

SENIOR CORNER



BEGIN YOUR SENIOR YEAR WITH THESE STEPS:

1. **Create a working college list.** Start making a list of colleges. The list doesn't have to be long – a list of one or two schools is great, but more is welcome. This process involves researching each college, its affordability, and its application requirements. Chapter 2 and Chapter 4 have much more information on this process.

2. **Consider writers for your letters of recommendation.** During junior summer, you should start thinking about whom you will ask for letters of recommendation. Chapter 6 goes into this subject in more detail.

3. **Create a student resume.** This gives you the chance to brag about yourself. This is not the place to be modest, or shy! This area is meant to highlight all that you've done. List all of your honors, achievements, initiatives, awards, etc. This will be extremely helpful to your recommenders later on, and you may even be able to send it into certain colleges. In addition, don't hesitate to include places where you've worked. Resumes are just ways to assert who you are, and admissions counselors love seeing whether you scooped ice cream or took your turn at lawn mowing.

4. **Start writing college essays.** Start brainstorming topics, maybe even writing an early draft. The essay is a significant part of the college application and requires a fair amount of time and effort.

5. **Make a scholarship list.** An important part of affording college is applying to scholarships. Although some scholarship deadlines are in the fall, many are in the spring. Apply for those that are available and start making a list of those that are due in the spring, with their respective deadlines.

Check out the entire Guide to Post-secondary Education & Career at:

https://static1.squarespace.com/static/59415b73bf629a8c8a8268aa/t/5cb200bdeb39315a7ce2e9bd/1555169472141/FOP_Guide.pdf

JOB HUNTING: DEVELOP A RESUME, COVER LETTER, AND INTERVIEW

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DID YOU KNOW YOUR STUDENT COULD ATTEND PRIVATE, PRESTIGIOUS FLORIDA TECH TUITION-FREE?

Students who qualify for the Bright Futures Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) award are eligible to be considered for a Panther Distinguished Scholar Award, a combination of scholarships and grants that altogether covers **FULL TUITION** plus facilities and activities fees.

The Panther Distinguished Scholar Award is available to a limited number of incoming fall 2020 freshmen who meet eligibility requirements. To be considered for selection, applicants must:

- Complete the Florida Financial Aid Application while in high school
- Qualify for the Bright Futures Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) award
- Apply and be admitted to Florida Tech as a full-time, on-campus, degree-seeking student by Feb. 1, 2020 (there is no application fee)
- Complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) listing Florida Tech as a receiving institution (school code 001469) by Feb. 1, 2020

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A need-based scholarship program for first-generation students attending UF. The MFOS Program covers the full cost of attendance for students, including tuition, housing, a meal plan and books. It also provides success services to help students transition to college and graduate. Program offerings include a peer mentor and financial literacy workshops, among other supports. To qualify, students must be first-generation and demonstrate significant financial need, among other criteria.

Do you qualify?

<https://opportunity.ufl.edu/students/prospective-students/checklist-to-be-reviewed-for-mfos-scholarship/>