



# TALENTED TWENTY PROGRAM

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## Talented Twenty Program

The intent of the Talented Twenty Program is to encourage students to strive for better grades and pursue rigorous academic courses. Students eligible for the Talented Twenty Program have proven academic success in their respective K-12 public schools and are guaranteed admission, within space and fiscal limitations, to one of the twelve state universities.

# Talented Twenty Overview

- In 1999, Florida Governor Jeb Bush established the *One Florida Initiative* (OFI) through an executive order sought to enhance the diversity of the student admissions in the state university system (Executive Order 99-281, 1999).
- In response to the executive order, the Talented Twenty Program was created to increase the number of college admissions of high performing underrepresented students [**seniors who rank in the top 20 percent of their graduating class**] who might otherwise not be eligible for admissions.
- The Talented Twenty Program guarantees admission to students graduating in the top 20 percent of their classes and completing a specific minimum high-school curriculum.

# Talented Twenty Overview Continued

- In order for a student to get assistance with the Talented 20 admissions guarantee, he or she must have applied to, and been rejected from, three SUS institutions.
- The Talented Twenty Program guarantees students admission to one of the 12 State University System of Florida (SUS) institutions without regard to his or her American College Test (ACT) or Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) scores, as long as the student graduated from a Florida public high school and was in the top 20% of his or her class.
- Please note that while eligible students are guaranteed admission at one of the state universities, they are not guaranteed admission to the university of their choice.
- These students are considered a priority for the awarding of funds from the Florida Student Assistance Grant (FSAG), a need-based grant. **[Talented Twenty students must meet FSAG eligibility requirements in order to be eligible for priority funding.]**



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## Timeline for Submitting Data

- Monday, February 5, 2021 (Processes: Monday-Thursday at 11:00 pm and Saturday at 6:00 pm) Transcript sent after these times will be processed the next day
- Friday, March 26, 2021 (Deadline)

# Resources/Links

## **Talented Twenty Program webpage:**

<http://www.fldoe.org/schools/family-community/activities-programs/talented-twenty-program/index.shtml>

- Technical Assistance Paper
- Frequently Asked Questions document for Counselors, Parents and Students

## **State University System of Florida website:**

<https://www.flbog.edu/universities/>

## **High School Education Resources website:**

<http://www.fldoe.org/schools/family-community/activities-programs/just-for-parents-community/high-school-edu-resources.shtml>

## **Florida Counseling for Future Education Handbook 2020-2021 Edition**

<https://dlss.flvc.org/documents/210036/217302/DLSS-Florida-Counseling-for-Future-Education-Handbook-2020-21-FINAL.pdf/fe3eba1-9c6b-a229-ab92-0aba1bce0080>

# Questions?

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## State University System of Florida

Talented Twenty: SUS Admissions



# Overview of Talented Twenty

## Board of Governors Regulation 6.002

- In top 20% of public high school senior class at time GPA is pulled;
- Completed the 18 high school credits of SUS college prep per 6.002 Table One;  
and
- Submission of SAT or ACT prior to enrollment.



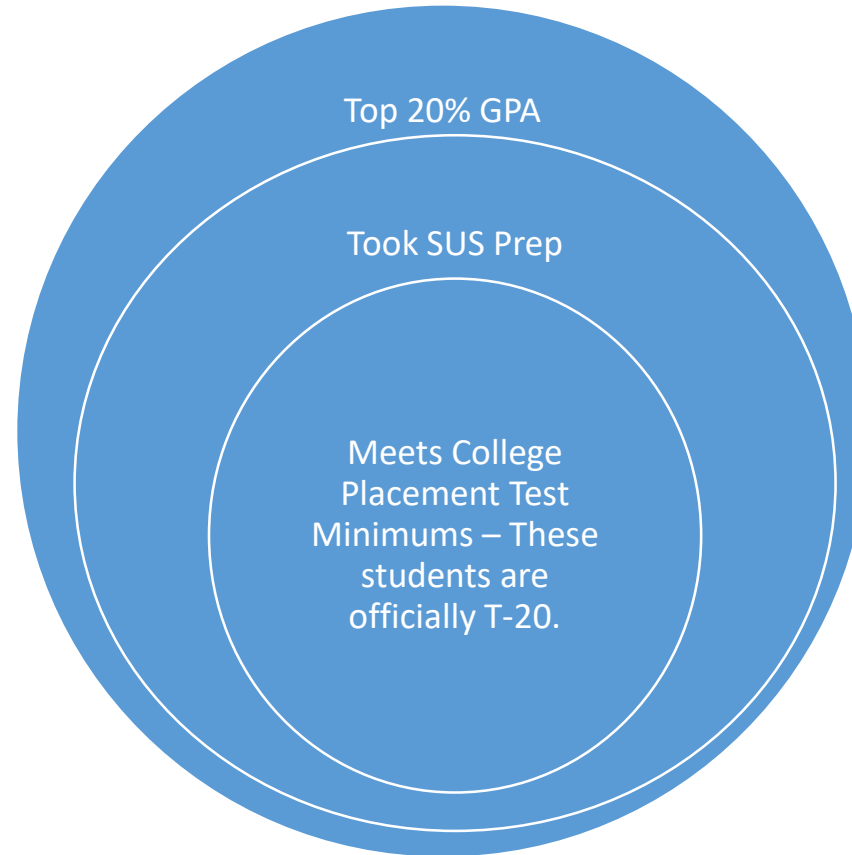
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## Timing is Everything.

- When the overall top 20% is submitted;
- When the 20% is scanned to determine the cohort taking the SUS college prep coursework;
- When the student applies to at least 3 state universities; and the wildcard; and
- Whether or not the student is truly eligible due to being eligible for college-level coursework in English, Reading, and Mathematics.



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## Timing is Everything.

- Universities generally start accepting from high school seniors the fall of their senior year. Institutions make admission decisions soon after that point;
- Priority financial aid deadlines are as December – March, depending on institution;
- Campus Housing fills up quickly; and
- **All students should be encouraged to apply early.** Waiting until after students have been notified that they may be officially T20 students may greatly limit their choices.



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## After high school cohort is scanned for SUS College Prep:

- The Board of Governors Office will provide a letter to be disseminated to students who are potentially eligible –
  - Letter will include indication that the student must meet college placement score minimums to be officially considered Talented Twenty;
- Students apply to at least 3 SUS institutions;
- If denied at all 3, the student should work with counselor to request a courtesy review of transcript and test scores by universities in an appeal
  - Counselors should double-check test scores prior to appeal; and
- Board of Governors staff will facilitate appeal. Universities who have space still available will contact student and counselor.



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