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# Hillsborough Community College

## High School Senior Timeline

### January

- [Apply to Hillsborough Community College](#). Dual Enrollment students need to submit an updated application which is available at [www.hccfl.edu/ssem/admissions/apply-online.aspx](http://www.hccfl.edu/ssem/admissions/apply-online.aspx).
- [Apply for Financial Aid](#) by completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). **Priority deadline for fall is May 15.** HCC's school code is 007870. Students who complete the FAFSA early have access to more sources of aid.
- **Make sure Florida residency information is complete.** Parents, most of you will be the "claimant" and must enter 2 forms of Florida identification (issue date 12 months and 1 day prior to submitting application) for your student to be granted residency status.

### January – May

- **Meet with an Academic Advisor** to obtain a placement test referral or waiver, and to discuss the programs available at HCC. Bring a copy of SAT/ACT test scores with you if possible. Learn more about Academic Advising at [www.hccfl.edu/dm/student-services/advising.aspx](http://www.hccfl.edu/dm/student-services/advising.aspx).
- **Take one of the following placement tests:**  
SAT: Score at least 440 Verbal, 440 Math  
ACT: Score at least 18 Reading, 17 English, 19 Math  
PERT: Score at least 104 Reading, 99 English, 113 Math
- **Submit SAT/ACT test scores.** Test scores may be submitted in one of the following ways: (1) via student copy from SAT or the College Board, (2) from high school guidance department directly to HCC or (3) on official high school transcript. NOTE: High schools in Hillsborough County do not automatically print ACT and SAT scores on transcripts - request that your registrar do so if you are using ACT or SAT for placement purposes.

### April - June

- **Research and apply for scholarships.** [Scholarship information](#) is provided in several ways: (1) high school guidance office, (2) HCC's Financial Aid Department, (3) a scholarship knowledgeable counselor or advisor at HCC, and (4) many community groups. You may access the [HCC Scholarship Book](#). Some scholarships require students to submit the FAFSA, others do not. Not all scholarships are academic or athletic based. Check frequently.

- **Attend New Student Orientation.** Student signs up for orientation in person at the campus Testing Center.
- **Register for classes.** Student completes registration on own at the conclusion of orientation using [HAWKNET](#), the College's online registration system. **Be aware of tuition payment deadlines.** Refer to our [calendar dates](#). Student **will be de-registered** from his/her classes if tuition is not paid on time.
- **Apply to the Honors Institute** if interested and meet the admission criteria. Visit the Honors Institute website at [www.hccfl.edu/Honors.aspx](http://www.hccfl.edu/Honors.aspx) for information or email Lauren Furry at [lgrinstead@hccfl.edu](mailto:lgrinstead@hccfl.edu).

### June

- **Submit official high school transcript.** Student requests from high school registrar or guidance office. Transcripts are generally sent electronically after graduation. NOTE: Students applying for financial aid (grants, loans and/or scholarships) must have official high school transcript with graduation seal on file with HCC in order to be awarded.

### July

- **Check on the status of Bright Futures funds if applicable.** Bright Futures scholars must identify HCC as their institution of choice. HCC's school code for Bright Futures is 292. Student should visit the Financial Aid Office to make sure award is activated, as well as receive a tuition deferment to secure the payment of classes. Recipients may expect to receive their awards within 3 weeks from the term's drop/add date.

### August

- **Present Florida Prepaid card** to the campus Bursar Office to pay for classes. This card is issued by the state and sent to the student after high school graduation. Call 1.800.552.4723 for clarification or additional assistance.
- **Walk your schedule.** Know which building your classes are located, where to park and how much travel time to allow before the first day.

**Do not procrastinate!**

**Students who register by June 30 usually have the best selection of classes.**

### Notes:

Prospective students with special needs requiring accommodations must self-identify. Visit this web site - [www.hccfl.edu/ssem/disabilities.aspx](http://www.hccfl.edu/ssem/disabilities.aspx).

Individuals interested in housing should check out Hawks Landing Apartment Complex at [www.hccstudenthousing.com](http://www.hccstudenthousing.com).

