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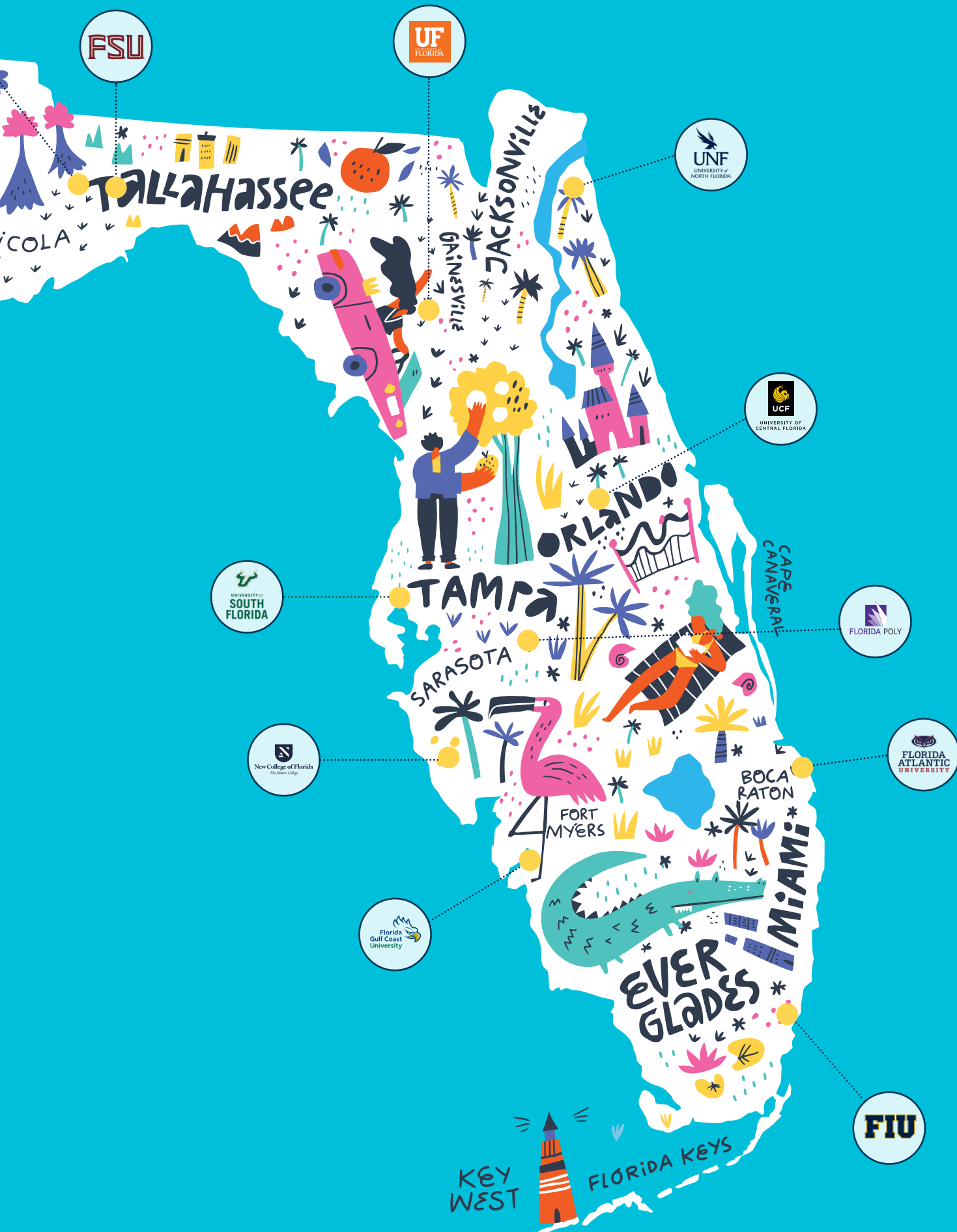


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FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY

Founded October 3, 1887, **Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU)** is a public, historically Black university located in Tallahassee, Florida. FAMU is currently ranked as the #1 Public HBCU (*U.S. News & World Report* 2019- current) for four consecutive years. FAMU offers 13 schools and colleges in which students can choose over fifty undergraduate majors. FAMU is a leader in STEM and is ranked the #1 for Research and Development by the National Science Foundation. FAMU is also a leader amongst HBCUs for Fulbright Scholars. What distinguishes FAMU from other universities is its legacy of providing access to a high-quality, affordable education with programs and services that guide students toward successfully achieving their dreams. In addition to the main Tallahassee campus, FAMU has several satellite campuses across Florida. These include the College of Law in Orlando and the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Institute of Public Health, which has sites in Crestview, Tampa, Jacksonville, and Miami.

