

Southwest Miami High School
Mrs. Cuevas - CAP Advisor
Scholarship Bulletin
November 2012



SCHOLARSHIP NAME	AMOUNT	DEADLINE	CRITERIA
University of South Florida Honors College	\$4000 (\$500.00 per semester)	Not Stated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior • 3.7 GPA or higher • Planning to attend the Honors College at USF • 1250 (math/verbal) SAT/29 ACT or higher • Students who do not meet the requirements but have extraordinary life experiences might be admitted to the program at the discretion of the program director. You can contact the director to discuss options • For more information and application go to www.stpt.usf.edu/coas/honors
Collegiate Living Organization at UF	Low cost room and board	Not stated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior planning to attending UF • Living organization designed to help worthy/needy students planning to attend the University of Florida • It offers dormitory-style room and board similar to that which can be found on campus for about half the price • Students are required to keep up the facility and govern themselves • Application is available online at http://www.cloliving.org
Susan G. Komen College Scholarship Program	\$10,000 for 4 years	11/15/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These awards aid college students facing significant financial burdens due to the loss of a parent (or guardian) to breast cancer or their


			<p>own breast cancer diagnosis at age 25 or younger.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student must attend a state university in pursuit of a bachelor's degree. • Komen scholarship recipients are selected based on scholastic achievement, community service, financial need and demonstrated leadership potential. • Scholarship recipients serve as Komen Collegiate Ambassadors and must volunteer their time to breast cancer awareness activities for at least 20 hours per semester. • For more information and to apply for this scholarship, please visit http://ww5.komen.org
University of North Florida	Offering a variety of scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$20,000 over four years	First deadline 11/16/12 and various other deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior • Planning to attend UNF • Information about all UNF Scholarships available online at www.unf.edu/finaid/scholarships
Americanism Essay Contest	(1) \$10,000 (1) \$5,000 (1) \$3,000 (1) \$2,000 Savings Bonds	12/01/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Any secondary student grades 7-12 can participate</u> • 350 word essay on the topic "What My Vote Will Mean To Me". Each entry must be accompanied with required information. Essay cover online @ http://www.fra.org/Content/fra/About/FRA/EssayContest/default.cfm/
George W. Jenkins Scholarship at the University of Miami	(3) \$200,000 (\$50,000 per year) covers annual cost of tuition, fees, on-campus room and board, books and personal expenses at UM	12/1/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior who has successfully overcome significant adversity • 3.75 unweighted GPA • Planning to attend UM • Completed application for Undergraduate Admission to UM • Academic excellence • Extracurricular activities • Transcript • High financial need • U.S. citizen • Letters of recommendation (one from guidance counselor and two from teachers, community leaders or employers) describing the student's academic promise, extracurricular activities and the adversity he or she has overcome

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essay • Nomination form (to be completed by guidance counselor) • For more information and to download the nomination form please go to www.miami.edu/admission/jenkins
The AXA <u>Achievement Scholarship</u> AND The AXA <u>Community Scholarship</u> Programs	<p>Achievement Scholarships: (52) \$10,000 (10) \$15,00</p> <p>Community Scholarships: (12) \$2,000 in Miami this program launches in November</p>	12/1/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school senior planning to attend full time at a 2-year or 4-year college/university in the Fall 2013 • Personal statement regarding an outstanding achievement in a non-academic activity or project. This may be a long term project in the school, community or student's place of employment • Resume of activities, awards, honors, and/or employment • Transcript • One appraisal • Applications and more information for both programs will become available in the fall of 2010. Keep checking back with http://www.axa-equitable.com/axa-foundation/community-scholarships.html to be one of the 1st to apply! • You can visit http://www.axa-equitable.com/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-scholarship.html to register and for more info on the Achievement Scholarship!
Bridge to the Baccalaureate Program (Miami Dade College and the University of Miami)	Two years full tuition at Miami Dade Honors (separate application needed) and opportunity to take classes and paid research at UM	Preferably by December, very competitive (space is limited) Application deadline is May 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior from an underrepresented minority group (Hispanic, Black, Pacific Islander, and Native American) planning to continue studies in biomedical science • U.S. citizen or permanent residency status • Planning to attend Miami- Dade Honors College the first two years (separate application needed), then planning to transfer to the University of Miami • Through the Bridge Program you will receive college credit for courses taken at UM while at MDC, be paid for the time you spend conducting research in a UM lab, participate in seminars and present at a national science meeting. Students that successfully complete the Bridge Program and decide to transfer to UM have the opportunity to become

