Life is a journey, not a destination.

Ralph Waldo Emerson
This tutorial will tell you everything you need to know about what to expect on your special day, including:

- Ceremony Location and Start time
- Ticket Information
- Regalia Information
- Proper Attire
- Check-in
- Processional Instructions
- Walking Across the Stage
- Photos, Video and Social Media
Where?  
Commencement Ceremonies will be held at the Maxwell C. King Center for the Performing Arts on the Eastern Florida State College Melbourne Campus, 3865 North Wickham Road, Melbourne, FL 32935.

Arrive – Check-in  
Report to the Gymnasium, building 6, on the Melbourne Campus at least 1 hour prior to your assigned ceremony.
Bachelor graduates will wear green caps and gowns. All other graduates will wear blue caps and gowns.

- Purchase from the Bookstore prior to the ceremony.
- Tassels are worn to the right.
- You may wear all the graduation regalia for which you are eligible.
  - Check with the organization sponsor to obtain apparel prior to ceremony.
- Cap styling is optional.
Guest Tickets

- Each candidate who indicated “Yes” to attending the commencement ceremony on the graduation application by the published deadline is eligible to pick up guest tickets.

- Tickets are required for family and friends. Each guest, including infants and small children, must have a ticket to ensure compliance with safety protocols.

- Seating for all graduation ceremonies is on a first-come, first-served basis for those with tickets. Guests with tickets will be seated beginning one hour before the ceremony. Ceremonies will begin promptly at their designated start times.

- Candidates must pick up their guest tickets at any campus bookstore. Please refer to the website for dates and times.

- To pick up your tickets at the campus bookstore, you are required to present a picture ID.

- Guests who do not have tickets will be directed to overflow areas. Comfortable seating and up close large-screen viewing for guests will be provided. Seating in overflow areas is on a first-come, first-served basis.
For your comfort and safety we recommend you wear shoes that are comfortable, supportive and suitable for standing, walking and climbing steps. You may be standing for long periods. You will be walking from the gym to the King Center.

Business casual dress is appropriate.
Where?  
**Melbourne Campus** Gymnasium, **building 6**. Follow the signs to check-in.

Why?
- To pick up your calling card to hand to the roll-caller on stage. To ensure accuracy, verify your name and address listed.
- To prepare to line up for the commencement processional. You will be directed by College staff to the bleachers to sit comfortably prior to lining up for the processional.

Important Reminders:  
**Children**
- Child care is **not provided** and guests are asked to keep a close watch on children. **Children may not accompany graduates in either the check-in area or during the ceremony.** Infants and small children will need a guest ticket.

**Valuables**
- Candidates should make arrangements to leave personal and valuable items with family or friends. There is no secure area to store your belongings.
Processional Instructions

- You will be ushered from the gymnasium into the King Center.
- Bachelor candidates will enter first followed by remaining candidates.
- You will be directed where to enter and be seated, filling every available seat in your row.
- Stand for the National Anthem
  - Gentlemen, please remove your caps
  - Ladies may leave their caps on throughout the ceremony
• At the appropriate time, your row will be instructed to stand and walk to the staging area.
• Candidates for graduation will enter the left-side of the stage and hand their ceremony calling card to the roll-caller.
• As your name is called, you will walk across the stage. You will receive a diploma cover, shake hands with the College President and pause for a photo.
• You will exit stage-right to the Grad Images photo area.
• You will be directed back to your seat.
• **Photos**

*Grad Images* will make photo proofs available to graduates via email within 72 hours of the ceremony.

• **Broadcast**

Watch the commencement ceremony live on WEFS-TV or streamed online from the link posted on [www.easternflorida.edu](http://www.easternflorida.edu)*

• **Social Media**

Share your commencement photos via social media using #efscgrad*

*The commencement ceremony is photographed and filmed for broadcasting on social media, WEFS and [www.easternflorida.edu](http://www.easternflorida.edu). By participating in commencement activities, you authorize EFSC to photograph, record, and/or broadcast your name, image, voice, and/or likeness, and expressly grant EFSC the perpetual right to use your name, image, voice, and/or likeness without compensation for any purpose in any medium. If you request that such information be confidential, please contact the Office of the Registrar.*
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Valuables
• There is no place to store personal items, so it is best to leave them at home or with family.

Ceremony
• Follow Procession and Stage Instructions

Photos, Video & Social Media
• Photos will be taken by Grad Images
• Smile! You will be live on TV and via webcast.

Recap

Arrive by
• 11:00 a.m. for the 12 p.m. ceremony
• 2:00 p.m. for the 3:00 p.m. ceremony

Check-in
• Melbourne Campus, Gymnasium, Building 6

Guests
• Tickets are required for family and friends. Each guest, including infants and small children, must have a ticket.
• Overflow areas will be provided with comfortable seating and up close large-screen viewing for guests without tickets. Seating in overflow areas is on a first-come, first-served basis.
• Degrees will be posted to the student’s transcript as quickly as possible once it is determined that all degree requirements have been met. Check your myEFSC Portal for updates.

However, if a student has any missing grades or other requirements, the degree will not be posted until all requirements are met.

Once final grades are posted, all outstanding transcripts received, transfer work evaluated, and degree requirements have been met, degrees are posted.

• Diplomas and certificates are mailed 4-6 business weeks after the beginning of the next semester. Please be sure that your address is updated and correct.

• Diplomas and final transcripts will not be released to students having any outstanding requirements or financial obligations to the College.
Continue to check your EFSC student email and the graduation website for updated information.

Congratulations Graduates!