

Class of 2023

SENIOR PACKET

Included in this packet is information that will help you complete your high school experience as well as support your post-secondary plans.

Please read through the information carefully

Whether you are planning on 2-year school, 4-year school, Career/Technical school, Military, or Workforce, there are things you need to start doing now to prepare for your future!

CHECKLIST FOR ALL SENIORS:

- Remaining required classes in order to graduate
- College Application Process
- College Visits
- How to request HS transcript
- How to request Recommendation Letter from Teacher and/or Counselor
- Dual Credit students- How to request a transcript from NCTC
- LHS Counselor web page and resource links
- SAT/ ACT/ TSI
- Financial Aid options- grants/ scholarships/ loans
- Request FAFSA ID
- Tuition Guarantee Programs
- LHS College Fairs/ Local College Fairs/ Online College Fairs
- LHS Saturday Camps and Resources
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Senior 2023 Links

Senior Packet



FAFSA ID



LHS Scholarship Page



LHS Senior Page



Final High School Credit Check

Your HS transcript has all the courses you have completed thus far and the courses that are in progress.

Please double check that the courses completed and the courses in progress are inline with you graduating this year.

How do I Apply for College?

Make a list of schools you are considering (4 year University/Junior College, In state/Out of State, big school/small school)

Visit each school's admissions website to see requirements and admissions process. Some schools utilize their own program and/or common applications.

College Applications – Deadlines Must Be Met!

- Texas Schools: <https://goapplytexas.org/>
- The Common Application (Private schools, out-of-state schools, alternative app for some Texas schools) <https://www.commonapp.org/>

Transcripts:

Order transcripts through this link: <https://lewisvilletx.scriborder.com/>

- **Official** transcripts have to come directly from Lewisville Records. Students receive 5 transcripts free, and each additional transcript is \$5. The final transcript is free—this one will go out AFTER graduation.
- You can access your **Unofficial** transcript any time through Skyward. (Log into Skyward. Choose “Portfolio.” The most recent unofficial will be here. Transcript copies are uploaded appx. two weeks after the end of each 9 weeks.

College Visits:

Seniors may participate in college visits for up to two (2) school days per academic year.




College visit days will not count as absences on the student's attendance record, as long as proper documentation of the visit is returned to the attendance clerk within two school days following the visit. These absences will not count against final exemptions as long as the attendance office receives the proper documentation within 2 days following the visit.






Most students will not make a decision about WHERE they are going to school until AFTER financial aid information comes back.







Tuition Guarantee Programs



Explore the table below to learn more about the tuition support programs available at colleges and universities throughout Texas. Click on each institution for additional eligibility requirements.

College	Criteria for Tuition Support*	Admission Requirements	Deadline
<p>Angelo State University (Blue and Gold Guarantee)</p> 	<p>Covers tuition and fees for first-time incoming freshmen who are Texas residents with family incomes of up to \$50,000. Students must enroll in and maintain at least 12 credit hours each semester.</p>	<p>First-time student admission requirements</p>	<p>Be admitted to the university and submit the FAFSA by May 1</p>
<p>Lamar University (Lamar Promise)</p> 	<p>Covers tuition and fees for undergraduate Texas residents with family incomes of up to \$25,000. Students must enroll in and maintain at least 12 credit hours each semester.</p>	<p>Freshmen admission requirements</p>	<p>Complete the FAFSA/TASFA and submit all financial aid paperwork by February 1</p>
<p>Midwestern State University (Mustang Guarantee)</p> 	<p>Covers tuition and fees for first-time incoming freshmen with family incomes of up to \$65,000. Students must be Texas residents who are eligible for the Federal Pell Grant. Students must complete at least 12 credit hours and maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA each fall and spring semester.</p>	<p>Freshman admission requirements</p>	<p>Be admitted to the university, submit the FAFSA, and have a complete financial aid file by May 31</p>
<p>Rice University (The Rice Investment)</p> 	<p>Covers tuition, fees, and room and board for undergraduate students with family incomes of up to \$65,000. Covers full tuition for undergraduate students with family incomes of up to \$135,000. Covers half tuition for undergraduate students with family incomes of up to \$200,000.</p>	<p>First year domestic applicants</p>	<p>Submit a FAFSA, CSS Profile application, and any additional financial aid paperwork by November 15 (Early Decision) or February 1 (Regular Decision)</p>
<p>Sam Houston State University (Berkat Promise)</p> 	<p>Covers tuition and fees for entering freshmen and transfer students with family incomes of \$40,000 or less. Students must be Texas residents who are eligible for the Federal Pell Grant. Students must complete 12 credit hours each fall and spring semester. Transfer students need a minimum 2.5 GPA.</p>	<p>Beginning freshmen</p>	<p>FAFSA received by November 1</p>

