Congratulations on your admission to the Island University! Now that you’ve received your acceptance packet, here are the next steps towards becoming an Islander. Keep this sheet in a secure location.

**Student ID# (A#):** ______________________________ - retrieve at banner.tamucc.edu/ID/

**Activate your Island ID and Login to Islander Accounts - newuser.tamucc.edu**

**Island ID:** Your Island ID and password will give you access to various online resources. You will gain access to your Islander Email, SAIL student portal, on-campus housing applications, and Islander Launch orientation registration.

Island ID: ____________________________ Password: ____________________________

**Islander Email:** Your Islander Email is the primary way in which the University will contact you. You will receive official university correspondence, billing and financial aid notifications, and emergency announcements. You can login anytime with your Island ID and password at islander.tamucc.edu.

**S.A.I.L. Student Portal:** S.A.I.L. is the University’s secure student portal where you can access your student, academic, and financial records on file at TAMU-CC. You can use SAIL to update your contact information, register for classes, check the status of your financial aid and review/accept awards, view your unofficial transcripts, grades, and class schedules, purchase your parking permit, pay your tuition, and more! Visit sail.tamucc.edu to get started!

**Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Requirements - testing.tamucc.edu**

Under the Texas Success Initiative (TSI), all undergraduate students entering a Texas public institution of higher education must be assessed for readiness to enroll in collegiate-level coursework. The results of the TSI assessment are used to determine your course selections. If you are an incoming freshman and have not been exempt or granted a waiver, you will need to be assessed through the TSI Assessment and have your scores sent to the Office of Recruitment and Admissions.

**Most Common Exemptions:**
- Have an SAT score of 480 on the Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing test and a score of 530 on the Math test.
- Have an ACT composite score of 23 with at least 19 on the Math and English sections.

Your test scores or exemptions must be on file in order to be eligible to register for Islander Launch and/or register for classes. For a full list of exemptions, please visit testing.tamucc.edu.

TSI-liable students: For the purpose of registration eligibility, it is NOT required that you pass all evaluated portions of the TSI. TAMU-CC only requires that you take the assessment and have the scores from that assessment on file. Failure on any portion of the assessment will not inhibit your ability to register for Islander Launch or classes. However, once you enroll at TAMU-CC, you will be required to take developmental courses until you achieve success on all evaluated areas.

**Submit Proof of Bacterial Meningitis Vaccine - admissions.tamucc.edu/meningitis.html**

All new students under the age of 22 must provide proof from a health practitioner that they have received a valid bacterial meningitis vaccination or booster within the last 5 years. You can email your shot record to admiss@tamucc.edu or fax it to the Office of Recruitment and Admissions at 361.825.5887.

**Verify Your Major - admissions.tamucc.edu/admissions_forms.html**

Have you thought about changing your major? You must change your major prior to attending an Islander Launch. Complete a Change of Major Form and submit to the Office of Recruitment and Admissions so that your major can be updated. Browse through our various majors and review program requirements at tamucc.edu/academics/.
Islanders are encouraged to apply for student aid and University Scholarships. The Freshman Scholarship Program is available to all incoming freshman via the ApplyTexas application (deadline: February 1).

**Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):** The FAFSA opens on October 1. The University's priority deadline is January 15. There is not an official deadline, however financial aid packages are awarded on a first come, first served basis. Visit fafsa.gov to apply.

**Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA):** The TASFA is used to collect information to help determine eligibility for state financial aid programs that are administered by institutions of higher education in the state of Texas. Students that are classified as a Texas Resident who cannot apply for federal financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are encouraged to complete the TASFA. You can retrieve the TASFA application by emailing the financial aid office at faoweb@tamucc.edu or visiting collegeforalltexas.com.

**TAMU-CC Scholarships:** To be considered for Incoming and Current Student Scholarships, apply online at scholarships.tamucc.edu. Applications are available from October 1 - March 1.

You will be notified if you have been awarded a scholarship and financial aid via your Islander Email account. Login to SAIL to accept your awards and review special messages. You are also encouraged to apply for various private scholarships.

Choose from two distinct on-campus housing communities to meet the diverse needs of all Islanders.

**Miramar** is located on the Island Campus and the perfect option for first-year students and those who want a more traditional on-campus housing experience. There are 7 residence hall and apartment floor plans to choose from, 9 month academic year leases (with the option to sign a summer lease) and it’s just a quick walk to everything on the Island. Students who live at Miramar are required to have a meal plan. For meal plan information, visit mealplans.tamucc.edu.

**Momentum Village** is the best option for established students who want the benefits of on-campus housing and the feel of off-campus living. It is located on our Momentum Campus, just steps away from athletic and intramural fields, and features apartment and townhome floor plans with 12 month leases (August-July 31). Students who live at Momentum Village can enjoy a free shuttle ride to the Island Campus.

Apply for on-campus housing as soon as you are admitted. Choose your floor plan and sign a lease in early spring.

**Register and Attend Islander Launch - islanderlaunch.tamucc.edu**

Islander Launch is a required program for first-year students to prepare you for your first semester. At Islander Launch, you will learn about student resources, get oriented with campus, and register for classes. You must have proof of baterial meningitis vaccine and TSI test scores or exemptions on file. Islander Launch registration opens in the spring for students enrolling in the fall semesters. For more information, email orientation@tamucc.edu or visit islanderlaunch.tamucc.edu.

Submit Final Transcripts: If you are still in high school, you will need to have your high school send a final copy of your transcript (indicating completion of high school requirements and graduation date) to the Office of Recruitment and Admissions following your graduation. If you have obtained or will be obtaining any additional college credit through enrollment at another institution, Advanced Placement (AP) or Dual Credit programs, please forward records of these items to the Office of Recruitment and Admissions so that we may add them to your student file.

**Update Your Contact Information:** Perhaps you’ve moved or gotten a new phone number since you applied for admission. Be sure to check S.A.I.L. to verify the contact information we currently have on file for you and make updates as necessary. Remember: The University will use this information to communicate with you, so it is best that it remains up-to-date at all times.