			<p>an HHMI scholar and/or an Initiative for Maximizing Student Development (IMSD) scholar. As an HHMI and./or IMSD scholar, students will receive paid research experiences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For application and future information please visit http://mdc.edu/honorscollege/enrichment_bridges.asp
Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship 2013 Application		12/07/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed application Essay Transcript SAT/ACT scores taken before 11/15/12 Counselor Report Copies of exhibits (optional) Application available at www.elks.org/enf/scholars For additional information visit www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvsfaq/cfm
Kosove Society Scholarship Opportunity at the University of South Florida	All inclusive scholarship to the University of South Florida	12/14/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior showing academic excellence, Leadership and community engagement Rising USF juniors Minimum GPA 3.5, 1250 SAT 28 ACT To apply and learn more about eligibility for the scholarship visit www.usfkosovesociety.org
Futuro Con Leche Scholarship Program	(10) \$4000	12/15/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Must be of Hispanic heritage Must be enrolled full-time as a first year freshman in a college or university for the 2013-2014 year U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident Minimum GPA of 3.00 www.hsf.net/FuturoConLeche
The Hispanic Scholarship Fund's High School Scholarship Program and MANY others targeting Hispanic students	Various	Earliest deadline is <u>DECEMBER 15TH</u> – many programs run throughout the year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High school senior of Hispanic heritage U.S. citizen or permanent resident 3.0 unweighted GPA Completed application Apply for financial aid after January 1, by filing the FAFSA Recommendation Go to www.hsf.net to access MANY scholarship opportunities for Hispanic students.
2012 SAE Engineering Scholarships – 2 types:	Varies	University Sponsored –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High school senior planning to earn a degree in engineering or a related science (math, chemistry, physics,

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAE Foundation Scholarships • University Sponsored Scholarships 		<p>12/15/2012</p> <p>SAE Foundation – 01/15/2013</p>	<p>biology, technologies, computer science)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. citizen • Plan to enroll in an engineering program accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering & Technology. For more information about participating schools go to www.abet.org • Essay • Actual application & more info about GPA/SAT/ACT requirements available at: http://students.sae.org/awdscholar/scholarships/engscholar/
<p>RMHC US Scholarships</p>	<p>(100) \$1000</p>	<p>12/20/12</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior • Eligible to attend college • Legal US resident • Verification of enrollment each year • www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship.php • To apply go to https://aim.applyists.net/RMHC
<p>Haz La U – Make the U</p>	<p>Up to a \$15,000 in Educational Grant or one of (10) \$2,500</p>	<p>12/31/2012</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior • Log on to www.colgate.com/hazlau and follow the application process to submit 3 short essays (500 words or less) • Be of Hispanic American heritage. • Be a U.S. citizen, legal permanent resident or eligible non-U.S. citizen. • Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. • Be pursuing or plan to pursue your first undergraduate degree. • Have plans to enroll full-time in a degree-seeking program at a two or four year U.S. accredited institution in the U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, or Guam during the 2013-2014 academic year. • Must be a first year student at a two year college or a freshman at a four year institution in the 2013-2014 academic year. • Must apply for federal financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in 2013 • For more information on the program call 877-473-4636 or visit www.colgate.com/hazlau

Templeton Press	\$1,000 up to \$5,000	12/31/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school senior who intends to enroll at an institution of higher learning by fall of 2013. • The contest has no special requirements; it only asks each entrant to write a thoughtful essay about his or her life's purpose. • Contestants will be judged solely on the quality of their ideas and their ability to express themselves. <p>Full entry information can be found at: http://lawsoflifecontest.com/</p>
J. Ollie Edmunds Distinguished Scholarship <u>to Stetson University</u>	Full undergraduate tuition, fees, on campus housing, meals and books for four years.	01/02/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior attending Stetson University • Academic based award • GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale • Student ranking in the top 5% of their senior class • ACT composite score of 30 or a minimum combined SAT score of 1350(combined Critical Reading and Math) • Co-curricular activities and community service • Application/nomination forms are available at www.stetson.edu/edmunds
2013 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest	(5) \$500 (1) \$1000 (1) \$5,000 First place winner will also win a \$5,000 John Hancock Freedom 529 College Savings Plan and all expense-paid trip to Boston	01/05/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school students • Past winners and finalists are not eligible • Employees of Fidelity Investments and members of their families are not eligible • Write an original and creative essay no less than 1,000 words that demonstrates an understanding of political courage as described by John F. Kennedy in Profiles in Courage • Essays can be submitted on-line (preferred) or via regular mail by the postmark date of January 5, 2013 • All students must register on-line at http://www.jfklibrary.org/Education/Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest.aspx
The Ron Brown Scholar Program	(10) \$40,000	01/09/13 deadline for <u>Ron Brown only</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African American high school senior • Academically talented • SAT I/SAT II/ACT/AP scores (not all tests required – but scores from ANY tests must be submitted with original application) • Application available online at

