

# Getting Started at MDC Checklist

- Complete the admission application**  
Apply at [mdcwap.mdc.edu/apply](http://mdcwap.mdc.edu/apply)
- Get connected – create your MDC student account**
- Establish residency for tuition purposes**
- Apply for financial aid and scholarships**  
Apply at [studentaid.gov/fafsa](http://studentaid.gov/fafsa) / [www.mdc.edu/financialaid/scholarships](http://www.mdc.edu/financialaid/scholarships)
- Submit proof of high school graduation and college transcripts**
- Send placement scores**
- Complete “Online Shark Prep”**
- Are you in the right major?**
- Attend Shark Start Orientation**
- Pay for your classes**
- Get ready for classes**
- Attend class on the first day**



1. Complete the **admission application** [mdcwap.mdc.edu/apply](https://mdcwap.mdc.edu/apply)
  - Pay the \$30.00 (non-refundable) admission application fee through MDConnect or at the Bursar's Office.
2. **Get connected!**
  - Create your MyMDC account [https://myact.mymdc.net/create\\_account/identification.asp](https://myact.mymdc.net/create_account/identification.asp)
  - Download the MYMDC app <https://www.mdc.edu/mobile>
  - To check your email from the phone, download the Gmail app and log in with your MyMDC credentials (firstname.lastname####@mymdc.net and the password you created).
  - Download the **Navigate Student** app on your phone or log in at [mdc.navigate.eab.com](https://mdc.navigate.eab.com)
3. Establish **Florida residency for tuition purposes**.
  - Complete the Florida Residency Declaration for Tuition Purposes Form <https://www.mdc.edu/admissions-info/tuition/default.aspx>
4. Apply for **Financial Aid** [studentaid.gov/fafsa](https://studentaid.gov/fafsa)
  - Application opens each year on Oct. 1 for the next academic year (August – July). You must reapply each year.
  - Select only one campus (main campus of attendance) on your FAFSA application.
  - **The Financial Aid Department may require additional documentation in order to process your application. Please check your personal and MDC email accounts daily for updates from financial aid.**
  - Visit Financial Aid TV [mdc.financialaidtv.com](https://mdc.financialaidtv.com) to learn more about financial aid through short videos.
  - **Look into scholarships:** Current year high school graduates who have earned a standard high school diploma, GED or home school diploma in Miami-Dade County may be eligible for the following scholarships: Future Ready, Presidential Scholars Program, Rising Scholars, or the American Dream Scholarship. To find out if you qualify, read the requirements and view **additional scholarship opportunities at:** [www.mdc.edu/financialaid/scholarships](https://www.mdc.edu/financialaid/scholarships)
5. Submit **proof of high school graduation and any college transcripts to Transcript Processing Services**.
  - Transcripts from all U.S. educational institutions, including high school must be **sent from the institution** directly to:  
Miami Dade College, Transcript Services, 11011 S.W. 104 St., Room R301, Miami, FL 33176-3393  
Phone: (305) 237-2701; Email: [transcriptservices@mdc.edu](mailto:transcriptservices@mdc.edu)
  - **If you have any dual enrollment credits**, you must request the transcripts from the **college** where the dual enrollment credit was taken.  
Ex: If the class was at your high school hosted by FIU, then you must request your FIU transcript.
  - If you passed any **AP exams** with at least a score of 3, you can request your scores be sent to MDC via [CollegeBoard.org](https://CollegeBoard.org)
  - If you completed **AICE credits**, please contact Cambridge and have scores sent to Transcript Evaluation Services.
  - GED official transcripts must be sent electronically to Transcript Processing Services. Visit the GED website at [https://ged.com/life\\_after\\_ged](https://ged.com/life_after_ged) and request your GED transcript to be sent to Miami Dade College.
  - **If you received a foreign high school diploma/college credits or degree**, please bring the original transcripts and/or documents to the **Admissions Office**. Foreign transcripts must contain seals and apostilles from the Ministry of Exterior Affairs or Ministry of Foreign Affairs from the country that issued the transcript(s). Students who have a foreign degree need to get their foreign transcripts evaluated prior to submission to the College. Visit [naces.org/members](https://naces.org/members) to contact a NACES approved evaluation agency.
6. Send **placement scores** to MDC:
  - ACT and SAT scores should be sent from ACT.org and collegeboard.org, respectively.
  - Determine if you need to take a placement test <https://www.mdc.edu/aet/placement-criteria/default.aspx>
  - Students may be able to use alternate placement criteria: <https://www.mdc.edu/aet/placement-criteria/alternative-placement-criteria>
  - You may be **exempt** from taking a college placement exam, if you
    - graduated from a Florida, public high school after 2007 and earned a Standard High School Diploma.
    - completed college-level English and college-level math at another college or university.
    - took the ACT, SAT, PERT or ACCUPLACER NG within the past two years and received college-ready scores.
  - To test, two forms of ID are required – one must be an official picture ID (i.e., license, passport, etc.).
7. Complete the **“Online Shark Prep”** <https://mdcsharkprep.com>
  - To log in, use your MyMDC credentials.
8. Are you in the right **major**?
  - Visit FOCUS2 [www.mdc.edu/testing-tests/TestPage.aspx?testId=97](https://www.mdc.edu/testing-tests/TestPage.aspx?testId=97) take a career assessment and explore possible majors.
  - To change your major, contact Advisement and Career Services at your campus.
9. Attend **Shark Start Orientation to register for your classes**.
  - Visit <https://mdcwap.mdc.edu/SharkEvents/?evnt=main> to choose your orientation date.  
If you need assistance, contact your campus' New Student Center. Before orientation day, fill out the Sharks Intake Survey <https://tinyurl.com/sharkintake2024>
10. **Pay for your classes to make sure your classes don't drop!**
  - Ensure that you pay your tuition by the printed date on your fee invoice [www.mdc.edu/mdconnect](https://www.mdc.edu/mdconnect)
  - Under the Finances section, go to “My Account.”
  - You can pay directly, or set up a NelNet payment plan [www.mdc.edu/student-financial-services/payment-options/nelnet-payment-plan](https://www.mdc.edu/student-financial-services/payment-options/nelnet-payment-plan)
11. **Get ready for classes!**
  - Get your books early to be prepared for the first day of class. To find out if you have a Book Advance, visit <https://mdcwap.mdc.edu/bookadvance>
  - Visit the Student Life office to obtain your MDC ID and parking decal.
  - For disability related services and/or auxiliary aids, please contact ACCESS Services [mdc.edu/access](https://mdc.edu/access)
12. **Attend class on the first day.** Consistent school attendance is critical to your success.
  - Course locations and modality are available on your fee invoice [www.mdc.edu/mdconnect](https://www.mdc.edu/mdconnect)
  - Make sure to review the syllabus provided by your instructor for key dates and to ask questions.