



# COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

Tech High Class of '25





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# Type of Colleges



## University

4-year colleges (Bachelors Degree)  
-Florida State, University of Florida,  
University of South Florida,  
University of Alabama, Harvard



## State College

Offer 2-year degrees (can transfer  
to University) and 4-year degree  
-SPC



## Technical College

Offers certifications for technical  
fields  
-PTC



# APPLICATION PROCESS FOR UNIVERSITIES

Create list of  
schools to apply to

Research application  
requirements

Create Common  
App Account

Complete applications on Common  
App

Send test scores from College  
Board account

Once applications are submitted,  
fill out SSAR (or school equivalent)



# Admissions Information

- Rolling Admissions: Students can submit applications within the window and will receive a decision within a few weeks. The earlier you apply, the better the chances!**
- Priority Deadline: Students should apply by this deadline for the best chance at admissions and financial aid**
- Early Decision: Students should only apply to this deadline if they are 100% sure they want to attend the University. If students are accepted under this deadline, they must withdraw their applications from other schools.**
- Regular Decision: This is the last date to apply.**
- Summer Session: Some schools offer freshmen Summer sessions. For some universities, the applicant pool for the Summer is less competitive than the Fall.**



# SUPPORTS AT TECH HIGH



## Testing

All Seniors will take a College-Reportable SAT in October. They can send their scores to colleges.



## Application Support Days

In October, we will host college application support days where students can come to the College and Career center to get help with the applications.



# SUPPORTS AT TECH HIGH



## College and Career Center

Mrs. Brantley is a wealth of knowledge and compiles tons of resources here:

<https://padlet.com/brantleyk/tech-high-college-and-career-resource-center-uki6grea6wjc3p2e>



# TIMELINE FOR UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

Visit Colleges  
this Summer

Take ACT/SAT/CLT this  
Summer

Look at Common  
App Essays

August: Counselor will meet with students to  
find out more about plans post graduation

September/ October: College  
Application season

November 1st: Submit  
applications






**MOST  
UNIVERSITY  
APPLICATIONS  
SHOULD BE  
SUBMITTED BY  
NOVEMBER 1ST**



# XELLO

- In the past, we have used a site called Naviance to send transcripts and request recommendations.
- The district is moving to a new system called Xello next year.
- This is a requirement, and you will be keeping your college list and acceptance progress here.
- We will communicate how to request transcripts and recommendations through Xello next year.





# **SPC APPLICATIONS**

**We will have a free SPC application event at Tech High for students in the Fall.**

**Student can complete the entire application during this time**

**More info to come :)**



# Paying for College

## State and Federal Grants

Based on financial need, the government will give students money to go to college

## Scholarships

Students can apply for many scholarships based on their high school achievements.

## Loans

Students can take out loans to cover the remaining cost of school (they must pay it back)






# FAFSA

- FAFSA is the federal financial aid application families must fill out to qualify for any financial assistance.**
- Colleges will use this information to determine if they will give additional aid to students.**
- We will have a FAFSA information night, a FAFSA ID creation night, and a FAFSA completion night at Tech High (the district will host events at other schools if families cannot attend the night at Tech High).**



# Florida Financial Aid Application

- This application is where you apply to Bright Futures and other scholarships
  - This is a scholarship available to all students in the state of Florida.
  - This is intended to be used at college in state.
  - Students will fill out a small application to make sure they are considered.
  - Students can use this scholarship for Technical colleges.
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# FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP

A renewable scholarship that provides incentive for academically talented students to stay in-state for college. If qualifications are met, students must submit the Florida Financial Aid Application no later than August 31 after high school graduation. Awards are on first-come, first serve basis. Must be a Florida resident to qualify.

## HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

4-English  
(with substantial writing)

4-Math  
(at or above Algebra I)

3-Natural Science  
(two must have substantial laboratory)

3-Social Science

2-World Language  
(sequential, in same language)

## FLORIDA ACADEMIC SCHOLARS

3.50 Weighted GPA

1340 SAT or 29 ACT

100 volunteer hours,  
100 paid work hours, or  
combination of 100  
volunteer + paid work hours

Award covers  
100% tuition + fees +  
\$300 per semester

## FLORIDA MEDALLION SCHOLARS

3.0 Weighted GPA

1210 SAT or 25 ACT

75 volunteer hours, 100  
paid work hours, or  
combination of 100  
volunteer + paid work hours

Award covers  
75% tuition + fees





<b>GSV</b> Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award		<b>30</b> Community Service	<b>100</b> Paid Work	<b>100</b> CS/PW <b>comb</b>
<b>3.0 GPA</b>	3.0 GPA in the non-elective high school courses. Take at least 3 full credits in a single Career and Technical Education program.	ACT 19 Reading, 17 English, 19 Math SAT 24 Reading, 25 Writing/Language, 24 Math P.E.R.T. 106 Reading, 103 Writing, 114 Mathematics		
Achieve the required minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA in the career education courses.				
<b>GSC</b> Florida Gold Seal <b>CAPE</b> Scholars Award		<b>30</b> Community Service	<b>100</b> Paid Work	<b>100</b> CS/PW <b>comb</b>
Graduated with a standard high school diploma or its equivalent	Earn a minimum of 5 postsecondary credit hours through CAPE industry certifications that articulate for college credit. Eligible CAPE Certifications: <a href="http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7525/urlt/goldstandardarticulationindex.xls">http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7525/urlt/goldstandardarticulationindex.xls</a> Enroll as a degree or certificate-seeking student at a Florida institution in at least 6 non-remedial semester credit hours.			



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AWARD AMOUNTS Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV) & Gold Seal CAPE Scholars (GSC)	Credit Hour Award		Clock Hour Award
	Semester	Quarter	
Career Certificate Program (PSAV)	\$39	\$26	\$1.30
Applied Technology Diploma Program (ATD)	\$39	\$26	\$1.30
Technical Degree Education Program (AS, AAS, CCC)	\$48	\$32	\$1.60
Bachelors of Science (BS)* Bachelors of Applied Science (BAS)*	\$48	\$32	

\* GSC recipients who earn a qualifying A.S. or A.A.S degree may receive an award toward a qualifying B.S. or B.A.S. degree.

**Other Ways to Qualify:**  
Non-Traditional Students may qualify for Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Programs.

**Students Participating in a Home Education (HE) Program**

**General Educational Development (GED) Students**

**Out-of-State (OOS) Students**

**Mid-Year Graduates**

Please visit <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org> or call 888-827-2004 for more information.

Merit Recognition Program	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year		Volunteer Service*	Paid Work Hours*	Combination of Volunteer/Paid Hours	Bright Futures Award
	2023-24	2024-25				
National Merit® Finalists and Scholars			100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
			75 hours			FMS
National Hispanic Recognition Program			100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
			75 hours			FMS
Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) - Diploma			100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
			75 hours			FMS
International Baccalaureate (IB) - Diploma			100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
			75 hours			FMS
AICE - Curriculum	29/96/1340	29/96/1340	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
	25/84/1210	25/84/1210	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FMS
International Baccalaureate (IB) - Curriculum	29/96/1340	29/96/1340	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
	25/84/1210	25/84/1210	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FMS

\*Student must earn the required volunteer service, paid work hours, or a combination of both equal to 100 total hours.







# Scholarships

- Pinellas County has a large bundle of scholarships students can apply for through the Pinellas Ed Foundation.
- Mrs. Brantley keeps a padlet and updates it with scholarship information.
- Colleges often offer scholarships after students are accepted!



# Tips for financial aid

## **Volunteer Hours**

Get those completed and logged early

## **Lunch Application**

Complete the free/reduced lunch app, even if you don't believe you qualify

## **SSN**

Know your social security number!



# Next Steps



## Create College List

Spend the Summer looking at colleges and what they have to offer!




## Sign Up for Testing

Take another test over the Summer, like ACT/ CLT/ SAT. It never hurts to take the tests multiple times!



## Preview the Common App

Take a look at some of the essay questions for the Common App  so you can start your applications early.



**STUDENTS -  
CHECK YOUR  
EMAILS NEXT  
YEAR!**





**EARLIER IS  
BETTER FOR  
APPLICATIONS!**





# **STUDENT NAVIANCE TASK**

- Clever -> Naviance**
- Planner tab in menu**
  - Tasks**
- Tasks assigned to me**
- Complete Game Plan  
Survey Task**