<p>Mas Family Scholarship</p>	<p>Not stated</p>	<p>01/13/13</p>	<p>www.ronbrown.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cuban-American student, who was born in Cuba or is a direct Cuban descendent and is considered financially “needy.” “Needy” will be defined by using a special federal formula that examines a family’s financial situation in terms of how much a family can contribute to its child’s education • A minimum of a cumulative 3.5 GPA (on a 4.0 GPA scale) • A minimum SAT score of 1500/2400 • A complete application and all required forms submitted on time (see “Application Package” & “Application Instructions”) • Please visit webpage at www.masscholarships.org for further information. • Undergraduate and Graduate scholarships are available in the fields of Engineering, Business, International Relations, Economics, Communications, and Journalism <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ES-MIA-ECOPY7_SM TP_via_LDAP_10-23-
<p>Lombardi Scholarship Program at UF</p>	<p>Not stated</p>	<p>IMPORTANT: Deadline to be nominated is different than deadline on the website. To be considered for nomination, please bring completed application form and resume to Mrs. Cuevas, room 220, no later than Monday, January 14th, 2013</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nomination required (two only) • Applicants must postmark their completed application form and letter of nomination from CAP Advisor. To be considered for nomination, please bring completed application form and your resume to Mrs. Cuevas, room 220, no later than Monday, January 14th, 2013 • Nominees for this award will rank at or near the top of their class. Other criteria for selection include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Achievement • Service to the community • Extracurricular involvement • Demonstration of leadership • Evidence of strong moral character • Exceptional creativity • Preference will be given to Florida residents

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application and nomination forms are available at http://www.honors.ufl.edu/Lombardi-and-Stamps-Scholars.aspx
Gates Millennium Scholars	Varies. GMS program includes scholarship opportunities to cover tuition for undergraduate programs as well as graduate and post-graduate resources and conferences	01/16/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seniors who are African American, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American Must be a citizen/legal permanent resident or national of the United States GPA 3.3 unweighted Demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular or other activities Meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria (eligibility for the Pell Grant can only be determined through the submission of FAFSA) Application and nomination forms are available at www.gmsp.org. If you have any questions please call 1-877-690-4677 or by email at info@gmsp.org
Digital Media Arts College Seventh Annual Scholarship Competition		01/31/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior One full undergraduate scholarship will be awarded towards a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Graphic Design or Computer Animation as well as partial scholarships worth \$20,000 and \$15,000 www.dmac.edu/2013scholarship
Princeton Prize in Race Relations	Cash awards up to \$1,000	Postmarked by 1/31/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students currently enrolled in grades 9th-12th The candidate must have been actively involved in a volunteer activity in the last 12 months that has had a significant, positive impact on race relations — broadly defined — in his or her school or community. To promote harmony, understanding, and respect among people of different races by identifying students whose efforts have had a significant, positive effect in their school communities The supporter must be a teacher, community or religious leader or other adult not related to the candidate who knows about the candidate's participation in the activity described in the application. All winners will be notified in writing in early April.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For more information call 800-742-1036 or visit website at www.princeton.edu/PrincetonPrize
Nat Moore Foundation Urban Scholarship Program	\$10,000 payable at \$2,500 each year over four years	01/31/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior US Citizen or permanent resident Financial need Plan to attend a 2 year or 4 year college or technical school Achieve a non-weighted GPA of 2.0 or above Community service http://cdn.trustedpartner.com/docs/library/NatMooreFoundation2011/2012%20Scholarship%20Application(1).docx
NROTC Scholarship Program	Full tuition, books, fees and other financial benefits for four years, up to \$180,000	1/31/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S. Citizen Not less than 17 years old by 9/1 of year starting college and no more than 23 on June 30 of that year High school graduation or equivalency certificate by 8/1 of year of entrance into four year NROTC scholarship program Physically qualified by Navy or Marine Corps standards Apply for and gain admission to NROTC colleges SAT score of 530 Verbal, 520 Math or ACT 21 Math, 22 English. If you do not meet the test scores but are in the top 10% of your class you still qualify Students will receive a \$250 per month allowance which increases as you progress through school. For more information or to start your NROTC application go to: https://www.nrotc.navy.mil/
ChairScholars Foundation's Scholarship	(10) \$3,000-\$5,000	02/15/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High school senior or college freshman who is physically challenged but does not have to be in a wheelchair "B" high school average 300-500 word essay outlining student's physical challenge & how it has affected the student and his/her goals Financial need (w/ copy of parents' income tax) Resume of honors & awards Copies of SAT/ACT scores Three (3) letters of recommendation Community service

