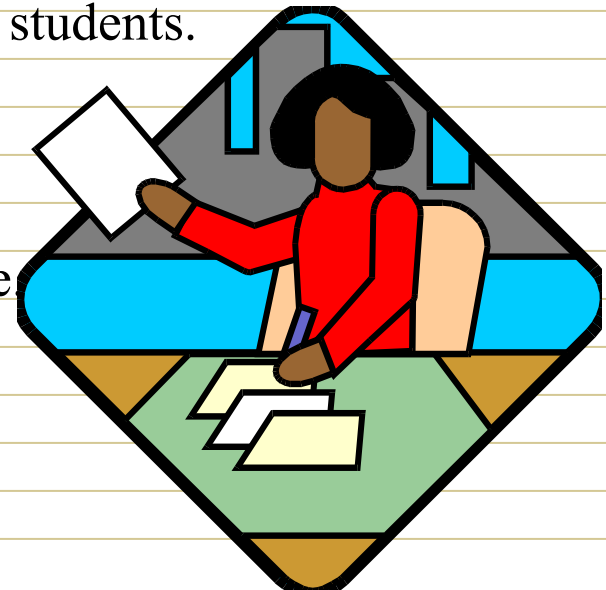
Army  
Navy, Marines,  
Air Force, etc.

# Selecting A College/University

There are over 3,000 colleges and universities in the U.S.

**Keep the following in mind.....**

- Four- year, two-year, public, private or vocational.
- Location.-Do you want to be close to home or far away?
- Size.- Under 3,000 students or over 30,000 students.
- Coed or single sex.
- Private or public institutions.
- Programs of study offered.
- Sports and extracurricular activity available
- Cost.- Do not exclude any choices because of high cost.  
(Sometimes expensive schools can afford to give you more aid).





# COMMUNITY COLLEGES

- Programs of 6 months to two years designed for the student to either transfer into a four-year university or go directly into the workforce.
- **Open admissions** – anyone with a high school diploma or GED is admitted.
- SAT/ACT not required – do need to be “placed” with either SAT/ACT or CPT (more about that later!)
- Vast selection of programs including Graphic Design, Music Production & Management, Fire Science Technology, Nursing and much more.



# Applying To College



- College entrance exams
- Admissions process
- Scholarships
- Financial aid



# THE TIMELINE

- Aug.-Oct./Nov.: Applications for admission
- Aug.-June SAT/ACT testing
- Dec.: Florida Financial Aid Application - FFAA (Bright Futures & all state programs)
- Jan.: Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA)
- Feb.-Apr.: Housing applications
- Mar.-May: Verification & Award letters



# Applying For Admission

- **Application** - (online or paper – online is preferred by most schools)  
**REQUIRED EVERYWHERE**
- **Transcript** - electronic or hard copy **REQUIRED EVERYWHERE**
- **Application fee** - **REQUIRED EVERYWHERE** (fee waiver(s) can be used)
- **SAT/ACT scores** – **REQUIRED MOST EVERYWHERE**
- **Letters of recommendation** - (if applicable)
- **Essay** - (if applicable)
- **Copy of other required documentation** –  
☒ (if applicable)



**Important!** Keep photocopies of everything you mail!

# College Entrance Exams

## *What are the SAT and ACT exams?*

These exams are used by colleges and universities nationwide to assess an applicant's aptitude for college-level work.

Even if you are not planning to attend a college that does not require these; it would be a good idea to have them in your records for the future.

# College Entrance Exams

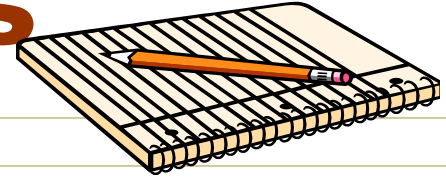
## SAT

- Critical Reading
- Math
- Writing
- Scores: 200 –800 each section. Total:2400
- Scores Adjusted.
- **DON' T GUESS!**
- Registration available online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

## ACT

- English
- Reading
- Math
- Science Reasoning
- Writing (Optional – though you are **strongly** encouraged to take)
- Scores: 1-36
- **NO PENALTY FOR GUESSING**
- Registration available online at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

# SAT Subject Tests



- Subject Tests (formerly SAT II) are designed to measure your knowledge and skills in particular subject areas, as well as your ability to apply that knowledge.
- Required by CERTAIN colleges/universities for CERTAIN majors.
- Offered on the SAME DAY as the SAT I (except for the March administration)
- You may sign to take up to (3) SAT II on the same test date.
- Registration available online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

# FEE WAIVERS...

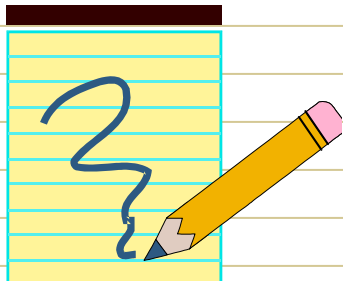
Students who participate in Miami Dade County's free or reduced lunch program are eligible to receive fee waivers for college entrance exams AS WELL AS for college application fees! There **are** other methods a student may use to qualify for fee waivers. If you are not on free/reduced lunch and think you may qualify for another reason, please see Ms Gilman.

