



POLK STATE
Lakeland Gateway to College
Collegiate High School

**Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College High School
Program Application for Admission 2019-2020 School Year**

Thank you for applying to Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College High School. Please read the instructions below before starting your application. If you have any questions please contact our office at 863-669-2923 for Dr. Meesha Downing at ext. 6197 or Ms. Tania Ortega at ext. 6449.

The mission of Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Charter High School is to provide an academic charter alternative for students who have at least 10 high school credits, are not older than 21, and want to graduate from high school and transition to college.

Vision Statement: All GHS enrollees will graduate from high school and college and become self-actualized citizens and successful leaders in their communities.

By the time of graduation, a GHS enrollee can expect to have:

- A standard high school diploma
- At least 9 college credits
- A plan for transitioning to college or work
- Comfort with the overall college experience
- Skills for ongoing success in the workplace or in college
- Competencies for individual accountability

This version of the application is fillable and must be printed and submitted as a packet with the other required documents listed on the next few pages.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Once again, thank you for your application.

Thank you for your interest in the ****Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College High School. This is a 3 part application process, students must complete a *Polk State College application and take all three parts of the PERT* prior to completing this application.** Please read this form carefully and complete all required information. If you have any questions or need additional information, please consult our website at <https://www.polk.edu/gateway> or call 863-669-2923. Interested high school sophomores are strongly urged to attend an information session with a parent or guardian. Application deadline for lottery admission is Tuesday, April 30, 2019. Any application after this date will be collected for the waiting list only!!!!

***NOTE: An application is complete only if ALL application documents have been submitted with all appropriate signatures and placement test scores.

**It may take 3-4 days before you receive your Polk State Student ID from the online application system <https://polk.edu> . **

Full Legal Last Name First Name

Middle Name Date of Birth

Gender Male Female

Place of Birth (city and state)

Ethnic Origin

- White/Non-Hispanic
- Black/Non-Hispanic
- Hispanic
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- American In./Alaskan
- Other
- Prefer not to answer

Students' Cell Number (please include area code)

Home Phone Number (please include area code)

Student's email address

Polk County School Board ID# 5300

Enter entire 5300 # - If you don't have one enter "N/A"

If you do not have a PCSB Student ID#, please indicate:

- Out of County
- Home School
- Private School

Please indicate any other Polk State College Collegiate High School(s) you have previously applied to:

- Polk State Lakeland Collegiate High School
- Polk State Winter Haven Chain of Lakes Collegiate High School
- None

Applicant must have PERT scores to enroll in Polk State Lakeland Gateway High School. Requirements to take the PERT placement test, Polk State College Student ID #, an admission ticket and a photo ID. It must be obtained by completing an admission application online at this site: <https://www.polk.edu>

Applicants must know their Social Security number and have a photo ID. Applicants must bring photo ID to the test location.

Polk State College Student ID#:

PERT Math Score

Passing Reading Score: 106
Passing Writing Score: 103
Passing Math Score: 114

Current High School Unweighted GPA

PERT Reading Score

Please note that passing PERT scores ARE NOT required for admission, but ARE required to be eligible to take most college courses.

Current Student Scholastic Record MUST BE with this application

PERT Writing Score

****NOTE:** An application is complete **only if ALL application pages, with all appropriate signature fields, essays, student scholastic record and test scores,** have been **COMPLETED and RECEIVED** with this application. **It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure completion of the application.** **** Paper Applications are due in the office by 4PM on April 30, 2019 or via email to mdowning@polk.edu by 11:59PM on April 30, 2019.**

Current Grade:

Student Social Security #

If you do not have one please enter N/A

Parent/Guardian Home Phone (include area code)

Parent/Guardian Cell Phone (include area code)

Please use the number of the person the student primarily lives with.

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Home Address (Street)

City

Zip Code

Mailing Address (if different from above)

Only enter if different from Street address and it's where you receive your mail.

Are you able to provide your own transportation to attend Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Collegiate High School? Yes No

Has student been enrolled in a special education program at previous/current school? Yes No

Please specify the program name if you have ever been enrolled in a special education program.

i.e., EMH, TMH, Gifted, Speech, SLD, 504, etc..