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo • Application available online at: www.chairscholars.org/nationalprogram.html • When visiting the online application, please be certain to select NATIONAL PROGRAMS and not FLORIDA PROGRAMS. Florida programs are only available for certain COUNTIES in the state and Miami-Dade is NOT ONE OF THEM.
National Co-op Scholarship Program	195 Merit scholarships	02/15/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior • Cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better • Apply and accepted for the 2013/14 academic year at one of the WACE Partner Institutions • For a list of the ten participating institutions visit www.waceinc.org • For scholarship application visit www.waceinc.org
The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons Florida	\$1000	02/15/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior • 1000 word essay on the topic "Why Education is Important" • Application available in the CAP-Office
The Jackie Robinson Scholarship	(Various) Up to \$7,500	02/15/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minority high school senior • Proof of acceptance into a four year college/university • Academic achievement • Leadership • U.S. citizen • Financial need 1000+ SAT/ 22 ACT • One (1) letter of recommendation • Transcript • Applications will become available online at www.jackierobinson.org/ beginning October 15th. • Be certain to have SAT/ACT scores sent to the Jackie Robinson Foundation <u>AT THE TIME YOU REGISTER FOR THESE TESTS.</u> • The codes are: SAT: 4248 - ACT: 6570
The RiSE Scholarship Foundation, Inc.	Not stated	02/15/13	<p>Awards yearly scholarships to college bound students with learning disabilities. Please see application at www.risescholarshipfoundation.org</p> <p>Must be a current high school, college bound senior, who has submitted applications to and is planning on attending</p>

an accredited College or University.

- Must be a U.S. Citizen.
- Must have an overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher on a 4 point scale (or equivalent).
- Must have a documented learning disability *, a diagnosis of ADHD or ADD alone does not qualify.
- Must provide a letter of reference from a teacher, high school counselor, or principal of present high school on the enclosed form. The recipient must provide RISE Scholarship Foundation, Inc. proof of registration to accepted college or university for the scholarship to be issued the fall semester of the same year that the award is presented.

* A Specific Learning Disability is a disorder in one or more of central nervous system processes involved in perceiving, understanding, and/or using concepts through verbal (spoken or written language) or nonverbal means. This disorder manifests itself with a deficit in one or more of the following areas: attention, reasoning, memory, communicating, reading, writing, spelling, calculation, coordination, social competence, and emotional maturity. U.S. Department of Education Rehabilitation Services Administration

Application Process

The following materials must be in order, as listed below, and can be stapled, or paper clipped. All materials for each nominee must be included in one mailing and will not be returned. Only fully completed applications will be considered for the RISE Scholarship Foundation, Inc. award.

The winner will be contacted and announced April, 2013

Application & supportive information must be postmarked, to RiSE Scholarship Foundation, Inc., by **February 15, 2013.**

Please include:

- A fully completed and signed application.
- A complete high school transcript. Please contact the counselor of your high school to receive a copy.
- Current documentation of a learning disability. This documentation may include an I.E.P. and/or 504 plans, a letter from your psychologist who performed the educational testing or school counselor which details the diagnosis. The diagnosis

