

The Road to College PTSA Meeting

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9th, 10th and 11th Planning and Preparing for College



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Lions Graduation Minimum Requirements



Credits:

4 English

4 Math (Algebra 1, Geometry, and higher)

3 Science (must pass Biology)

1 World History

1 U.S. History

.5 Economics (semester course)

.5 U.S. Government (semester course)

1 HOPE

1 Fine or Practical Arts class

8 Electives (1 virtual school class on flvs.net)

(2 years of a World Language are not required for graduation, but are required for a Bright Futures Scholarship and entrance to a 4 year college.)

GPA:

2.0 unweighted or higher (C average)

Testing:

EOC: End of Course State Subject Exam (must pass Algebra 1 Level 3 or higher or concordant Score of 97 on PERT Math)

EOC: Geometry, Biology, U.S. History, Algebra 2 (if enrolled in the class) are worth 30% of final grade in class

FSA Reading/Writing: Level 3 or higher on the 10th grade test or concordant score on either 430 SAT EBRW or 24 Reading or 19 ACT Reading

What is your plan?

- **4 year institution**

Private vs Public

College vs University

- **2 year state colleges or community colleges**

- **Technical colleges-** Orange Technical College

<https://www.orangetechcollege.net/>

- **Military**

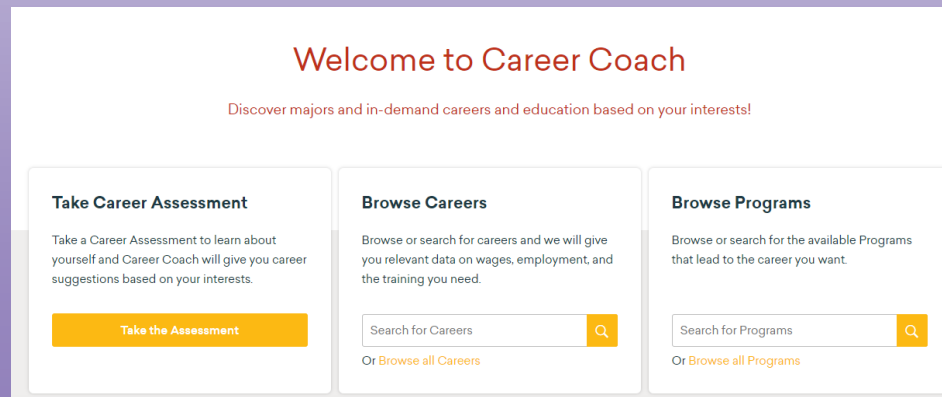
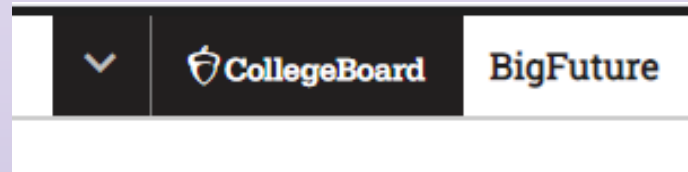
- **Apprenticeship Programs-**

<http://www.fl DOE.org/academics/career-adult-edu/apprenticeship-programs/>



Start researching your options:

- Valencia College Career Coach
- Scoir
- BigFuture.com
- MyAct
- Roadtrip Nation



Let's talk about:

***Dual Enrollment options (FIU, UCF, UF and Valencia College)**

***Graduating with an A.A.**

***AP classes v/s Dual Enrollment**

AP classes v/s Dual Enrollment

AP classes:

- Colleges tend to award credit more easily based on AP test scores (typically 3 or higher)
- Academically challenging classes.
- Out-of-state institutions tend to look more favorably on AP classes because the curriculum is familiar.
- Helps increase the weighted GPA.
- No guarantee college credit will be awarded by passing the class, student must achieve the required test score.

Visit College Board's website: [Bigfuture.com](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/) for additional information.