Early Action Non-Binding

All Applicants

Application Deadline November 1, 2024	Application Deadline April 1, 2025
Decision Released December 4, 2024	Rolling Admission

- ▶ Official transcript required.
- ▶ Official test scores required.
- ▶ Essay and letters of recommendation for scholarship only.

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FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY



Florida Atlantic University calls to the innovative and ambitious as a leader in research and opportunity. Strategically located in the entrepreneurial heart of South Florida, our main Boca Raton campus connects students to resume-building experience, award-winning internships, and cutting-edge research along the coast. At our Wilkes Honors College, students dive into an all-honors curriculum, tackling real-world challenges with the scientific institutes on our Jupiter campus. Florida Atlantic ranks in the nation's Top 50 Universities in Washington Monthly, top 30 for Social Mobility in *U.S. News & World Report*, and a Best Value School by College Consensus.

	Early Action Summer/Fall	Rolling Decision Summer/Fall	Spring
Application Deadline	October 15, 2024	March 14, 2025	September 15, 2024
Materials Deadline	November 1, 2024	March 14, 2025	September 15, 2024
Decision Notification	December 6, 2024	Rolling	Rolling
Decision Outcomes	Admit Admit Pathway Defer Deny	Admit Defer Deny Waitlist*	Admit Deny
Freshman Merit Scholarship	Automatic Consideration	January 15, 2025	N/A
Freshman Direct Admit Nursing BSN	January 15, 2025 Complete Application + Materials	Rolling	N/A

▶ SSAR

▶ Self-Report Test Scores

▶ Applicants for the College of Nursing must submit official test scores



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FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY

Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU), located in beautiful Southwest Florida, has approximately 16,000 students. FGCU is one of the best values in U.S. Higher Education. We have kept the cost of tuition the same for ten years! The majority of our students (59%) graduate with zero debt. We award \$118 million in financial aid & scholarships annually. We are dedicated to student success. Our 64 undergraduate majors and 22:1 student-to-faculty ratio guarantee you'll get an education with a personal touch and have the support, advising, and guidance to complete your degree on time. FGCU holds the highest employment rate for graduates getting jobs in Florida.

Early Action Non-Binding

All Applicants

Application Deadline November 1, 2024	Application Deadline March 1, 2025
Decision Released January 31, 2025	Rolling Admission
Academic scholarships for those who qualify	Rolling Admission

▶ *Freshman merit scholarships are competitive and not guaranteed. Preference is given to students who apply by the early action date of November 1st.

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FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Florida International University is a Preeminent State Research University that drives talent and innovation in Miami and globally. Very high research (R1) activity and high social mobility come together at FIU to uplift and accelerate learner success in a global city by focusing in the areas of environment, health, and innovation. Today, FIU has two campuses and multiple centers. FIU serves a student body of more than 56,000. FIU is ranked No. 4 Best Public University by the *Wall Street Journal* and *U.S. News and World Report* places dozens of FIU programs among the best in the nation, including international business at No. 2. *Washington Monthly Magazine* ranks FIU among the top 20 universities contributing to the public good and *Degree Choices* places it among the top 20 in the nation for return on investment among public universities.

Early Action Non-Binding FL High Schools Only	All Applicants	All Applicants Final
Application Deadline November 1, 2024	Application Deadline December 3, 2024	Application Deadline February 25, 2025
Decision Released December 11, 2024	Decision Released January 22, 2025	Decision Released March 31, 2025
Academic Scholarships awarded for those who qualify	Academic Scholarships awarded for those who qualify	

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FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY

Florida Polytechnic University is the state’s only public all-STEM university specializing in engineering and applied science education. Florida Poly offers an innovative curriculum designed to foster creativity, critical thinking, and real-world problem-solving skills. Located in Lakeland, Florida, the cutting-edge campus is equipped with state-of-the-art labs and collaborative spaces. Students benefit from small classes, personalized faculty mentorship, and hands-on experience through internships, Capstone Projects, and industry partnerships. Florida Poly is one of the most affordable universities in the state and among other STEM-focused universities in the nation. In 2024 we ranked No. 2 best value public college in the Southeast which combines affordability and academic performance (U.S. News and World Report), No. 1 for grads with lowest student debt in the state (U.S. Department of Education), and No. 1 for highest salaries with our graduates earning higher incomes one-year after graduation than all state universities (MyFloridaFuture).

