**SUS Admissions Essays & Important Links Class of 2017**

**Florida A & M University**

**Admissions Essay: Your personal statement should be no longer than 250 words each or a total of 500 words for both personal statements.**

1. *Describe an activity, interest, experience, or achievement in your life (this could be a book, movie or an activity or experi­ence at work, home or school) that has been particularly meaningful to you.*
2. *How has your family history, culture, or environment influenced who you are?*

**Undergraduate Admissions Application:** Beginning August 1 - [**http://www.famu.edu/index.cfm?admissions&ApplyOnline**](http://www.famu.edu/index.cfm?admissions&ApplyOnline)

**\*\*\*Must do paper application if you are on Free and Reduced Lunch\*\*\***

**Scholarship Opportunities:** [**http://www.famu.edu/index.cfm?Scholarships&SchoolsandColleges**](http://www.famu.edu/index.cfm?Scholarships&SchoolsandColleges)

**Florida Atlantic University**

**Admissions Essay: You will have an opportunity to provide any additional information regarding your application by uploading your documents when completing your online application.**

1. *If you were a sea shell, would you want to be picked up or left in the sand and why?*
2. *If you were a message in a bottle, what would your message say or where would you want to wash up?*
3. *What would be in your perfect beach bag?*
4. *If you built a sand structure, what would it be and why?*

**Rolling Admissions - Apply online beginning Early July at:** [**http://www.fau.edu/admissions/Apply\_Online.php**](http://www.fau.edu/admissions/Apply_Online.php)

**Scholarship Opportunities:** [**http://www.fau.edu/admissions/scholarships-fr.php**](http://www.fau.edu/admissions/scholarships-fr.php)

**Florida Gulf Coast University**

**Admissions Essay – Not Required**

***Letters of Recommendation, Personal Statements, and Essays are not required for admission and will only be used when an applicant does not meet minimum requirements or if admissibility by regular admission requirements is questionable.***

**Rolling Admissions - Apply online beginning September 1 at:** [**http://www.fgcu.edu/admissions.asp**](http://www.fgcu.edu/admissions.asp)

**Scholarship Opportunities:** [**http://www.fgcu.edu/foundation/scholarships.asp**](http://www.fgcu.edu/foundation/scholarships.asp)

**Florida International University**

**Admissions Essay – Not Required**

**Apply online Early July at: http://admissions.fiu.edu**

**Scholarship Opportunities:** [**http://admissions.fiu.edu/financial/scholarships.php**](http://admissions.fiu.edu/financial/scholarships.php)

**Florida Polytechnic University**

**Admissions Essay – May be required**

**Rolling Admissions - Apply online beginning July 1 at:** <https://floridapolytechnic.org/bethenext-2/undergraduate/apply/>

**Scholarship Opportunities**: <https://floridapolytechnic.org/admissions/tuitionfinancial-aid/florida-poly-scholarships/>

**Florida State University**

**Undergraduate Admissions Application: beginning August 1** [**https://admissions.fsu.edu/undergradapp/**](https://admissions.fsu.edu/undergradapp/)

**Scholarship Opportunities**: [**http://admissions.fsu.edu/freshman/finances/scholarships.cfm**](http://admissions.fsu.edu/freshman/finances/scholarships.cfm)

**First Deadline is October 19, 2016 – Decision by: December 8, 2016 (CARE Program Deadline)**

**2nd Deadline is January 18, 2017 – Decision by March 16, 2017**

1. *Tell a story from your life, describing an experience that either demonstrates your character or helped to shape it.*
2. *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.*
3. *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?*
4. *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)?*
5. *Submit an essay on a topic of your choice.*

**University of West Florida**

**Admissions Essay – Not Required**

**Rolling Admissions - Apply online beginning Early September at: https://www.gowestflorida.org/go/**

**Scholarship Opportunities**: [**http://uwf.edu/finaid/scholarships.cfm**](http://uwf.edu/finaid/scholarships.cfm)

**New College of Florida**

[**http://www.ncf.edu/admissions**](http://www.ncf.edu/admissions)

**Apply online beginning Early Septemberat:** [**https://www.commonapp.org/CommonApp/default.aspx**](https://www.commonapp.org/CommonApp/default.aspx)

**Scholarship Opportunities:** [**http://www.ncf.edu/scholarships**](http://www.ncf.edu/scholarships)

***Admissions Essay:* The essay demonstrates your ability to write clearly and concisely on a selected topic and helps you distinguish yourself in your own voice. What do you want the readers of your application to know about you apart from courses, grades, and test scores? Choose the option that best helps you answer that question and write an essay of no more than 650 words, using the prompt to inspire and structure your response.**

*Some students have a background or story that is so central to their identity that they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story. See some samples below.*

1. *Recount an incident or time when you experienced failure. How did it affect you, and what lessons did you learn?*
2. *Reflect on a time when you challenged a belief or idea. What prompted you to act? Would you make the same decision again?*

**University of Central Florida**

**Undergraduate Admissions Application**: beginning **July** - [**https://apply.ucf.edu/application/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fapplication**](https://apply.ucf.edu/application/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fapplication)

**Scholarship Opportunities**: [**http://admissions.ucf.edu/cost/**](http://admissions.ucf.edu/cost/)

**Admissions Essay – 500 Word Maximum Length**

1. *If there has been some obstacle or bump in the road in your academic or personal life, please explain the circumstances.*
2. *How has your family history, culture, or environment influenced who you are?*
3. *Why did you choose to apply to UCF?*
4. *What qualities or unique characteristics do you possess that will allow you to contribute to the UCF community?*

**University of Florida**

**Undergraduate Admissions Application**: **July - New Application System http://admissions.ufl.edu**

**Scholarship Opportunities**: [**http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/programs/scholarships/**](http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/programs/scholarships/)

**\*Application Deadline November 1, 2016 SSAR Deadline December 1 - Decision – 2nd Friday in February**

**Admissions Essay – Same as FSU**

**University of North Florida**

**Admissions Essay – Not Required**

**Apply online beginning Early July :** [**http://www.unf.edu/admissions/**](http://www.unf.edu/admissions/)

**Scholarship Opportunities:** [**http://www.fau.edu/admissions/scholarships-fr.php**](http://www.fau.edu/admissions/scholarships-fr.php)

**University of South Florida**

**Admissions Essay – Not Required**

***USF does not require this information with your initial application. However, in the event that you are deferred for any reason (including semester grades or new test scores), we encourage you to submit this additional documentation. You should send no more than two letters of recommendation, and the recommendations that mean the most are written by teachers who can best vouch for your potential for academic success in college.***

**Undergraduate Admissions Application**: **beginning August 1 -** [**http://usfweb2.usf.edu/admissions/apply.html**](http://usfweb2.usf.edu/admissions/apply.html)

**Scholarship Opportunities**: [**http://usfweb2.usf.edu/admissions/scholarships.html**](http://usfweb2.usf.edu/admissions/scholarships.html)