AP classes v/s Dual Enrollment

Dual Enrollment:

- Students have experience with the college setting while in high school.
- Save money towards earning a degree.
- Helps increase the weighted GPA.
- The student is the only one that can advocate for him or herself. Parents must be “hands off”.
- More variety of classes.
- Students are able to experience different campuses.

Pro's and Con's of graduating with an A.A.

Pro's

- For In-state institutions, it can shorten time to complete undergraduate degree.
- Students have experience with college scheduling and classes while in high school.
- Save money towards earning a degree.

Con's

- There is no guarantee all credits will count for an AA degree earned while in high school Dual Enrollment. It is up to the institution to decide how many credits they will accept.
- A major must be declared once student starts college. If student is unsure of what they want to study, this can cause issues for them.
- Dual Enrollment is NOT a direct connect to any institution. Students must still apply to the college as a first time college student, not transfer student.

Associate of Arts Requirements: (Valencia)

<https://catalog.valenciacollege.edu/degrees/associateinarts/courserequirements/>



Dual Enrollment opportunities:

FIU-student must have a 3.0 GPA and meet all testing requirements. This process is done on campus with the assistance from the counselor and/or FIU teacher.

<https://dualenrollment.fiu.edu/>

UCF-apply online, must be a 6th-12th grade student with a 3.8 GPA and 1330 SAT or 28 ACT.

<https://www.ucf.edu/admissions/undergraduate/dual-enrollment-early-admission/>

UF-apply online, must be 11th or 12th grade student with a 3.6 GPA and 1100 SAT, 22 ACT or 1130 PSAT.

<https://dualenrollment.dce.ufl.edu/>

Valencia College- apply online must have a 3.0 unweighted GPA and meet all testing requirements from SAT, ACT or Pert.

<https://valenciacollege.edu/admissions/dual-enrollment/>

Bright Futures Scholarship Program

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When should students start applying to college?

- Students should begin the process of applying to college the summer before their senior year.
- Many applications are available online as soon as end of July or the beginning of August.
- Plan on taking 4-6 weeks to complete all steps involved in applying to college.
- Steps in applying include: an online application, sending SAT/ACT scores, reporting transcript information, essays, letters of recommendation and FAFSA are all steps involved in applying.
- Top institutions may also require Subject Tests.

Super Scholar Institutions

Top 20 National Universities

2020-2021

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| 1. Princeton University | 11. Northwestern University |
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| 3. Columbia University | 13. Dartmouth College |
| 4. Massachusetts Institute of Technology | 14. Brown University |
| 5. Yale University | 15. Vanderbilt University |
| 6. Stanford University | 16. Rice University |
| 7. University of Chicago | 17. Washington University St. Louis |
| 8. University of Pennsylvania | 18. Cornell University |

Super Scholar Institutions

Top 20 Liberal Arts Colleges and Universities

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| College | |
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| Davidson College | |

Checklist:

- **Work hard at keeping your GPA as high as possible. (Honors, AP and Dual Enrollment classes)**
- **Get to know your teachers.**
- **Start researching colleges, majors and careers.**
- **Get involved! Take on leadership roles.**
- **Start looking for scholarships.**
- **Start building your student resume. (Examples on Google Classroom)**
- **Start working on meeting eligibility requirements for Bright Futures**
- **Make sure you name, birthdate, etc are correct on your transcript**
- **Keep your social media squeaky clean.**

Thank you!

¡Gracias!

Questions?

¿Preguntas?

Senior information

Class of 2021!

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NOW!



Many Colleges and Universities accept either the Coalition Application or the Common Application!

