
COLLEGE: HOW TO APPLY & HOW TO PAY

— TCHS Counseling —
Department

WHICH COLLEGES DO I APPLY TO

Career

- What do you want to be?
What problems do you want to solve?

Required Education

- What degree or training is needed?

Select a College

- Location
- Extracurricular Activities
- Size
- Private or Public
- COST OF ATTENDANCE

Apply to four or more colleges.

At least **1**
SAFETY

A college you're confident you can get into.

At least **2**
GOOD FITS

Colleges you have a pretty good chance of getting into.

At least **1**
REACH

A college that you have a chance of getting into, but it's a stretch.

COLLEGE EXPLORATION

- College Fairs
- College Preview Days
- Visit College Reps
During Lunch
- Take virtual college
tours online
- Social Media
- Compare Colleges
on Choices 360

The Colony High School
invites parents and students

COLLEGE & TECHNICAL FAIR

Including
4-year colleges,
2-year colleges,
& workforce
programs

The TCHS Gym/Commons
4301 Blair Oaks
The Colony, TX 75056

6:00pm-7:30pm



November 7, 2019



Community College

Associate of Science (AS)

Associate of Arts (AA)

*Transfer vs.
Workforce*

**Associate of Applied
Science (AAS)**

**Certificates & Workforce
Awards**

Sample Workforce Programs

- Health Sciences
 - Dental Hygiene
 - Medical Sonography
 - Nursing
 - Fire Science
- Police Academy
- Culinary & Pastry Arts
- Paralegal
- Real Estate
- Construction Management
- Computer Networking
- HVAC
- Cybersecurity
- Web & Mobile Development
- Child Development
- Graphic Design
- Photography
- Welding
- Interpreter Education Program

WHEN DO I APPLY?

Early Decision	Early Action	Priority Deadline	Regular	Rolling Admissions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You commit to attend if you are accepted• You must cancel all other applications if accepted• Ivy league/private• Can only have 1 ED app pending at a time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indicate your first choice college & receive notice early• You are not committed to enroll• Shows your interest in the school	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase odds of being admitted & receiving scholarships• Encourages students to apply early• Not binding• Nov 1st for most public schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadlines usually Jan 1- March 15• May apply to other colleges• Runs into FAFSA priority deadline	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Long window of time to apply• Applications are evaluated as they come in• Typical at community colleges

<https://www.collegetransitions.com/early-actiondecision-vs-regular-decision-admission-rates/>

WHEN DO I APPLY?

Easy...before the scholarship deadline

- Let's look at some examples:

- UNT <https://admissions.unt.edu/freshman/how-to-apply#when-to-apply>
- UTD
- <https://www.utdallas.edu/enroll/freshman/aes/prosp-ective-students/qualifications/>
- A&M College Station
<https://scholarships.tamu.edu/FRESHMEN/University-Scholarships>

Admission TYPES

Assured Admission

Defined requirements that guarantee you will be admitted – may include class rank, GPA, test scores

http://www.depts.ttu.edu/admissions/apply/status/first_freshmen/

Holistic Review

A flexible, individualized evaluation of a student profile to determine if the student is a good fit

<http://www.ou.edu/admissions/apply/freshman>

THE ANATOMY OF THE COLLEGE APPLICATION

COURTESY OF COLLEGE BOARD

- Read the Admissions website to find how to apply
 - Helpful videos for Common App: <https://www.khanacademy.org/college-careers-more/college-admissions/applying-to-college/modal/a/filling-out-the-college-application-common-application-walkthrough>

THE COMMON APPLICATION

Parents | Counselors & Recommenders | Member Institutions | LOG IN

Plan Ahead | Explore Colleges | How To Apply | **Apply Now**

Your journey to college starts here.

