

# Apply to CARE for 2017

*Priority Deadline: October 19, 2016*

*Application Deadline: January 18, 2017*

## REQUIREMENTS FOR CARE

- Must be a first-generation college student (neither parent can have obtained a bachelor's degree or higher)
- Must meet minimum academic requirements – 3.0 GPA; 980 (new) / 1330 (old) SAT, and/or 19 ACT
- Must be socio-economically disadvantaged and Pell-eligible (as determined by the FAFSA and supporting financial documents)
- Must submit the Self-Reported Student Academic Record (SSAR)
- Must submit official ACT and/or SAT test scores.
- Must be a FL Resident
- Must be eligible for Federal financial aid
- Must complete the CARE essay prompt

## Items Needed for a Completed CARE Application

We will need the following items to review your application for CARE:

- FSU Admissions Application [admissions.fsu.edu](http://admissions.fsu.edu)
- Completed Self-Reported Student Academic Record (SSAR)
- \$30 application **OR** approved application fee waiver
- CARE essay prompt: **Resiliency shows your ability to adapt and succeed in spite of obstacles or other challenges. In 650 words or less, please give an example of how you were resilient and what you learned from that experience.**
- Official SAT and ACT test scores
- Both the 2016-2017 AND 2017-18 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) (The 2016-2017 FAFSA is available now and the 2017-18 FAFSA will open on October 1, 2016).
  - NOTE: Students are encouraged to use the Data Retrieval Tool on the FAFSA website

## Tips on Submitting Your Application

- Test early and as many times as it takes to get higher scores!
- The 2016-2017 FAFSA is available now and you should do it immediately to be considered for CARE.
- Remember, the 2017-2018 FAFSA opens on October 1, 2016.
- Proofread your essay before submitting. Your essay weighs heavily into the decision of the CARE Admissions Committee.
- Before submitting, you will be able to review your application for accuracy.
- Meeting minimum academic requirements for CARE does not guarantee admission into CARE.
- Apply early!

**THE APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION  
MUST BE SUBMITTED BY JANUARY 18, 2017**

*Applications Opened on August 1, 2016*