In Florida:

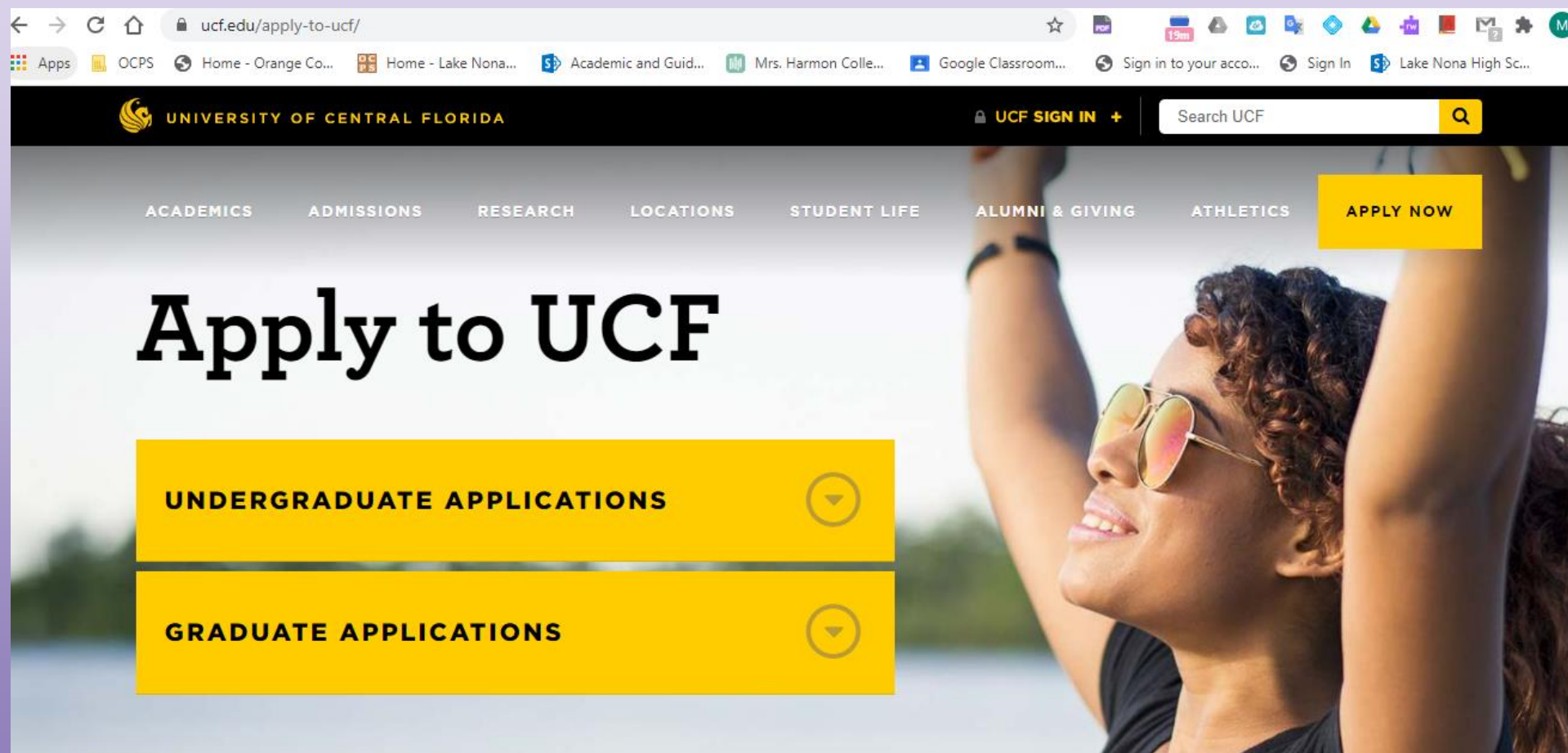
Common Application-

Coalition Application- FSU, UF, Stetson University, Florida Southern College and University of Tampa

THE COMMON
APPLICATION



Institutional Applications

A screenshot of the University of Central Florida (UCF) website's institutional applications page. The browser's address bar shows 'ucf.edu/apply-to-ucf/'. The page features a dark navigation bar with the UCF logo and 'UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA' on the left, and 'UCF SIGN IN' and a search bar on the right. Below this is a white navigation bar with links for ACADEMICS, ADMISSIONS, RESEARCH, LOCATIONS, STUDENT LIFE, ALUMNI & GIVING, and ATHLETICS, followed by a prominent yellow 'APPLY NOW' button. The main content area has a background image of a smiling woman with curly hair and sunglasses, raising her arms. Large black text reads 'Apply to UCF'. Below this are two yellow buttons: 'UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATIONS' and 'GRADUATE APPLICATIONS', each with a downward-pointing arrow icon.