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MAKING COLLEGE A REALITY FOR ALL STUDENTS

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Get started »

Already have an account?
Log in now

It's fast. It's easy.
It's free.
[Create your account now »](#)

username

password

[Forgot your username or password?](#)

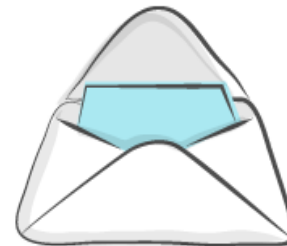
THE ANATOMY OF THE COLLEGE APP

- Counselor letter + 2 or 3 teachers
- Give your teachers AT LEAST 2 weeks to write your letters
- Provide teachers with deadlines, addresses, resume, transcript, etc.
- Request made online within the application or mail



Letters of Recommendation

Many colleges require [letters of recommendation](#) from teachers or other adults who know you well. Ask your references well in advance of the deadlines to write you a recommendation. You may want to give them a short written summary of your achievements to help them write about you.



THE ANATOMY OF THE COLLEGE APPLICATION

- Ask others to proofread (teacher, parents, friends, me)
- Apply Texas has 3 essays but some colleges require their own essays
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/essays>

Essay A:

Tell us your story. What unique opportunities or challenges have you experienced throughout your high school career that have shaped who you are today?

Essay B:

Most students have an identity, an interest, or a talent that defines them in an essential way. Tell us about yourself.

Essay C:

You've got a ticket in your hand – Where will you go? What will you do? What will happen when you get there?

THE ANATOMY OF THE COLLEGE APP

- If you are eligible for free/reduced lunch you receive 4 application fee waivers when you register for SAT/ACT using a fee waiver (get from counseling office)
- Read college website for how to submit a fee waiver



Application Fees

College application fees vary, but generally it costs from \$35 to \$50 to apply to each college. Fees are nonrefundable. Many colleges offer fee waivers (that is, they don't require the fee) to students who can't afford to pay. If you need application fee waivers, speak with your college counselor or principal.



REQUESTING AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

High School Transcript

- Online Request Form:
<https://lewisvilletx.scriborder.com/>
- First 5 official are FREE

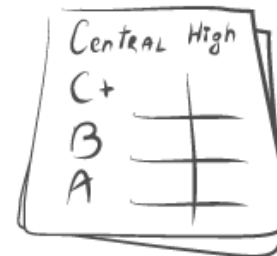
Collin College Transcript

- collin.edu then search “transcript”
- \$5 for each transcript



Your High School Transcript

The record of the classes you've taken and your grades is one of the most important parts of your application. Your high school should send your transcript, along with a school profile, directly to the colleges you are applying to. Ask your counselor or principal how to arrange for this. And be sure to check the transcript for errors before it's sent.



ADMISSION TEST SCORES

- Colleges require Official Scores sent directly from SAT or ACT
- Register & send scores online
- You may need SAT Subject Tests for private or Ivy League schools



To Register: www.actstudent.org

Test Date	Registration Deadline
September 14, 2019	August 16, 2019
October 26, 2019	September 20, 2019
December 14, 2019	November 8, 2019
February 8, 2020	January 10, 2020
April 4, 2020	February 28, 2020
June 13, 2020	May 8, 2020
July 18, 2020	June 19, 2020



To Register: www.sat.collegeboard.org

SAT Date	Register-By Date*
August 24, 2019	July 26, 2019
October 5, 2019	September 6, 2019
November 2, 2019	October 3, 2019
December 7, 2019	November 8, 2019
March 14, 2020	February 14, 2020
May 2, 2020	April 3, 2020
June 6, 2020	May 8, 2020

AFTER SCHOOL



ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

3:45 PM – 5:15 PM
LOCATED IN
THE LIBRARY

Bus departs at 5:15 pm – requires a pass from any academic program by 4:30pm.