Early Action Non-Binding	Early Action 2	All Applicants
Application Deadline November 15, 2024	Application Deadline January 15, 2025	Application Deadline March 1, 2025
Decision Released December 1, 2024	Decision Released March 1, 2025	Decision Released March 15, 2025
Academic Scholarships for those who qualify	Academic Scholarships for those who qualify	Rolling after March 15

- ▶ Unofficial transcripts and test scores may be used for initial admission decision.
- ▶ Official academic records required of all students intending to enroll.
- ▶ No essay requirement for admission.

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FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Designated as a Preeminent Research University, **Florida State University** consistently delivers an affordable, high-quality education and was named the No. 8 Best Value College among public universities according to the *U.S. News & World Report*. With more than 280+ degree programs and 50+ combined Bachelor's/Master's Pathway Programs, our undergraduate students have access to a robust selection of academic options. FSU is the largest research university in the country to adopt an experiential learning requirement for undergraduate students. This requirement gives students the opportunity to learn from hands-on, real-world experiences by participating in internships, service-learning, research or creative activity, international study, and more.

Early Action Non-Binding Florida Residents Only	Priority Application	All Applicants
Application Deadline October 15, 2024 Completed by October 22, 2024	Application Deadline December 1, 2024 Complete by December 8, 2024	Application Deadline March 1, 2025 Complete by March 8, 2025
Decision Released December 12, 2024	Decisions released February 13, 2025	Decision Released April 2025

Deadline for the University Honors Program and automatic scholarship consideration: December 1.

- ▶ Self-report all test scores.
- ▶ Link the SSAR.
- ▶ Upload an essay.
- ▶ Upload a list of activities.





NEW COLLEGE OF FLORIDA

New College of Florida was named the No. 1 Public Liberal Arts College by Washington Monthly in 2023 and is the Honors College of Florida. New College provides students with limitless, original opportunities for success through a highly individualized education that combines academic excellence, undergraduate research opportunities, and career preparation experiences. Students can choose from more than 50 undergraduate programs across a range of academic fields in the social sciences, natural sciences and humanities, or pursue a master's degree in applied data science or marine mammal science. On July 1, 2024, New College was accepted into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) as a full member of The Sun Conference.

Early Action Non-Binding

All Applicants

Application Deadline November 1, 2024	Application Deadline February 1, 2025	Application Deadline April 1, 2025	Application Deadline June 15
Rolling Admission	Rolling Admission	Rolling Admission	June 30, 2025
Academic Scholarships for those who qualify	Academic Scholarships for those who qualify		

- ▶ Self-reported transcripts are acceptable for admissions. Official transcripts required for enrollment.
- ▶ Self-reported test scores are acceptable for admission. Official test scores required for enrollment.
- ▶ Essay required.
- ▶ No separate scholarship application is required for most NCF scholarships.



UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

The **University of Central Florida** was founded in 1963 to provide talent, research expertise, and advanced degrees for the emerging space industry. In a relatively short time, Orlando’s hometown university has emerged as a major metropolitan research university with internationally recognized academic programs in engineering, science, healthcare, hospitality, and the arts. We have expanded access and learning pathways, grown our student population, and extended our physical and digital footprints to support business migration and population growth in Florida. Our student body reflects the future of Florida and America, composed of diverse, entrepreneurial, creative, and community-minded innovators. We are invested in unleashing the potential within every individual, enriching the human experience through inclusion, discovery, and innovation, and propelling broad-based prosperity for the many communities we serve.

Early Action Non-Binding	All Applicants
Application Deadline October 15, 2024	Application Deadline Summer - March 1 Fall - May 1
Application Completed by November 1, 2024	Summer - March 1 Fall - May 1
Decisions Released November 15, 2024, with scholarships for those who qualify	Rolling Admission

- ▶ SPARK required.
- ▶ Official test scores required.