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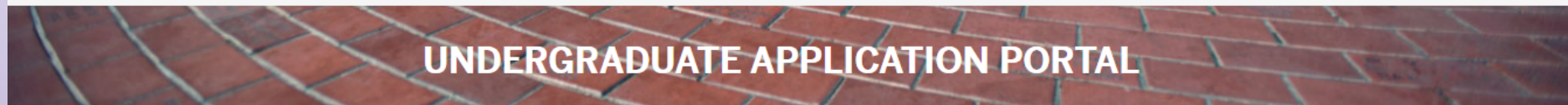
Apply to UCF

UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATIONS



GRADUATE APPLICATIONS





Announcements

- We are accepting freshman applications for Fall and Summer 2021.
- Please note that supporting documents, including the essay, resume, SSAR, and test scores, may be uploaded on the **Application Status Check** after the application has been submitted.
- Students who have submitted a Coalition or Common application will receive an email within two business days after submission with instructions on how to activate their account and access the **Application Status Check**.

Apply Now

Apply through The Common Application

Apply through Coalition

Florida State University reserves the right to close admission early if warranted by enrollment limitations and the number and quality of applications.

Florida State University encourages applications for admission from qualified students regardless of race, creed, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran or marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or any other protected group status in accordance with all



Apply

Freshman applications for UF25 will open in mid-August.

The University of Florida accepts both the [Coalition Application](#) and [The Common Application](#) . Students can choose either application and only need to apply once.

[> COALITION APP](#)

[> COMMON APP](#)

[> CHECK STATUS](#)

[> DEADLINES](#)

2020 Freshman Profile

Application Deadlines and ways to apply:

Deadlines will vary depending on the institution. It's best to verify the application deadline from the institutions website. November 1st is typically a big application deadline.

Rolling Admission- Students can apply throughout the year. Typically students are notified of acceptance within weeks of applying. It is recommended students apply early in the year versus later even with Rolling Admission. (UCF, FIU)

Early Decision- Students can apply early to the college and if they are accepted they must attend the institution. Often is a binding contract.

Early Action-Students can apply early to the college and do not have to make a decision until May 1st. This is non-binding.

Priority Deadline- Students that apply by priority deadline are often considered for the best Financial Aid packages available. The early bird gets the work kind of thing. (FAFSA)

Transcripts:

- Transcript request form is located on the LNHS website.
- Forms are due by Wednesday before noon for pick up on Friday. Forms must be emailed to the address on the website. Students may also request for transcripts to be sent electronically. Check the document on the website to verify which institutions accept electronic transcripts from LNHS.
- Some institutions are now requiring students to complete the SSAR report in lieu of sending in hard copies of their transcript.

Again, check the institutional website to make sure you don't miss a step.

9 of 12 state universities as well as several private institutions in Florida are using the SSAR system for transcript reporting.

<https://ssar.selfreportedtranscript.com/Login.aspx>



SELF-REPORTED STUDENT ACADEMIC RECORD

Welcome to the Self-reported Student Academic Record. The SSAR allows you to enter, track, and submit your academic record electronically to participating colleges and universities.

If you have already created a SSAR account, you can log in with your email address and password. If you have not yet created an account, click the [Create a New Account](#) link to get started.

Self-reported Student Academic Record



Let's get started with your SSAR.

SSAR Email Address

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Application checklists



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Who Should Apply as a Freshman?

