

Class of 2024

SENIOR PACKET

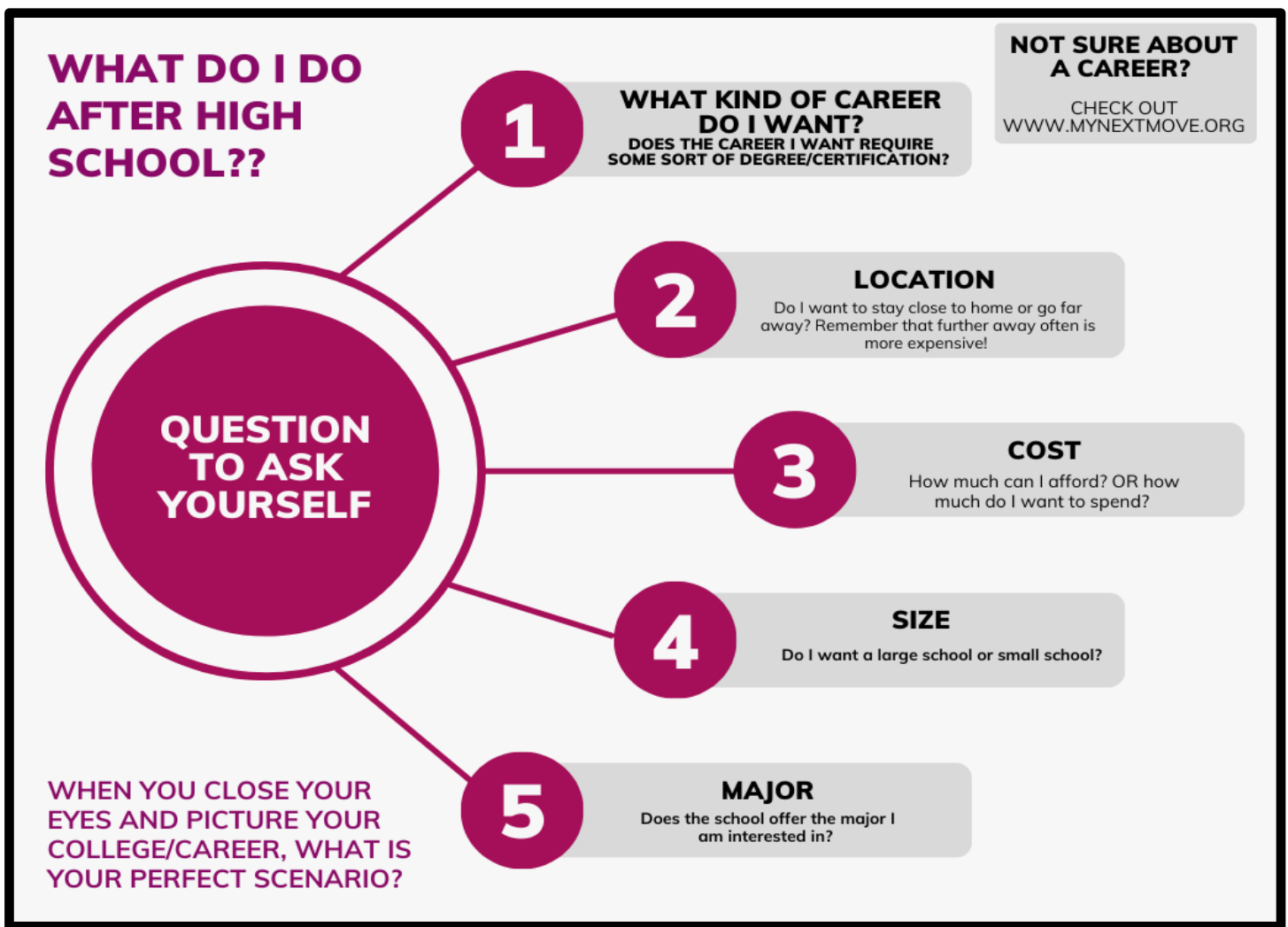
This packet includes information that will help you complete your high school experience and support your post-secondary plans.

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:

- Finalize Post-Secondary Plans (2-year school, 4-year school, Career/Technical school, Military, Workforce)
- Diploma Application (done through 2nd-period class)
- Complete the Senior Google Form (sent to your LISD email)
- Complete either the FAFSA/TASFA **OR** Opt-out form in Skyward
- Senior check-in meeting with your Counselor (*be ready to talk about your plans!*)
- Keep up to date with Senior Activity announcements (which can be found at the bottom of the LHS website)
- Read through this Senior Pack information



How do I Find a College/Tech School with My Major?

Internet search: “Schools in Texas that offer engineering” (or whatever your interest is). “Trade schools or community colleges near me that offer welding.” “Schools in Florida that offer criminal justice.” Then make a list of the schools that interest you.

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

You’ve narrowed down possible careers and schools,
NOW WHAT?

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 the requirements and admissions process. Some schools utilize their own program and/or common applications.