			<p>of ADHD/ADD, alone, is not considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A completed recommendation from a school counselor, teacher, headmaster, or principal. The form should be in a sealed envelope with the school letterhead marked envelope. • A recent photograph. <p>Mail all applications to: RiSE Scholarship Foundation, Inc. Attention: Awards Selection Committee P.O. Box 422417 Atlanta, Ga. 30342</p>
<p>Friends of 440 Scholarship Fund, Inc,</p>	<p>Amounts vary and may be up to \$6,000 per year to cover tuition, books, room, and board.</p>	<p>02/28/13</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose of Friends of 440 Scholarship Fund is to aid dependents or descendants of workers who were injured or killed in the course and scope of their employment and who received benefits under the Florida Workers' Compensation Law. Dependents or descendants of individuals who primarily work in the operation and/or administration of this same law are eligible to receive scholarships. • Seniors must have a 2.7 GPA to apply. Scholarship recipients must maintain a 3.0 GPA per semester and have at least 12 credit hours per semester to remain eligible for funds • Copy of most recent tax return of parent(s) and/or guardian • Copy of applicant's most recent school transcript • Copy of applicant's most recent tax return • If parents are divorced, copies of (1) divorce decree, (2) court order of support and (3) property settlement agreement. • Applications will NOT be processed if ANY of the above documents are missing. • Applications available at www.440scholarship.org
<p>Miami Heat Scholarships Two (2) Miami HEAT Scholarships One (1) Dr. Jack Ramsay Scholarship One (1) Alec Kessler Student-Athlete Scholarship</p>	<p>(4) \$2,500 each</p>	<p>4/6/13</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant must be a high school student enrolled in a Miami-Dade, Broward, or Palm Beach County public or private school. • Minimum GPA of 3.2 by the end of the second grading period of their senior year. • Submit an official transcript from the

			<p>high school registrar along with a copy of their SAT and/or ACT score.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant must have an unmet financial need for assistance. In order to prove a financial need, please submit a copy of the household's W2 form(s) and a copy of the last tax filing (i.e. 1040 form) for all household members. • Letters of recommendation • Applicant must be accepted to and enroll in a <u>four year accredited college or university in the USA.</u> Please submit a copy of the letter of acceptance to the four year accredited college or university. • Applicant must complete a writing sample as outlined in the application form. • Application available at http://www.nba.com/heat/media/heat_scholarship_application_2013.pdf
SunTrust Off To College Scholarship Sweepstakes	\$1,000	Bi-weekly drawing until 5/10/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship check will be payable to the winner's school of attendance • Only one entry per person for each drawing; however, students can register after each completed drawing for the next scheduled drawing • Entrants must be at least 13 years of age • Visit www.offtocollege.info or www.suntrusteducation.com
Senior Police Executive Angel Calzadilla/Do the Right Thing – Police Memorial Scholarship	Up to but not to exceed \$6,000	5/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior (must be 19 years old before completing the police academy) • Must have proof of U.S. citizenship • No felonies on your record <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application available at http://dotherightthinginc.org/scholarship/
Paul Janosky Art Scholarship	\$1,000	TBA (usually around June 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Miami-Dade, Broward, or Monroe County high school senior or graduate • Son or daughter of a sworn officer working for any law enforcement agency within the geographical boundaries of Miami-Dade County, • Planning to or is currently majoring in visual arts, graphic arts, or computer arts at an accredited college or university or who is planning to or is currently attending an accredited art or vocational school

- Who is a full-time student
- 2.5 minimum grade point average
- This scholarship is awarded based on achievement in the visual, graphic, or computer arts. This year, one scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded. Prior applicants and recipients may apply for this scholarship annually.

Please submit the following items:

1. Paul Janosky Art Scholarship Application
 2. A certified transcript of your grades
 3. One letter of recommendation from a faculty member who is familiar with your artwork, preferably an art teacher/instructor.
 4. One letter of recommendation from a school guidance counselor (for graduating seniors)
 5. Representations of your artwork
- Application available at
<http://www.poat.org/Applications/Janosky.php>

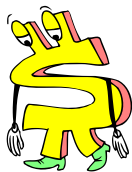
REMEMBER to visit the Internet for more scholarships. Visit www.fastweb.com, www.finaid.org, and other websites like <http://www.blackexcel.org/link4.htm>, which contains a number of great links to scholarship websites for African American and Hispanic students. Check it out!!! Ask your parents to check with their employers or professional organizations; they may have scholarship programs for children of employees or members.



CAN YOU RECOGNIZE A SCHOLARSHIP SCAM?