- High school seniors
- High school students or graduates who earned dual enrollment credit or an AA degree but have not completed more than 11 semester hours of college coursework after high school graduation
- High school graduates who have never enrolled in college

Florida BOC Regulation 6.001 (7) authorizes universities to refuse admission to applicants due to past misconduct. Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

What You Need to Apply:

- ✓ Completed Self-Reported Academic Record for Knights "SPARK" Form; Students applying for Spring 2021 and students who have already completed high school must submit a current official high school or home-school transcript
- ✓ Official SAT [code: 5233] or ACT [code: 0735] score
- ✓ Official college transcript (an initial transcript for application review, as well as a final copy once all college coursework is completed and degree is posted), if applicable
- ✓ Official GED®, AICE, AP, CLEP, IB, and TOEFL/IELTS score, if applicable
- ✓ Application essay (strongly encouraged but not required)
- ✓ \$30 nonrefundable application fee
- ✓ Completed online application:



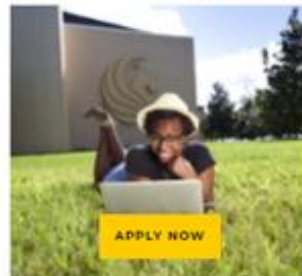
Apply using the UCF Undergraduate Application



Apply with Common App

Freshman Application Deadlines

| | |
|--------|------------|
| Fall | May 1 |
| Spring | November 1 |
| Summer | March 1 |



How to Apply

Florida State makes it easy for students to apply by giving them several options.



Apply through
the Common App



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

Apply through
the FSU Application



COALITION

Apply through
the Coalition Application

- It's important to remember that **students should only submit one application for admission**. If multiple applications are received, only the first one received will be reviewed. Florida State does not have a preference as to which application is submitted.
- To apply for the University Honors Program, on the admissions application students should select **Yes** to the question "**Are you interested in applying to the University Honors Program?**" By selecting **Yes**, the supplemental application will appear on the **Application Status Check**.
- If you plan to major in **dance**, **film** (animation or production), **music**, **studio art**, or **theatre**, contact the academic department directly for specific major requirements.

Important Dates



August 1

Application Available



February 18

Decision Day



October 1

Apply for Financial Aid



May 1

Admissions Deposit & Orientation Registration Due



December 1

Priority Application & Material Deadline



Classes Begin

Summer: June 21

Fall: August 23

Ready to Apply?



Apply online using our **institutional application**, the **Common App**, or the **Coalition application**. **Students should only submit one application.**



Create your **Self-reported Student Academic Record (SSAR)**, using your official high school transcript. To learn more about the SSAR, **view our FAQ** and **watch our how-to videos**.



Complete the following items on the **Application Status Check** by the application deadline:

- a.** Self-report all **ACT** and/or **SAT** scores.
- b.** Link your **SSAR** by copying the 32-character code from your SSAR account.
- c.** Choose one **essay question** and upload your essay.
- d.** Upload one **resume**.



Complete the **Residency Declaration** form.

SAT/ACT

- Students should sign up to take the SAT and/or ACT as soon as possible. The school day SAT will be in October 14th 2021.
- Top institutions may require at least one or two Subject tests. If required, sign up to take Subject tests as soon as possible.
- Official score reports should be requested as soon as possible. Score report requests can take 5-6 weeks to process.

SAT- <https://www.collegeboard.org/>

ACT- <https://www.act.org/>

Official score reports cost around \$12 each.

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Letters of Recommendation:

The Do's:

- Please make sure students make prior contact with the person they would like to write their letter of recommendation.
- Allow at least 2 weeks for the person to write the letter.
- Give the recommender exact instructions on how or where to submit the letter.
- Give the recommender a copy of the student resume.
- Send a thank you note or email after the recommendation letter is submitted.

