Dear Friends,

It hardly seems possible, but in just a few weeks our 2017–2018 freshmen applications will become available. Where did the summer go? We’re in the process of implementing several new initiatives, and I’m excited to share them with you.

Access and affordability remain top priorities for the University, and we continue to explore improvements to FSU’s application process in support of these goals. Some of these changes include the addition of the Coalition application, self-reported test scores, and an FSU counselor portal.

• In addition to our institutional application, FSU will also accept the Coalition application. We do not favor one application over the other, so students may choose which one they prefer to submit—but they should only submit one.

• For the first time, students will be able to self-report their ACT and/or SAT scores. Students will input their SAT and/or ACT scores on the application checklist at admissions.fsu.edu/StatusCheck. As with the Self-reported Student Academic Record (SSAR), students will need to submit all official test scores by mid-July.

• Lastly, I’m pleased to announce that our office is currently working on creating an FSU counselor portal. This tool will allow you to monitor the application status of your students and keep an eye on their checklist items. The counselor portal is scheduled to go live in late fall. Be sure to sign up on our counselor listserv at admissions.fsu.edu/counselors so that we can contact you with directions on how to register for a counselor account.

I appreciate the careful guidance and support you provide to your students every day. Feel free to call me, or a member of our management team, if you or your students need any assistance. We are only a phone call or an email away.

Warm regards,

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Stay Informed
Join our email listserv at admissions.fsu.edu/counselors to receive the latest news from Florida State.

Keep Us Informed
Are you hosting a College Fair, or would you like us to visit your school? Send your invitation to: collegefairinfo@fsu.edu
Applicants should choose one topic from the list below. The essay should be no longer than 550 words.

• Tell a story from your life, describing an experience that either demonstrates your character or helped to shape it.

• Describe a time when you made a meaningful contribution to others in which the greater good was your focus. Discuss the challenges and rewards of making your contribution.

• Has there been a time when you’ve had a long-cherished or accepted belief challenged? How did you respond? How did the challenge affect your beliefs?

• What is the hardest part of being a teenager now? What’s the best part? What advice would you give a younger sibling or friend (assuming they would listen to you)?

• Submit an essay topic of your choice.
CARE Applicants

The application and all supporting documents required for CARE must be received by November 1, 2017.

1. Apply online at admissions.fsu.edu or mycoalition.org.
2. Create your Self-reported Student Academic Record (SSAR) at admissions.fsu.edu/freshman/ssar using your official high school transcript.
3. Submit the following items on the Application Status Check (admissions.fsu.edu/StatusCheck/):
   - Complete the supplemental CARE application.
   - Self-report all ACT or SAT test scores.
   - Link your Self-reported Student Academic Record (SSAR) by copying the 32-character code from your SSAR account.
   - Choose one of five essay questions found at admissions.fsu.edu/freshman, and upload your essay. The essay should be no longer than 550 words.
   - Upload one résumé.
   - Complete the Residency Declaration for tuition purposes form.
4. Complete both the 2017–2018 and 2018–2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) found at fafsa.gov using the IRS Data-Retrieval Tool.

Contact the academic department directly if majoring in Dance, Film (animation or production), Music, or Theater.

CARE Profile 2016–2017

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For detailed information and eligibility requirements for the CARE Summer Bridge Program, visit care.fsu.edu.

Scholarship Opportunities

University Freshman Scholarship
The award is $2,400 per year distributed over four years, for total of $9,600.

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM
Students selected to be Presidential Scholars will receive the $2,400 per year University Freshman Scholarship plus a separate $2,400 Presidential Scholarship for a total of $4,800 per year ($19,200 over four years). An additional $12,000 will be granted for educational enrichment opportunities. The total value of this scholarship is $31,200 over four years.

BENACQUISTO SCHOLARSHIP
The total value of this scholarship is over $80,000 over four years and guarantees admission into FSU’s University Honors Program. For more information, please visit floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/factsheets/FIS.pdf.

NATIONAL MERIT FINALIST SCHOLARSHIP
The award includes a waiver of the out-of-state portion of tuition cost, the $9,600 University Freshman Scholarship, and any National Merit Scholarship. The total value of this scholarship is over $69,000 over four years and guarantees admission into FSU’s University Honors Program.

Out-of-State Tuition Fee Waivers/Scholarships

FULL WAIVER OF OUT-OF-STATE TUITION FEES
The total amount of this award is a 100 percent reduction (waiver) of the out-of-state portion of tuition, valued at approximately $481 per semester hour ($14,444 based on 30 semester hours for the academic year).

PARTIAL WAIVER OF OUT-OF-STATE TUITION FEES
The total amount of this award is a 50 percent reduction (waiver) of the out-of-state portion of tuition, valued at approximately $241 per semester hour ($7,222 based on 30 semester hours for the academic year).

For additional information pertaining to all scholarship opportunities, please visit admissions.fsu.edu/freshman/finances/.
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