

The State College Application

A great, affordable, very accessible option! The state of Florida has 28 state colleges that serve all 64 counties in Florida. Many of the state colleges have multiple campuses to provide students with a campus near the locations they live and work. For instance, St. Johns River State College (SJRState) has campuses in St. Augustine, Orange Park, and Palatka as it serves the counties of St. Johns, Clay, and Putnam. *Each state college in Florida offers one or more of the following options for students to complete their educations:*

- 1) **Associate of Art (AA) transfer degrees.** The AA transfer degree will provide you guaranteed admission to one of Florida's universities to complete your Bachelor degree. The degree might not transfer out-of-state, so be aware of this as you make plans beyond your AA degree.
- 2) **Bachelor degrees.** Many of Florida's state colleges now offer Bachelor degrees. Typically, the Bachelor degree awarded within the state college system provides management opportunities for skilled employees within high demand workforce fields and industries of Florida.
- 3) **Online degree programs.** If you prefer completing your degree entirely online, this is also an option for many programs within the state college system. You can be a distance learner for the cost of a public college education.
- 4) **Associate of Science (AS) degrees.** Keep in mind that the state college system also provides students with the opportunity to complete AS degrees. AS degrees are designed for students to complete and enter the workforce expeditiously. A limited selection of AS degrees can be used as transfer degrees to the university system or to a bachelor program within the state college system. See your college advisor for details.
- 5) **Certificates.** This educational avenue provides students with options to complete industry certifications leading to specific areas of employment. Certificates may also be acquired to show specialized knowledge that complements existing degrees earned.

Students interested in attending a state college in Florida MUST apply to attend the chosen school. However, admissions is not competitive in nature. If you have earned a high school diploma, you will be admitted to Florida's state college system. There are no priority deadlines for admissions, however, you will need to apply in time to register for courses, so check the application deadlines. Also, you will want to apply and get your name in the system for potential scholarships. Many state college scholarships must be applied for separately from the actual application process, so make sure you review the web site of the state college you would like to attend. Keep in mind that some of our state colleges now offer housing for students.

A "COMPLETE APPLICATION" to a state college generally includes the following:

- Application (usually online)
- Application Fee (usually about \$25, paid online as part of the application)
- Transcript (Request through Naviance)
- Test Scores (must be OFFICIAL, from the test organization- used for advising you)
- Residency Affidavit

State Colleges within Florida

Florida College	Main Campus Location
Broward College	Ft. Lauderdale
Chipola College	Marianna
College of Central Florida	Ocala
Daytona State College	Daytona
Eastern Florida State College	Melbourne
Florida Gateway College	Lake City
Florida Keys Community College	Key West
Florida SouthWestern State College	Fort Myers
Florida State College at Jacksonville	Jacksonville
Gulf Coast State College	Panama City
Hillsborough Community College	Tampa
Indian River State College	Ft. Pierce
Lake-Sumter State College	Leesburg
Miami Dade College	Miami
North Florida Community College	Madison
Northwest Florida State College	Niceville
Palm Beach State College	Lake Worth
Pasco-Hernando State College	New Port Richey
Pensacola State College	Pensacola
Polk State College	Winter Haven
Santa Fe College	Gainesville
Seminole State College	Sanford
South Florida State College	Avon Park
St. Johns River State College	Palatka
St. Petersburg College	St. Petersburg
State College of Florida Manatee- Sarasota	Bradenton
Tallahassee Community College	Tallahassee
Valencia College	Orlando