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Stephen F. Austin State University (Purple Promise Guarantee) 	Covers tuition and fees for up to four years for first-time incoming freshmen with family incomes of up to \$30,000. Students must be Texas residents who are eligible for the Federal Pell Grant. Students must also be considered dependent on the FAFSA or be a qualifying orphan. Students must complete 15 credit hours each fall and spring semester.	<u>First-year students</u>	Be admitted to the university, submit the FAFSA, and have a complete financial aid file by June 1
Tarleton State University (Tarleton Grants) 	Covers tuition and fees for undergraduate students who demonstrate need. Award eligibility varies based on a student's enrollment status.	<u>High school applicants</u>	Submit the FAFSA by January 15
Texas A&M University (Aggie Assurance) 	Covers tuition and fees for entering freshmen and undergraduate transfer students who are Texas residents with family incomes of up to \$60,000. Provides tuition support to first-time incoming freshmen or transfer students with family incomes of up to \$130,000 (awards vary based on need). Students must complete 12 credit hours each fall and spring semester.	<u>Freshman: How to be admitted</u>	Submit the FAFSA/TASFA and have a complete financial aid file by January 15
Texas A&M University – Commerce (President's Promise Scholarship) 	Covers tuition costs not covered by other forms of gift aid for first-time incoming freshmen or transfer students who are Texas residents. Students must be eligible for the Federal Pell Grant and have an annual family income of up to \$50,000.	<u>How to apply</u>	Submit the FAFSA/TASFA by June 1 and complete verification by July 22
Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi (Institutional Islander Guarantee) 	Covers tuition and fees for newly enrolled students with family incomes of up to \$60,000. Students must be Texas residents who are eligible for the Federal Pell Grant. Students must also be ranked in the top 25% of their class. Students must complete 15 <u>credit</u> hours each fall and spring semester and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA.	<u>First-year freshmen</u>	Complete the FAFSA by March 1

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<p>Texas A&M University – International (Dusty Promise)</p> 	<p>Covers tuition and fees for incoming freshmen or undergraduate transfer students who are Texas residents with family incomes of up to \$30,000. Students must complete 15 credit hours each fall and spring semester.</p>	<p><u>Admission requirements</u></p>	<p>Submit a program application and the FAFSA by January 15</p>
<p>Texas State University (Bobcat Promise)</p> 	<p>Covers tuition and fees for incoming freshmen who are Texas residents with family incomes of up to \$50,000. Students must complete 15 credit hours each fall and spring semester.</p>	<p><u>Freshman admission requirements</u></p>	<p>Be admitted to the university and complete the FAFSA by March 15</p>
<p>Texas Tech University (Red Raider Guarantee)</p> 	<p>Covers tuition and fees for entering freshmen and transfer students with an associate degree. Students must be Texas residents and have family incomes of up to \$65,000. Students must enroll full-time and complete 12 credit hours each fall and spring semester.</p>	<p><u>Admission for first year students</u></p>	<p>Be admitted to the university, submit the FAFSA/TASFA, and have a complete financial aid file by January 15</p>
<p>University of Houston (Cougar Promise)</p>	<p>Covers tuition and fees for first-time incoming freshmen who are Texas residents with family incomes of up to \$65,000. Provides tuition support for first-time incoming freshmen who are Texas residents with family incomes of up to \$125,000. Students must complete at least 12 credit hours each semester.</p>	<p><u>Undergraduate admissions</u></p>	<p>Submit the FAFSA/TASFA, and have a complete financial aid file by January 15</p>
<p>University of Houston – Downtown (Gator Pledge)</p> 	<p>Covers tuition and fees for first-time incoming freshmen who are Texas residents with family incomes of up to \$50,000. Students must enroll full-time and maintain at least 24 credit hours over a 12-month period.</p>	<p><u>Freshman admission criteria</u></p>	<p>Submit the FAFSA and have a complete financial aid file by May 15</p>
<p>University of Houston – Victoria (UHV Commitment Scholarship)</p> 	<p>Provides up to \$2,400 in housing support for new full-time students. Scholarship money can only be applied to UHV Jaguar Village housing expenses.</p>	<p><u>First-year student admissions</u></p>	<p>Submit the FAFSA/TASFA and any supporting documents by March 15</p>

