You’ve Applied! Next Steps

Applying to college is an important step in continuing your education, but it is not the last step! Here is what you will need to do next:

Finalize your application

☐ Make sure your application fee has been paid
☐ Make sure your transcripts have been sent

Apply for financial aid

☐ Create your FSA ID, the username and password that you will need to log into the Federal Student Aid website. Remember your password!
  ○ You and your parent will each need to create your own FSA ID.
  ○ Go to studentaid.gov to get started.
☐ Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
  ○ Some aid is on a first-come, first-served basis. The earlier you complete the FAFSA, the more likely you are to receive some forms of financial aid.
  ○ Go to studentaid.gov to get started.
☐ Complete the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA).
  ○ The FFAA opens October 1.
  ○ It is necessary to complete this application to receive state-funded grants and scholarships, including Bright Futures.
  ○ Complete the FFAA here.
☐ Apply for grants and scholarships, which do not need to be paid back.
  ○ Florida offers both need- and merit-based scholarships, including Bright Futures, First Generation Matching Grant, and Florida Student Assistance Grant.
  ○ Some of these scholarships require that you complete the FFAA.
  ○ Research local scholarships through your education foundation, community foundation, or by speaking with your school counselor. Also, check out FCAN’s Scholarship Resources page.

Get ready to go!

☐ Accept an admission offer by May 1.
☐ Attend new student orientation.
☐ Sign up for housing and a meal plan (if you plan to live on campus).
☐ Submit your housing deposit by the deadline (check your college’s website for more information).
☐ Get necessary supplies, like books, dorm room essentials, etc.
☐ Register for classes if you did not already do so at student orientation.
☐ Have a great first semester!