NAME OF INSTITUTION	SUMMER SEMESTER					
	Total Enrollment	Total Undergraduate Enrollment (2023)	Anticipated class size	Average or middle 50% FTIC GPA	Middle 50% Admit FTIC SAT	Middle 50% Admit FTIC ACT
 FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY	9,742	8,011	348	3.47	1025	19.88
 FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	30,854	23,458	1,150	3.33 – 4.0	1030 – 1090	20 – 24
 FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY	16,230	14,243	400	3.16 – 4.21	1030 – 1160	19 – 24
 FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY	54,037	38,715	3,600	3.9 – 4.4	1090 – 1190	21 – 24
 FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY	1,618	1,569	200	3.96	1130	23
 FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	43,234	32,217	2,600	4.1 – 4.5	1280 – 1360	28 – 30
 NEW COLLEGE OF FLORIDA	383	361	8	3.36	1045	23
 UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA	69,316	59,547	3,400	3.91 – 4.38	1180 – 1240	24 – 26
 UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	60,489	38,347	1,800	4.5 – 4.7	1240 – 1400	27 – 32
 UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA	16,575	13,897	1,500	3.63 – 3.96	1000 – 1160	19 – 25
 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA	48,732	36,452	3,211	3.61 – 4.15	1100 – 1190	22 – 25
 UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA	14,343	9,646	40	3.51 – 4.1	1000 – 1210	19 – 25

This matrix was produced by Florida International University.

	FALL SEMESTER							
Middle 50% FTIC CLT	Anticipated class size	Average or middle 50% FTIC GPA	Middle 50% Admit FTIC SAT	Middle 50% Admit FTIC ACT	Middle 50% FTIC CLT	SSAR/SPARK	Self-Reported Test Scores	2+2 Program
	1,100 – 1,400	3.84	1120 – 1150	21 – 23	76	YES	NO	IGNITE
78 – 91	4,250	3.73 – 4.34	1090 – 1270	22 – 28	76 – 90	YES	YES	Link2FAU
54 – 68	2,400	3.80 – 4.54	1070 – 1230	21 – 26	63 – 67	NO	NO	Destination FGCU
63 – 78	1,650	4.1 – 4.7	1250 – 1390	26 – 31	83 – 94	NO	NO	Connect4Success
N/A	330	4.35	1160 – 1360	25 – 31	81	YES	YES	N/A
84 – 86 (6 students)	3,400	4.2 – 4.6	1360 – 1470	30 – 33	92-97 (4 students)	YES	YES	Aspire Transfer Programs through Tallahassee State College (Traditional, Elite, Honors, Online)
53	230	3.96	1170	24	82	YES	YES	Guaranteed Admission Program
81 – 88	4,900	4.01 – 4.55	1300 – 1420	29 – 31	92 – 100	YES	NO	Direct Connect to UCF
N/A too few	5,400	4.5 – 4.7	1380 – 1510	31 – 34	N/A too few	YES	YES	Gator Engineering @ Santa Fe; Gator Design and Construction @ Santa Fe
58 – 65	1,500	4.14 – 4.57	1130 – 1300	24 – 29	71 – 86	YES	NO	Transfer2UNF
67 – 82	4,068	4.07 – 4.55	1250 – 1400	27 – 31	81 – 91	YES	NO	FUSE
	1,460	3.69 – 4.24	1040 – 1240	20 – 27		YES	NO	2UWF

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA



As a preeminent research institution, the **University of Florida (UF)** pushes the world forward by challenging convention and ourselves. Our 11 colleges offer more than 120 undergraduate and 200 graduate degrees. We also offer training within our five professional schools: dentistry, law, medicine, pharmacy, and veterinary medicine. With limitless opportunities for undergraduate research, involvement with over 1,000 student organizations, mentoring from world-class faculty, and residential living-learning communities, students can create a college experience as unique as they are.

