

## **Florida Public Universities Priority or “On-Time” Deadlines for Financial Aid**

### **What is a priority aid deadline?**

Apart from Federal Pell grants, which are generally available to all eligible students who apply by federal and/or state mandated deadlines, most financial aid, including federal government, state government and institutional aid, is limited. Each school has a policy for how and when they begin awarding this aid. Many schools have a “priority” or “on-time” deadline. As students may begin completing their FAFSA Application as of October 1 each year, these deadlines have moved earlier in the year for many schools. Students submitting the FAFSA (and getting all of their financial aid paperwork submitted and reply to the school’s requests for additional information by the “priority” deadline) have an equal opportunity to have their needs met. Students applying after the priority deadline get what’s leftover. Get what you can. Apply early for admission and also for financial aid. Be sure to APPLY EARLY for both admission and financial aid. Check with your intended school(s) for their specific requirements.

Here are some examples of priority deadlines posted on websites. Remember these can change, so check with your schools on their latest requirements.

Florida Atlantic University	March 1
Florida Gulf Coast University	March 1
Florida International University	March 1
Florida State University	March 1
University of Central Florida	December 1
University of Florida	December 15
University of North Florida	October 15
University of South Florida	January 1

### **Where do I find my school’s priority deadline?**

Many are listed on the school’s website. If it’s not there, be sure to call and find out if the school has one and when it is.

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