- It may state you've won an award for which you didn't apply
 - It does not supply valid contact information
- It often requires personal information such as a credit card # or a checking account # to "hold" or "verify" a scholarship

POPULAR (BUT FALSE) CLAIMS:



- "For a small fee, we'll give you a list of scholarships."
- "\$6.6 billion in scholarships went unclaimed last year."
- "You are guaranteed a minimum of \$1,000 in awards."
- We have a 96 % (or some such impressive #) success rate.*
 - "We will do all the work for you."

REPORT A SUSPECTED SCAMMER TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES:

- National Fraud Information Center (NFIC) 800-876-7060 or www.fraud.org
- Federal Trade Commission (FTC) 877-FTC-HELP or www.ftc.gov

CHECK THESE OUT

- <http://www.fastweb.com>
- <http://www.scholarships.com>
- <http://www.freschinfo.com>
- <http://www.scholarship-page.com>

2012-2013 ACT & SAT NATIONAL TEST DATES

HIGH SCHOOL CODE: 101-102

NCAA CODE: 9999

ACT TEST DATES

February 9 **
April 13 **
June 8

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

January 11
March 8
May 3

LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE

January 12-18
March 9-22
May 4-17

SAT & Subject Tests TEST DATES

December 1 **
January 26
March 9
May 4 **
June 1

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

November 8
December 30
February 10
April 6
May 8

LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE

November 20
January 13
February 24
April 20
May 22

****Southwest High School is an ACT Test Center. Test Center Code: 232-270**

****Southwest High School is an SAT Test Center. Test Center Code: 10-472**

ACT regular deadline fee: \$35.00

Late deadline fee: add \$22.00

ACT Plus Writing: \$50.50

SAT regular deadline fee: \$50.00

Late deadline fee: add \$27.00

SAT Subject test fee: Varies. Basic registration fee is \$23.00 plus cost of subject tests.

Note:

Students with documented disabilities may be eligible for accommodations including extended time for SAT and/or ACT. Please see SPED Department.

A limited amount of fee waivers are available for students who participate in the free or reduced lunch program, please see Mrs. Cuevas in room 220 for more information.

Online registration for SAT available at www.collegeboard.com and ACT registration is available at www.actstudent.org. Also, mail-in registration packets are available if needed.



ACT/ACT practice tests available via the Student Portal

This resource provides students with the opportunity to take three timed, full-length online practice tests for both the ACT and the SAT. Additionally, students will receive detailed answer explanations for every question.

Directions for accessing online ACT & SAT Practice Tests (Gale Cengage Learning)



- Log on to your Student Portal
- Click on the Apps/Services/Sites Link at the top of your portal
- Click on the Virtual Library Link (2nd link in the 3rd column)
- Click on the Secondary Resources link (3rd link from the top)
- Click on GALE Cengage Learning (Senior) link (4th link from the top)



- Click on this icon under the Electronic Resources Page
- A page entitled INFOTRAC will appear
- Click Proceed
- A page entitled Testing & Education Reference Center will appear
- Under the College Prep Tool tab click on ACT/SAT
- Click on the link ACT/SAT practice test
- Click on Start Now
- The initial username and password to enter the Student Portal is found below:

Username: 7-digit ID number **Password:** 2-digit birth month, 4-digit birth year and the letters pw (i.e., 021995pw)

CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE

- Required by some colleges and universities. Please check with the institutions you are applying to see if they required the CSS Profile.
- Institutions use the information collected on the CSS Profile to help them award non-federal student aid funds

Application is available online at www.collegeboard.com/profile or by calling (305) 829-9793

Students are charged an application fee of \$9, plus \$16 for each college or scholarship program to which you want information sent. A limited number of fee waivers are granted automatically to first-year, first-time citizen — or eligible non-citizen applicants — from low-income families, based on the financial information provided on the PROFILE. You don't need to apply for a fee waiver.

PROFILE Application for 2013-2014 will be available on October 1, 2012. You should file this application if you are entering college in the fall of 2013 or the spring of 2014 and **if required by your college or university.**

COLLEGES OF DISTINCTION

Be open minded and explore some colleges you have never heard of. “The perfect college” for you may not be the one everyone talks about. Check out this website: <http://www.collegesofdistinction.com/home>

What is a College of Distinction?

A College of Distinction is...

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THE COLLEGE SEARCH

SENIORS, TIME TO BEGIN YOUR COLLEGE SEARCH.... If you haven't already!!!!!!