- Fee Waivers may be used for 2 SAT exams and 2 ACT exams!!!!
- Fee waiver recipients may then receive up to 4 college application fee waivers from SAT and 4 college application fee waivers from ACT. **BUT THE STUDENT MUST HAVE TESTED WITH A FEE WAIVER TO BE ELIGIBLE!**
- Fee waivers can ONLY be used for **ON TIME REGISTRATIONS.** Fee waivers cannot be used for late or standby registrations.
- If a student registers with a fee waiver for a particular exam date and then **DOES NOT ACTUALLY TEST**, they will not receive their 2<sup>nd</sup> fee waiver.

# CPT

## Miami Dade Placement Test

- At Miami Dade College – and other 2-year schools - you are exempt from the CPT if you score:



SAT I- 440 Verbal

440 Math

ACT- 17- English

18- Reading

19- Math

**IMPORTANT:** Please visit [www.mdc.edu](http://www.mdc.edu) periodically for updates and changes.

- If you don't obtain the minimum scores on the SAT, ACT or CPT, then you will be placed in remedial classes.
- Honors College will use the Writing score on the SAT and or ACT for admission.

# Websites – FOR TESTING

- To register and prep:
- [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) – can pay with fee waiver or credit card
- [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) – Students can **NOW** register ONLINE for the ACT and pay with their fee waiver!
- To prep:
- [www.testprepreview.com](http://www.testprepreview.com)
- [www.powerprep.com](http://www.powerprep.com)
- [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org)
- [www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com)



# Academic Courses Recommended For Florida State Universities

## **Completion of 20 academic units in a college preparatory curriculum**

- 4 years of English
- 4 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher)
- 3 years of natural sciences (including lab)
- 3 years of social studies
- 2 to 4 years of the same foreign language (American Sign Language may not be accepted by some out of state schools and private institutions)
- 4 years of academic electives (especially in the areas of math, natural sciences and/or social studies)



FACTS.org is your central web resource for planning and managing your higher education experience in Florida

- Choosing a college
- Picking a major
- College admissions
- Financial aid information
- Preliminary evaluation for Bright Futures Scholarships
- High School Academic Evaluations
- Academic Advising
- Degree Audits
- College Transcripts
- Career guidance

# Application Deadlines



- **EARLY DECISION:** binding  
Early October-November  
(UF's "Preferred" Deadline: November 1<sup>st</sup>)  
UM's Early Decision Deadline: November 1<sup>st</sup>)
- **EARLY ACTION :** non binding (may be different for some schools)  
  
Most "Early" Deadlines tend to be in early November – however, **ALWAYS CONTACT EACH INSTITUTION TO VERIFY ALL DEADLINES!**
- **REGULAR DECISION:** varies as per college/university

## Estimated Budget

State Universities		Private (UM)
Tuition:	\$5,430	\$38,440
Books:	\$ 1060	\$ 1,040
Room/Board	\$8685	\$ 11,500
Personal	\$2,980	\$ 2,790
Computer	\$1,240	\$ 1,500
		Extra
		UM fees \$ 1,200
Total	\$19,395	Total \$56,470

The cost of a college education is an important, **but not the sole**, factor in your decision-making process

# Scholarships Do Not Fall From The Sky!



- You must SEARCH and APPLY for them.
- Look into local scholarships
- Look for institutional scholarships from the college/ university
- Ms. Gottlieb will email you updates periodically. Make sure I have your email!

# Websites – FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.xap.com](http://www.xap.com)
- [www.hsf.net](http://www.hsf.net)
- [www.uncf.org](http://www.uncf.org)
- [www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com)
- [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

# **Watch Out!** College Scams Want Your Money



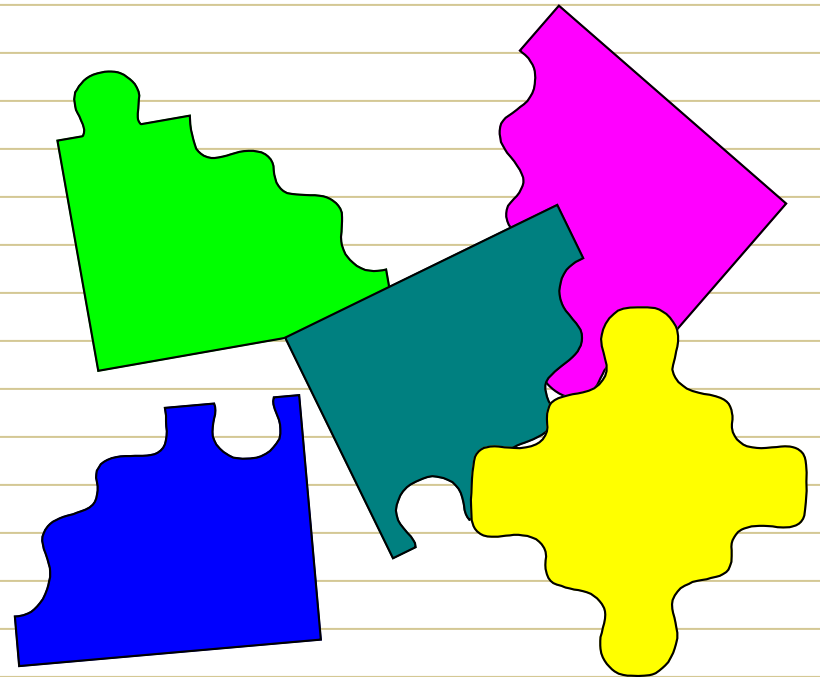
**Here are some ways to spot them:**

- **Money back guarantee**
- **The Scholarships will cost some money**
- **Credit card or bank account number please!**
- **We will do all of the work**
- **You've been selected by a national foundation to receive a scholarship or...**
- **"You're a finalist"**