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<p>University of North Texas</p> <p>(Emerald Eagle Scholars)</p> 	<p>Covers tuition and fees for first-time incoming freshmen who are Texas residents with family incomes of up to \$40,000. Students must enroll in at least 12 credit hours each fall and spring semester. Students must meet certain academic criteria, such as high school GPA, class rank, and SAT or ACT scores.</p>	<p><u>Freshman admissions requirements</u></p>	<p>Be admitted to the university and complete the FAFSA by January 15</p>
<p>University of Texas at Austin</p> <p>(Texas Advance Commitment)</p> 	<p>Covers tuition and fees for first-time incoming freshmen and transfer students with family incomes of up to \$65,000. Provides tuition support for first-time incoming freshmen and transfer students with family incomes between \$65,000 and \$125,000. Students must be Texas residents and enroll in at least 12 credit hours each fall and spring semester.</p>	<p><u>Applying for admission checklist</u></p>	<p>Submit the FAFSA/TASFA by January 15</p>
<p>University of Texas at Dallas</p> <p>(Tuition Promise)</p> 	<p>Covers tuition and fees for first-time incoming freshmen who are Texas residents with family incomes of up to \$25,000. Students must enroll full-time and complete at least 30 credit hours between the fall and spring semesters.</p>	<p><u>Applying to UT Dallas as a freshman</u></p>	<p>Be admitted to the university and submit the FAFSA along with any supporting financial aid documents by January 15</p>
<p>University of Texas at El Paso</p> <p>(Paydirt Promise)</p> 	<p>Covers tuition and fees for undergraduate students who are Texas residents with family incomes of up to \$50,000. Students must complete 12 credit hours each fall and spring semester.</p>	<p><u>How to apply</u></p>	<p>Be admitted to the university and complete the FAFSA by January 15</p>
<p>University of Texas Rio Grande Valley</p> <p>(Tuition Advantage)</p> 	<p>Covers tuition and fees for undergraduate students who are Texas residents with family incomes of up to \$100,000. Students must demonstrate financial need and meet minimum academic requirements. Students must enroll in at least 15 credit hours each fall and spring semester.</p>	<p><u>Admissions requirements</u></p>	<p>Be admitted to the university, submit the FAFSA/TASFA, and have a complete financial aid file by March 15</p>
<p>University of Texas at San Antonio</p> <p>(UTSA Bold Promise)</p> 	<p>Covers tuition and fees for first-time incoming freshmen who are Texas residents with family incomes of up to \$50,500. Students must show financial need and rank in the top 25% of their high school class. Students must enroll full-time and complete 24 credit hours over the fall and spring semesters.</p>	<p><u>Freshman admission</u></p>	<p>Submit all admission paperwork and the FAFSA/TASFA by January 15</p>

College	Criteria for Tuition Support*	Admission Requirements	Deadline
University of Texas – Tyler (Reach Higher Scholarship) 	Covers tuition and mandatory fees for first-time college freshmen who are Texas residents with family incomes of up to \$80,000. Students must graduate from a Texas high school and enroll at UT Tyler within seven months of graduation. Students must be considered dependent on the FAFSA and enroll full-time.	Incoming freshmen requirements	Be accepted for admission and submit the FAFSA along with any supporting financial aid documents by May 1
West Texas A&M University (Buff Promise) 	Covers tuition and fees for undergraduate students with family incomes of up to \$80,000. Students must be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant. Students must enroll full-time and complete at least 15 credit hours each semester.	Freshmen requirements	Submit all financial aid, scholarship, and admission paperwork by April 15

*Each institution may have additional eligibility requirements. Check each program's website for more details. This resource was last updated February 2022.

How do I Pay for College?

FIRST STEP IS TO FILL OUT FAFSA/TASFA!! Applications open OCTOBER 1st!!

This application is based on your parent or guardian's previous year's taxes.

FAFSA/TASFA Information: <https://www.lisd.net/Page/27755>

New Texas Education Agency (TEA) FAFSA/TASFA Graduation Requirement for Seniors:

Students enrolled in 12th grade during the 2022-2023 school year, must do one of the following in order to graduate:

- Complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Complete and submit a Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA)
- Submit a signed opt-out form

FAFSA or TASFA? Which do I fill out?