TCHS Testing Code: 446989

ACT-SAT-TSI PREP

MONDAYS – MATH

WEDNESDAYS – ENGLISH

COUGAR HELP

ENGLISH

MONDAY
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY

SCIENCE

MONDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY

MATH

MONDAY
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY

SOCIAL STUDIES

TUESDAY
THURSDAY

SPANISH

TUESDAY

FREE TEST PREP

- Daily Practice App
- khanacademy.org/sat
- academy.act.org
- Choices 360





COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADMISSION

- Online Application
- Provide proof of meningitis vaccination
- Submit ALL transcripts
- Complete all mandatory training/orientation
- Take the Pre- Assessment and the TSI (Texas Success Initiative) – **TCHS January 10th**
- Meet with an academic advisor
- Register for classes

✓ Rolling Admissions

✓ FREE to apply

✓ SAT or ACT not required for admissions

**QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW TO APPLY, B
TALK ABOUT HOW TO PAY?**

COST OF ATTENDANCE

- Let's look at some examples:

- UNT

- https://admissions.unt.edu/tuition_costs-aid

- A&M College Station

- http://financialaid.tamu.edu/Undergraduate/Cost_of_Attendance#0_CollegeStationUndergraduate

- Net Price Calculator

- <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/financialaid/freshmenCalc.php>

- Get EFC (Estimated family contribution) from FAFSA4Caster or FAFSA

- <https://fafsa.ed.gov/FAFSA/app/f4cForm?execution=e1s1>

HOW WILL I PAY FOR COLLEGE?

3 Types of Federal Student Aid

1 **GRANTS**
Free money.
Grants are usually based on financial need and don't have to be repaid.

2 **LOANS**
Borrowed money.
Loans are an investment in your future. But remember, they must be repaid with interest.

3 **WORK-STUDY**
Earned money.
A work-study job lets you earn money while you're in school.

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Types of Financial Aid



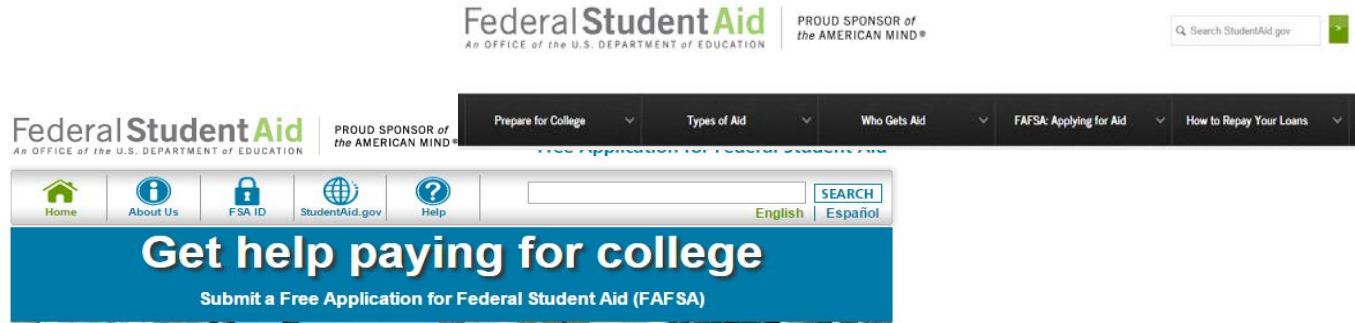
COMPLETING THE FAFSA



FAFSA TAKEAWAYS

- Use trusted websites

- studentaid.gov
- fafsa.gov



- Who fills it out?

- ALL Students applying to a college (community & career schools too!)
- Students with a valid Social Security Number (otherwise, possibly TASFA)

- When do you fill it out?

- Beginning October 1st in the year prior to your education (every year)
- Ex: October 1, 2019 for FAFSA 2020-2021 school year, using 2018 tax return
- Don't miss the school's Priority Deadline (first -come, first serve)

- This is just the first step, so check your emails from the college

- Private & selective colleges may require the CSS Profile too

Complete the FAFSA/TASFA with US!

Financial Aid Workshop

Wednesday, October 9th 6-7:30pm in Cafeteria

Bring the following:

- Student and parent(s) SSN (if applicable)
- Student's Alien Registration number, if not a US Citizen
- 2018 Tax return for student and parent(s)
- FSA ID Login for student and parent.
 - Watch this video for instructions to create FSA ID: <https://bit.ly/2vXyY0r>

TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS



Merit-based



Athletic or Ability



Need-based



Sociological



Institutional (Freshman, Major, Donor)



National

Questions ?