Program Overview:

Floridians have an extensive relationship with water. From the food we eat, to our favorite pastimes, to the industries that flourish here, to our changing and diverse population, Florida’s most significant issues are tied to water. Through practicing methods of humanities research — archival study, oral history, digital curation, archaeological excavation, ethical critique, and textual interpretation — students will learn what the humanities do, and how the lessons they generate build an informed citizenry. Through engaging and hands on activities, participants will explore how water has shaped the past and present of Florida, and how our interactions with water today will shape the future of our state.

How to Apply:

Applicants must create an account in our online application portal in order to apply for any student programs offered by UF CPET. The online application portal is www.ufcpet.smapply.us. All components are submitted using the online application process unless noted. After all the below components of the application are completed, student must log into their account and SUBMIT their application.

An HSS Application consists of the following:

**User Information:** Provide applicant and parent/guardian contact information.

**Application Form:** Additional information as well as answering one 300-500 word writing prompt.

- **Prompt 1:** Describe your interest in attending Humanities and the Sunshine State and what you hope to learn through your participation.

**Endorsement Form:** One online Endorsement Form filled out and submitted by a high school or college-level teacher or mentor. Endorsers may be from any subject area, but we encourage you to ask a teacher or mentor who knows you well in a humanities subject area (such as english, history, human relations).

- Endorsers will receive an automated request from noreply@smapply.io once a student has requested an endorsement in their online application. However, we recommend that students contact their teacher prior to filling out the online request.
  - If they do not receive an email from our system, please double-check that you have their correct email address before contacting us. This is the #1 reason why teachers do not receive the endorsement form.

**High School Transcript** (Offline Task*, see note below): Submit your unofficial transcript that includes first semester (Fall, 2018) grades to UF CPET via hard-copy or FAX.

- Our mailing address is UF CPET/HSS - Student, PO Box 112010, Gainesville, FL 32611.
- Our FAX is 352-392-2344 (Not sure how to FAX? Ask your guidance counselor for help.)

  - Our fax machine gets really busy during application season, especially as deadlines approach. Make sure your fax sends before walking away!
  - Students are required to have started their application before transcripts are received. Transcripts received without an associated on-line application account will be destroyed.

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For additional information, please visit the UF CPET website: [www.cpet.ufl.edu](http://www.cpet.ufl.edu)
**HUMANITIES AND THE SUNSHINE STATE:**

**FLORIDA WATER STORIES**

**Application Information**

*Read before applying*

High School Transcript, con’t:

- *“Offline Tasks:* In the application portal, students are required to acknowledge the requirement of each of these “off-line” portions by clicking “submit for approval”. The CPET office will log receipt of the each requirement. Please note that our system may be automated, but our process isn’t! When you send your transcript, we still need to look it over and make sure it has everything we need before a person goes into the system to let you know that we’ve received it. This can take up to three business days based on how many applications we are receiving simultaneously. After the requirement is logged, students will need to complete the section by clicking “complete” in the on-line portal.

**Application Process:**

The application deadline is March 15th. If the program is not filled during the first round of application review, applications will be reviewed and students will be notified of decisions every two weeks.

Once the first round of applications is received, they are reviewed by our Selection Committee. This review process can take 3 or more weeks, so please be patient. Each member of our committee carefully reads each application, transcript, and teacher endorsement we receive. This process takes time. Frequent calls can slow this process. Once we have reached a decision, we will send out an email through our online application portal. *Notifications regarding your account and application progress will come from noreply@smapply.io. Please add this address to your email safe senders list, address book, or contact list.*

Please note that applicants, not their parents, receive all correspondence from our office. It is the student’s responsibility to provide a working email address and check that email address regularly for communication from UF CPET. Failure to respond to email in a timely manner may result in the student being placed on the wait list. At any time applicants and parent “collaborators” may check on acceptance status in the on-line portal.

The three possible decisions are as follows: invited to attend, waitlist, or not invited. See our website the Application Process on our student webpage for details: [www.cpet.ufl.edu/students/applicationprocess](http://www.cpet.ufl.edu/students/applicationprocess)

**Important Information:** *Students must make a commitment to attend and participate in the entire program.* Please confirm no other academic, school-related, sports, or family events will conflict with the program dates.

**Program Cost:** $350 which includes housing, daily meals, staffing and supervision, program-related fieldtrips, social activities, insurance (primary or excess depending upon parent coverage), and program-themed supplies.

All interested and qualified students are encouraged to apply regardless of ability to pay. Limited, need-based scholarships, are available for students attending a Florida high school. See website for details.

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