FAFSA


- I am a U.S Citizen
- I am a Permanent Resident with an Alien Registration Card (INS # I-551)
- I am an eligible noncitizen with an arrival/departure record (INS #I-94)

TASFA

- I do not meet one of the statuses above
- I have lived in Texas for at least 3 years and am graduating from a Texas High School

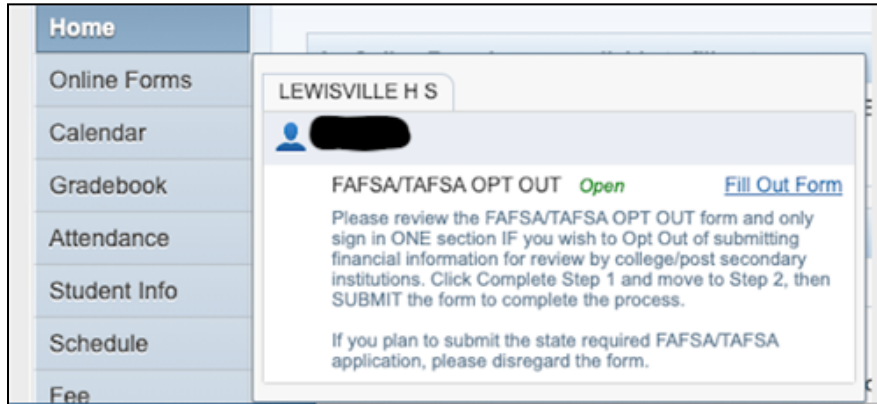
*****If you would like to opt-out of completing the FAFSA or TASFA for your senior, you can find the Opt-Out form in Skyward Family/Student Access under Online Forms.*****

Skyward message:

An Online Form is now available to fill out 

FAFSA/TAFSA OPT OUT is now available to fill out at LEWISVILLE H S, yet has not been completed for [REDACTED]. It is due by 05-24-2023.
[Fill out Online Form for \[REDACTED\]](#)

Online form message in Skyward:



The screenshot shows a navigation menu on the left with items: Home, Online Forms, Calendar, Gradebook, Attendance, Student Info, Schedule, and Fee. The main content area is titled 'LEWISVILLE H S' and shows a user profile icon for [REDACTED]. Below the profile, there is a notification for 'FAFSA/TAFSA OPT OUT' with a green 'Open' button and a blue 'Fill Out Form' link. The text reads: 'Please review the FAFSA/TAFSA OPT OUT form and only sign in ONE section IF you wish to Opt Out of submitting financial information for review by college/post secondary institutions. Click Complete Step 1 and move to Step 2, then SUBMIT the form to complete the process. If you plan to submit the state required FAFSA/TAFSA application, please disregard the form.'

Scholarships:



Get individualized help with searching for scholarships through this unique scholarship assistance program with the Scholarship Informer Gabrielle McCormick. Sign up today!

We also post scholarships that we receive on the LHS Counselors' Webpage:
<https://www.lisd.net/Page/9310>.

Are there tests I need to take for College?

IT DEPENDS ON THE SCHOOL!

Always refer to admissions pages of schools you are considering

Tests you might need to take are the SAT/ACT/TSI

SAT:

- SAT School Day (Seniors Only): October 27, 2022 – Register by Sept 9th
- Up to two SAT exams
- Free score reports to colleges and universities
- College application fee waivers
- Up to eight CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE fee waivers to use to apply to colleges and universities
- Register for the SAT: <https://www.collegeboard.org/>

ACT:

- ACT School Day: March 7, 2023
- Up to two ACT exams
- Four free score reports to colleges and universities
- Register for the ACT: <https://www.actstudent.org>

The SAT or ACT fee waivers are available for students who qualify for the free or reduced lunch program. Before asking the Counselors for an SAT waiver, check your College Board account to see if one has already been made available for you.