Early Action Non-Binding

All Applicants

Application Deadline November 1, 2024	Application Deadline January 15, 2025
Decision Released January 24, 2025	Decision Released March 14, 2025



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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA

The **University of North Florida (UNF)** is situated on a beautiful 1,381-acre campus between Jacksonville’s beaches and downtown, with an enrollment of around 17,000 students. Dedicated to seeing our students thrive, UNF offers high-quality academics, personalized attention, robust resources, and a vibrant student life. Diverse learning experiences that include internships, research, and study abroad opportunities, which UNF students participate in at twice the national average, lead to strong job placement for graduates. And did we mention that *The Wall Street Journal* ranked Jacksonville the 2nd hottest job market in America in 2024?

Priority Application	All Applicants
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Application Deadline November 1, 2024	Application Deadline April 1, 2025
Decision Released November 13, 2024	Rolling Admission
Academic Scholarships for those who qualify	Rolling Admission Applications must be completed by April 15

- ▶ Self-reported transcripts are acceptable for admissions. Official transcripts required for enrollment.
- ▶ Official test scores required for admissions and enrollment.





UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

The **University of South Florida** is located in the vibrant and diverse Tampa Bay region, with campuses in Tampa, St. Petersburg, and Sarasota-Manatee. Together, our campuses serve approximately 50,000 students pursuing undergraduate, graduate, specialist, and professional degrees. Across our 13 colleges, undergraduates choose from more than 200 majors, minors, and concentrations, from business and engineering to arts and USF Health.

U.S. News & World Report has ranked USF as one of the nation's top 50 public universities for five consecutive years, and in 2023 USF earned its highest ranking ever among all universities public or private. Also in 2023, USF became the first public university in Florida in nearly 40 years to be invited to join the Association of American Universities (AAU), a prestigious group of leading universities in United States and Canada. High-impact global research is central to USF's mission as one of only four Preeminent Research Universities in Florida.

Priority Application Date	To be considered for scholarships	All Applicants
Application Deadline November 1, 2024	Application Deadline January 15, 2025	Academic Application Deadline March 1, 2025
Decision Released December 10, 2024	Decision Released Rolling Admission	Rolling Admission
Academic Scholarships for those who qualify	Academic Scholarships for those who qualify	

- ▶ SSAR required.
- ▶ Official test scores required.

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UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA

The **University of West Florida** promotes an innovative, student-centered culture. Ranked among the “Best Regional Universities South” by *U.S. News & World Report*, the 1,600-acre Pensacola campus serves a student body of 14,000, with more than 100,000 alumni, and offers 70 undergraduate programs. UWF provides a personalized and engaging experience through small class sizes, supportive faculty, and active student organizations, and promotes undergraduate research and scholarly activities in the classroom and beyond. UWF offers an affordable, high-quality education and generous scholarship opportunities that enable students from varied backgrounds to meet their career and life goals.

All Applicants

Scholarship Consideration

Application Deadline April 1, 2025	Scholarship Consideration Deadline December 1, 2024
Decisions Released October 15, 2024 Rolling Thereafter	

- ▶ SSAR required.
- ▶ Official test scores required.

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U.S. News & World Report ranks Florida's Higher Education #1 in the country! With 12 members of the State University System and 28 members of the Florida College System, Florida offers a wide range of programs, degrees and experiences. Please visit floridashines.org.

The Talented Twenty Program: The Talented Twenty Program is part of the Governor's Equity in Education Plan. The purpose is to guarantee admission to students who succeed in their respective K-12 public schools, and to encourage students to strive for better grades and a rigorous curriculum. The Florida Department of Education and Florida Board of Governors has created a frequently asked questions document to assist public school counselors with navigating the process. Please visit www.fldoe.org/schools/family-community/activities-programs/talented-twenty-program/ for details and step-by-step instructions.

Florida Student Scholarship & Grant Programs: Students must submit a completed Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) to the Office of Student Financial Assistance for programs such as the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program, Jose Marti Scholarship and Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans. Please visit floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org.

AA degrees for graduating seniors: A high school student earning dual enrollment credit and/or an AA degree in high school is considered a first-time in college student and should submit an application as a first-year student, not as a transfer. Earning the AA while in high school does not guarantee admission into a specific state university.



RESOURCES:

Florida Shines: floridashines.org

Florida Counseling for Future Education Handbook:
dlss.flvc.org/florida-counseling-for-future-education-handbook

Florida College Access Network: floridacollegeaccess.org