Student resumes:

All students should have a student resume ready by the start of school. Sample student resumes are available to students on the Google Classroom Page. A one page resume is usually more than enough. (Use Naviance)

Students resumes should include:

- **Emphasis on education (GPA, SAT/ACT scores)**
- **Volunteer and extracurricular experience (clubs)**
- **Leadership experience**
- **List of skills (computer, language, etc)**
- **Work Experience**
- **Coursework or summer programs that do not appear on the high school transcript**
- **Mention achievements**
- **Hobbies**

College Application Essays:

- Essays are not always required for every college application. It is best to check the institutions website and refer to the application checklist to make sure.
- If an essay or two are required, students should start those immediately. There is not one format or way the colleges expect students to use when they write their essays. Colleges use essays to get to know the student better. It is very important that the students' "voice" comes through in the essay.
- Essays should be proofread multiple times before final submission.

Ways to help pay for college:

1. *Florida Financial Aid Application*- Bright Futures and other state scholarships and grants.

- This application becomes available on October 1st.



- Students who qualify for Bright Futures have up to 5 years after graduation to use the scholarship.

<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHome/SAPHome?url=home>

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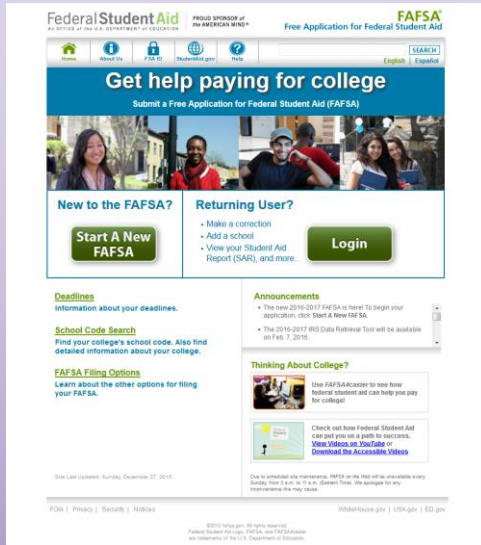
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2. Free Application for Federal Student Aid- FAFSA

- This online application becomes available also on October 1st.
- This application must be completed for students to receive Federal Aid in the form of a Pell Grant and/or institutional aid.
- Colleges will use FAFSA for institutional aid.
- The top Pell Grant is \$6,195. A Pell Grant is money that does not need to be paid back. It is “free” money to help pay for college.
- FSA ID username and password should be created prior to starting FAFSA. Student and parent/guardian must each have an FSA ID.

Help with completing this application will be available throughout the school year.

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>



Lake Nona High School

Class of 2021

FAFSA Help Sessions

October 7th and 21st

November 18th

December 9th

5-7 PM

Please sign up on the following Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/jLKrqC1Dg8knVmJG9>

3. **Google Classroom** - Students should check the Class of 2021 Google Classroom page at least once a week. Code to join: m5makn6

Parents should subscribe to the weekly principal's newsletter Between the Lions. (available on the LHNS website under "News")

4. **Raise.me** - Students can create a profile and update with information from 9th-12th grades. The colleges students choose to "follow" will reward them with micro scholarships. The money that is earned on Raise.me will be divided up into a 4 year scholarship once the student applies, enrolls and attends the participating institution.

5. Playing a college sport- NCAA Eligibility Center

- Students must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. There is an \$80 registration fee.
- Making contact with potential college coaches is a must. The sooner contact is made the better.
- Division I and II offer scholarships Division III do not.
- NAIA is another option for students interested in sports at a smaller institution.
- Counselors should know a student is interested in playing college level sports.

Final Steps...

- Check your transcript to make sure all information is correct (name, DOB, address, etc)
- Make sure you check your student application account regularly.
- Apply for as many scholarships as you can.
- Wait patiently on your admissions decision.
- Decision Day- May 1st, 2021
- Update the Class of 2021 Brag Sheet with all of your good news!

<https://forms.gle/GdhCpA86spNxC8e16>

Thank you!

¡Gracias!

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