TSI:

- TSI School Day (Seniors Only): March 27-30, 2023
- This is considered a 'placement' test. Once admitted to college in Texas, the TSI is administered to determine if a student is prepared to take college-level English and Math courses. SAT and ACT scores may be used in place of the TSI, if they are available. See the college admissions office for more info.
- TSI Info:
<http://www.collegeforalltexas.com/index.cfm?objectid=63176344-FFFA-217B-60C9A0E86629B3CA>

ACT & SAT Test Dates (2022-2023)

ACT

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Scores Available
September 10, 2022	Aug. 5 th	Sept 20 th *
October 22, 2022	Sept. 16 th	Nov 8 th *
December 10, 2022	Nov. 4 th	Dec 20 th *
February 11, 2023	Jan. 6 th	Feb 28 th *
April 15, 2023	Mar. 10 th	April 25 th *
June 10, 2023	May 5 th	June 20 th *
July 15, 2023	June 16 th	July 25 th *

Register to take the ACT @ act.org

*Asterisk indicates anticipated score release dates

SAT

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Scores Available
August 27, 2022	July 29 th	Sept. 9 th
October 1, 2022	Sept. 2 nd	Oct. 14 th
November 5, 2022*	Oct. 7 th	Nov. 18 th
December 3, 2022	Nov. 3 rd	Dec. 16 th
March 11, 2023	Feb. 10 th	Mar. 24 th
May 6, 2023	April 7 th	May 19 th
June 3, 2023	May 4 th	June 16 th

Register to take the SAT @ sat.org

*Test date for United States, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands only.

** Seniors should test in the fall and Juniors in the Spring (in most cases). **

- Which test is the better fit for me?
- When should I take the test?
- Where can I find a free practice test?
- How can I avoid common mistakes?

The PSAT NMSQT is offered October 12, 2023

What if I am not planning on going to college?

Trade/Technical School:

These schools provide opportunities for students to learn skills and earn certifications in specific areas like Welding, Automotive Technology, Cosmetology, etc.

Many still use FAFSA/TASFA for financial aid, so fill your application out starting October 1st!

We will be hosting a College Fair for Trade/Technical Schools

November 2nd from 11:30-1:30

Military:

Contact your local recruitment office for information on military branches, opportunities, and ASVAB testing.

<https://usmilitary.com/military-recruiter-near-me/>

What if I need help?

- LHS Counseling Dept SATURDAY CAMPS

Saturday, October 8th : College Applications and FAFSA

Saturday, October 29th: Scholarships

Saturday, November 12th: Cafe con Leche–College Applications and Financial Aid for Spanish Speaking families

- College and Career Room –Ms. Lewis– RM F207
- TRIO Program – located in Library

**Trio can help with Academic Advising, Career Exploration, Financial Aid, Applications, and more!

LHS Senior Year Timeline

Fall (September-December)

- o Attend a college event/fair (virtual or in person)
- o Start your senior year by finalizing your college list.
- o Now that you have an idea of where you want to go, visit prospective colleges, and get a feel for the campuses. Be sure to check with the LHS Attendance Office concerning college visit days.
- o Register for the SAT, ACT, or SAT subject test. Visit College Board or ACT to register.
- o Fill out and complete your college applications before the deadlines. Common Application, Coalition, or Apply Texas are great to use!
- o Send an official transcript to the college(s) by using the Transcript Request form on the LHS Counseling website.
- o Make an appointment with your school counselor to request a letter of recommendation for your college application.
- o Start working on your college application essay
- o Explore your prospective schools' financial aid department/website to plan your college budget.
- o Attend the FAFSA meetings held by the LHS Counseling Department.
- o Complete your FAFSA so you can get the most possible financial assistance for college. FAFSA opens Oct. 1st or the opt-out form if you choose not to fill out the FAFSA/TASFA.
- o Regularly check the LHS Counseling website for scholarship postings.
- o Complete the LEF (Lewisville Education Foundation) Scholarship application.
<https://www.lisdef.com/apply/>
- o Students interested in competing in college athletics must register with NCAA Clearinghouse.
<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
- o Regularly check the LHS Senior page on the LHS website for information at
<https://www.lisd.net/Domain/4557>

Spring (January-May)

- o Once you've received all your responses from college, make your final decision!
- o Verify your financial aid before you make any college budget decisions.
- o Register for Housing with the college; don't miss any deadlines!
- o Be mindful of your grades and credits this semester!
- o Request your FINAL TRANSCRIPT from LHS Registrar's office to send to your college.
ALL students must send a final transcript. <https://lewisvilletx.scriborder.com/>
- o Send any AP exam scores to the college you will attend.
- o If you took Dual Credit classes, be sure to send a NCTC College transcript to your college.
- o Male students aged 18 or older must register with Selective Service.
<https://www.sss.gov/>
- o All students aged 18 should register to VOTE!

Summer (June-August)

- o Register for your college orientation.
- o Get a summer job to help with college expenses!