Now that school has started - guess what!!! It's time to spend some time in some preparation for that next big step in life - COLLEGE. There is no better time than now to begin your college search. USE THE INTERNET, I believe it's one of the best tools out there in the daunting task of finding the best college for you. Depending on if you want to go out of state or stay in sunny Florida, here are just a few things you should look for in weeding out the number of choices available to you.

1. **LOCATION:** how about snow - big cities - rural farmland - beaches - mountains - staying close to home - getting as far away as possible - different people - different cultures - plenty of activities or plenty of study time - fading into the crowd or standing out with the few - close personal attention or being left to sink or swim. Each college or university has their own personality. By doing your own investigation, you may find out what college environment best suits YOU. YOUR own personal success is often determined by how comfortable and happy you are in your new environment.

2. **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:** Know your deadline dates!!!!!! Know if either early action or early decision are offered - letters of recommendation and essays - know what their mid-range GPA and SAT/ACT scores are - determine if you match the qualifications a college is looking for and your chances of getting accepted!!!!!! Know what type of application is preferred by the admissions department - know what financial aid forms are required.

3. **COSTS:** Get an idea of what tuition, room/board, books etc will cost you and your family. This is a great time to learn about financial aid and how it works ----- most importantly, talk this over with your parents, know what they can afford then do some soul searching to determine what you will have to do to make up any shortages. Investigate what you may qualify for in financial aid. Check out what institutional aid is available - know what GPA and SAT/ACT scores are required to qualify for an institutional scholarship. All institutions are different and many offer great awards to worthy students. NOW is the time to do your research.

4. **TESTING:** If your SAT or ACT scores are a few points off the mark, NOW is the time to plan to retake these tests. Remember state university minimums: SAT >>> 440 Math / 440 Critical Reading >>> ACT >>> 17 English / 18 Reading / 19 Math - please retake if you have failed to meet state minimums.

When you register for the SAT, or ACT, please go ahead and put down the 4

colleges you want your scores sent to (it's FREE). A lot of time will be wasted if you fail to do so.

- PLAN out your strategy prior to the date that your COLLEGE APPLICATION is due.
- ONE HINT: many colleges will hold your application for additional test scores or your grades at the end of the first semester. CONTINUE MAKING GOOD GRADES AND CONTINUE TESTING.

5. **ACADEMICS:** This should be simple - right!!!! Always allow yourself some flexibility. Just know that most small or liberal arts colleges may offer a limited number of programs and majors. That's fine if you are sure you know what you want to study. Not so good if you want to study Sports Medicine and they don't offer it!!! Universities (universal) usually offer a wide variety of programs and majors. If you are like most college students, you may end up changing your major several times. Universities may offer the flexibility that you needs.

When you have developed a list of colleges, please plan a visit. Call ahead to arrange a tour. Pay attention to the atmosphere of the college as well as the students who attend there. Visit a class if possible; ask about institutional scholarships as well as financial aid. Most importantly, get a feel as to how you as a person will fit into the college culture and if it will meet your scholastic as well as career goals. GOOD LUCK!!!!!!!!!!!!

COLLEGE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

1. **The General Application:** Is all information accurate and legible? Don't leave questions blank unless the application allows it. Most, if not all colleges now prefer that you apply on-line.
2. **Academic Transcripts:** Order your transcripts from **Elena Zayas-Bazan in the Guidance Dept.** You will send one transcript to each school that you apply to.
3. **Letters of Recommendation:** Do you have the number of recommendations required? Also, check with the admissions office if they need to be sealed. Remember that not all colleges require letters!!
4. **Work Samples/Portfolios:** Include your name, contact information and the project title on every item. Send copies, not originals.
5. **Application Essays:** Make sure your name, social security number, date of birth, contact information and essay title are on each page. Be original and remember to change college names around if you are sending your essay to more than one college.
6. **SAT/ACT Scores:** If you need to send test scores to additional schools, contact the testing company immediately. SAT: www.collegeboard.com ACT: www.act.org. Scores are mailed about three weeks after your request. Due to timing issues, It is strongly recommend that seniors indicate where they want scores sent when they register for a test. This will save precious time and money. Remember that our high school code is 100-662. This code MUST be on all test registration forms.
7. **Signatures:** Before mailing, verify that all necessary forms have been signed.
8. **Keep Copies:** Create a file to hold copies of all documents in case you need to refer to them later.

Common mistakes on applications are:

- No transcripts
- Waiting for SAT/ACT test scores
- Application fees not paid or residency statement is not correct or complete.