Have you even been or are currently a dual enrolled student? Yes No

Do you have a sibling who has ever attended Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Collegiate High School? Yes No

If yes, please list siblings first and last name:

If no sibling, please put N/A in the box above.

Student lives with: Both Parents Father Mother Grandparents Guardian Other

Address of parent(s)/guardian(s) if different from student

Father's Full Name (if applicable, otherwise write N/A)

Natural Father

Stepfather

Father's Occupation

Father's Work Phone (please include area code)

Father's Cell Phone (please include area code)

Father's Email Address

Highest level of schooling completed by Father: High School Some College College Degree Advanced College Degree

If any field does not apply to you, please list N/A

Mother's Full Name (if applicable, otherwise write N/A) Natural Mother Stepmother

Mother's Occupation Mother's Work Phone (please include area code)

Mother's Cell Phone (please include area code) Mother's Email Address

Highest level of schooling completed by Mother: High School Some College College Degree Advanced College Degree

If any field does not apply to you, please list N/A

****APPLICATION ESSAYS****

These essays will be used by the selection committee to decide between many applicants. Please use the essays to help your application by following all the instructions below.

This essay portion of the application helps us become acquainted with you on a more personal level and is an important step in the final acceptance by the Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Selection Committee. Your application *is not* complete without your essays and will not be considered for acceptance without receiving them by the announced deadline.

****DIRECTIONS****: **In separate Word documents, type 3 different essays answering the questions below. Each essay should be at least two (2) paragraphs, in an essay format, typewritten, and double-spaced. Each essay can be more than 2 paragraphs, but please don't submit essays that are less than 2 paragraphs.**

****If you do not have access to a computer, you may come to this office and use a computer in one of our labs.****

Please respond to all of the following questions below for Essay I, II, and III.

Be sure to answer all questions in your essays.

****ESSAY I****

What personal strengths have helped you overcome challenges in your life? How will your strengths help you to attain your educational goals? Talk about some key personal problems or challenges that you have had that have interfered with your success in completing your education in the past. What would be different now? ****After you have typed your response in a word document, please print your essay and include with your application packet.****

****ESSAY II****

Why are you interested in being a part of Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College High School Program? Why do you think this program is a good fit for you to achieve your goals? Why should the selection committee choose you for this scholarship program, especially since there is much competition for limited slots? ****After you have typed your response in a word document, please print your essay and include with your application packet.****

****ESSAY III****

You must decide on a future career right now. Your choices are either a job where you will make a lot of money, but will never be happy in your work, or a job that pays very little, but brings you great joy and satisfaction. Which job would you take and why?

****After you have typed your response in a word document, please print your essay and include with your application packet.****

****REPORT OF PREVIOUS EXPULSIONS, ARRESTS, JUVENILE JUSTICE ACTIONS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DISRUPTIVE OR CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR FORM****

According to S.232.0205S, FS. students are required, at the initial time of registration for school to report any previous school expulsions, arrests which resulted in a charge, or any juvenile justice actions taken against the student.

Student Full Legal Name

Has the student been expelled from a school? Yes No

Has the student ever been arrested and charged? Yes No

Has the student ever been placed under Community Service or had any other Juvenile Justice actions taken against him/her? Yes No

Student Signature _____

****If the answer to any one of the above questions is YES, please state in a Word document the specifics of the incident, including dates, crime or cause of expulsion, and outcome and submit with this paper application (i.e. length of expulsion or program, community services, and cause and conditions of community control).****

I hereby give my permission to the Department of Juvenile Justice to release any information to Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College High School.

Parent Signature _____

Criteria 1 - Has student been out of school for a minimum of three months? Yes No

Criteria 2 - Is the student a parent? Yes No

Criteria 3 - Does the student have to work to help support his or her family? Yes No

Criteria 4 - Has the student been previously retained? Yes No

Criteria 5 - Is the student homeless or does he/she live with someone other than their biological parents? Yes No

Criteria 6 - Has the student encountered other situations that have made it difficult for him or her to participate successfully in a traditional high school? Yes No

None of the above criteria apply to me

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