# Financial Aid

- Federal Financial Aid
- State Financial Aid
- Institutional Financial Aid

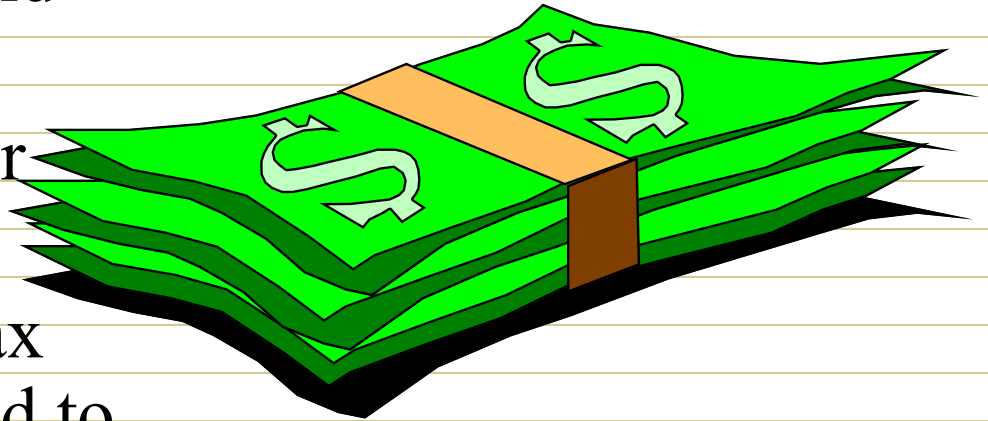


# Florida Financial Aid (FFAA)

- Florida Student Assistant Grant (**FSAG**) is a need-based program for degree seeking Florida undergraduate students attending public institutions
- First Generation matching Grant Program is available to all eligible students
- Florida Resident Access Grant (**FRAG**) is a need-based program for degree seeking Florida undergraduate students attending private institutions
- The electronic form can be submitted over the internet at [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org) after Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> of each year
- Deadlines vary. Some colleges/programs set earlier deadlines
- One application used for up to 13 different programs (including Bright Futures – more on that later)

# FAFSA

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- Available after January 1 of senior year
- Family Income Tax information needed to complete form.
- Application available online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)



# Florida Bright Futures

FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIPS

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FLORIDA MEDALLION

FLORIDA GOLD SEAL

Bright Futures Scholarships CAN be used at BOTH public  
and private institutions in Florida

For more information visit [www.MyFloridaEducation.com/  
brfuture](http://www.MyFloridaEducation.com/brfuture)

or call 1-888-827-2004

# FLORIDA ACADEMIC SCHOLARS

- @ 4-year school - \$3,030  
@2-year school - \$1,860  
@ CC Bachelor's Program - \$2,100  
@ Career/Tech - \$1,530
- 3.5 weighted BF GPA (15 core academic classes: 4 Eng 3 math, 3 soc studies, 3 natural science & 2 foreign lang)
- 1270 SAT or 28 ACT
- 75 hours of community service



# FLORIDA MEDALLION SCHOLARS

- @ 4-year school - \$2,280
- @ 2-year school - \$1,860 (for Associate degrees)
- @ CC Bachelor's Program - \$1,560
- @ Career/Tech - \$1,140
- 3.0 weighted BF GPA (15 core academics)
- 980 SAT or 21 ACT (**THIS IS THE 1<sup>ST</sup> INCREASE PLANNED!**)



# FLORIDA GOLD SEAL VOCATIONAL SCHOLARS

- @ 4-year school - \$2,280
- @ 2-year school - \$1,860 (for Associate degrees)
- @ CC Bachelor's Program - \$1,560
- @ Career/Tech - \$1,140
- 3.0 weighted BF GPA (core academics) and a 3.5 weighted GPA in a minimum of 3 vocational credits in the same program
- SAT/ACT or CPT scores





# COLLEGE FAIRS

I will email information on the different College Fairs throughout the county so that you attend the one that is most convenient for you!

# Things to Remember



- Keep your grades up
- Keep a calendar with deadlines
- Sign up to take SAT/ACT and other required tests
- Send college applications and required documentation on time
- Apply for as many scholarships as possible
- Apply for Financial Aid after December 1<sup>st</sup> for Florida aid (FFAA) and January 1<sup>st</sup> for federal aid (FAFSA)
- Keep photocopies
- READ, READ, READ!!!!