Remember that when you do the Florida State university application on-line, **you must print off the last page and complete the residency verification part.** When completed, mail this to the college along with your application fee and your essays and letters of recommendation. Finally, when you send anything to an admissions office, please always follow-up with them in two weeks to verify that they received your information.

EARLY DECISION VERSUS EARLY ACTION:

Early Decision (binding admission)

Pro: Great option if you believe your choice is the one and only and that you would be unhappy any other place. Admission people love Early Decision because it commits a greater number of students to their incoming freshman class. Your chances of being accepted ED is slightly higher than Early Decision and Regular Admissions. Notification usually comes within a

month or so after the deadline. Remember that if you apply ED at one college, you cannot apply ED at another. For other colleges it is recommended that you apply EA, or regular decision.

Con: Early Decision is not for everyone. Don't consider ED if there is going to be a great need for financial aid. One drawback comes when you receive your financial aid award letter and realize that you cannot afford to go to your first choice. It gets worse since you must withdraw all other applications. You may end up scrambling to apply to your secondary schools at a late date.

Early Action (non-binding)

Pro: Go for it!!! EA is for those students on the ball and eager to apply to their top choices. EA allows you to apply to any number of schools without being bound to any school that accepts you. EA notification usually comes a short time after ED notifications. As with ED applicants, you may have a higher chance of acceptance if you go EA as compared to the regular deadline date.

Con: There aren't any. Applicants who may not meet grade and test score levels may be deferred to a later date.

ADVICE FROM CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENTS

- Visit a variety of types of schools (big, small, private, public, different geographical locations) during the summer so you'll be sure of what kind of school you want to go to.
- Start early in organizing your application materials. Investigate the application requirements of the colleges you are considering as early as possible. Keep a list of your schools and what you have to send them so you don't miss any deadlines.
- Don't forget to make copies of everything!!!!
- Start early and reduce stress! Apply to rolling admission schools as early in the fall as possible- it makes you feel good to know you're in somewhere, and you have a better chance of being accepted.
- Don't let anyone tell you that you cannot be accepted at a specific college. The worst is you get a "no" or "waitlist" and the best is you get a "yes", but you will never know unless you try.
- Check the Common Application. If more than one school you're going to apply to accepts the Common Application, just do that.
- Be patient and get your applications in on time. Apply where you want and don't let your friends influence you.
- Don't rule out schools just because they're too expensive; you never know what will come through scholarships or financial aid.
- Don't apply early to a school just to be "done with it" if you are not POSITIVE that that is the school for you. There's a school that's right for everyone, you just have to take the time to find it.
- Start looking for scholarship opportunities early. Some scholarship deadlines are before the start of school.
- In your essay, be sure to write about something that is really a part of you, something important. It shows if you bluff.
- If there is an optional essay, do it anyway to show that you are really interested in the college.
- If you are asking teachers for recommendations, give them at least a week so that you do not inconvenience them.
- Have an open mind and go where you feel comfortable.
- Visit the colleges before accepting an offer of admission. Get a feel for the campus.
- I think it is important to spend the night at the schools you are interested in and talk to as many people as possible. Also see what the weekends are like and what the atmosphere of the school is like.

GET NOTICED: 10 COLLEGE ESSAY TIPS

1. **Don't "recycle" essays.** An essay that sounds like it has been used before will blend with everyone else's.
2. **Captivate your audience.** Make your essay engaging and memorable. Include a quick, enticing intro; give a reason to finish reading it.
3. **Be yourself.** Choose a topic that is meaningful to you. Use your own voice. Show off a side of yourself that your application does not; don't simply write what you think an admissions office wants to hear.
4. **Accentuate the positive.** When writing about a personal experience, emphasize how the experience changed you for the better.
5. **Write in the active voice.** Doing so will make for a clearer, more concise essay.
6. **Don't overextend.** Your essay isn't a term paper. Stay focused on your topic.

7. **Ask people for input.** Whether it's a teacher, counselor, friend or parent, ask someone you respect for some candid feedback. Is it confusing? Boring?
8. **Leave time for rewriting.** Look for weak or dull spots and spelling and grammatical errors. Never let your first draft be your final draft.
9. **Revise, reword.** Improve on your first draft through various rewrites. Read the essay aloud to find awkward sentences or problems.
10. **Pursue perfection.** Have someone else look it over. Quadruple-check the spelling. Type your essay carefully



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