College Applications – Deadlines Must Be Met so Know Each School's Deadline!

- 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.scribder.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 at any time through Skyward portfolio.

******Most students will only decide where they are going to school AFTER financial aid information comes back******

How do I Pay for College?

FIRST FILL OUT FAFSA/TASFA!! Applications open in DECEMBER!!

This application is based on your parent or guardian's previous year's taxes (2022).

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

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

Every student MUST do one of the following:

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

FAFSA or TASFA? Which do I fill out?

FAFSA

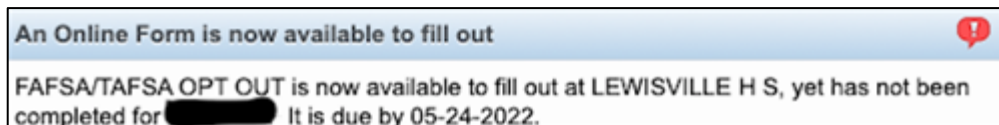
- I am a U.S Citizen
- I am a Permanent Resident with an Alien Registration Card (INS # I-551)
- I am an eligible noncitizen with an arrival/departure record (INS #I-94)

TASFA

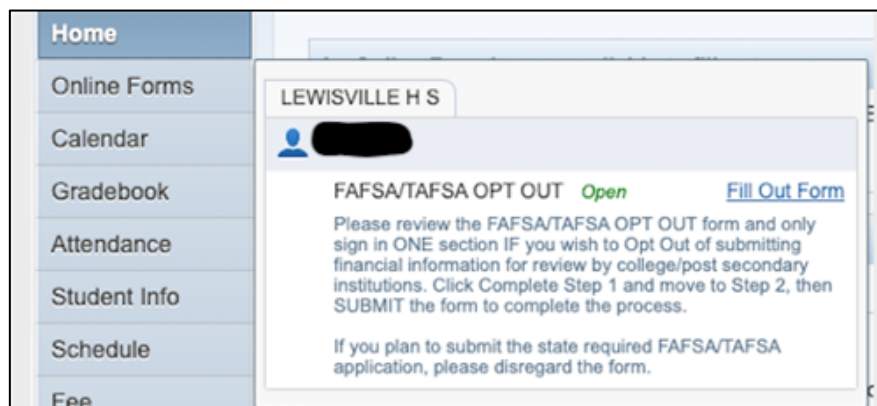
- I do not meet one of the statuses above
- I have lived in Texas for at least 3 years and am graduating from a Texas High School

*****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:



Online form message in Skyward:



Scholarships

Get individualized help with searching for scholarships through this unique scholarship assistance program with the Scholarship Informer **Gabrielle McCormick**. Sign up today!
<https://lhs.scholarshiphelpnow.com/>

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

LHS Scholarship SMORE: <https://www.smores.com/th46z>

Are there tests I need to take for College?

IT DEPENDS ON THE SCHOOL!

Always refer to the admissions pages of the schools you are considering.

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

SAT:

- SAT School Day (Seniors Only): **October 11, 2023**
- Register for the SAT outside of School Day: **<https://www.collegeboard.org/>**

ACT:

- ACT School Day: **February 27, 2024**
- Register for the ACT outside of School Day: **<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 is already available.

TSI:

- TSI School Day (Seniors Only): **March 26-28, 2024**
- 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>

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 in December!

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

October 25th from 11:30-2:00 @ LHS

Military:

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

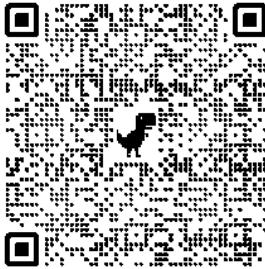





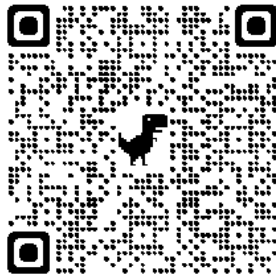




<https://usmilitary.com/military-recruiter-near-me/>

What if I need help?

- LHS Counseling Dept CAMPS– See attached flier
- College Information Smore– <https://www.smore.com/6csrho>
- College Fairs: Community College and Trade School (Oct 25), 4 year University (Spring 2024)
- 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!**

Other Important Information:

<p>Senior Pics Deadline: Oct. 14th</p> 	<p>Senior Class Info</p> 	<p>Testing Information SAT/ACT/TSI</p> 
<p>Free/Reduced Lunch Application</p> 	<p>Scholarship Informer Gabrielle McCormick</p> 	<p>Scholarship Smore</p> 
<p>Request Letter of Recommendation</p> <p>See your counselor's packet for their specific recommendation QR code</p>	<p>Schools With "Free Tuition"</p> 	<p>College Information Smore</p> 
<p>Create a FAFSA ID</p> 	<p>Online Access to this Packet For Links</p> 	<p>Senior Year Timeline</p> 

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, SendU, 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 school's 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 and TASFA open Dec. 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.scribborder.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!