



April 2018



Senior Guide

A Word from the Counselors

******Have you received Scholarships? Please advise the Guidance Office of all scholarships and awards. Bring a copy of the letter/email to the Guidance Office. We would like to list it next to your name in the Graduation Program******

The Loan-Down: Applying for Student Loans Information for Students and Parents

First off, it's important to determine how you intend to pay for your students' education. To qualify for financial aid, **all students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. The FAFSA determines eligibility for federal and state money—including loans, work-study programs, and grants. **You can complete the FAFSA on line at www.fafsa.ed.gov.** After the FAFSA application process determines the amount your family should contribute toward your students' education, you can explore student loan options.

Stafford Loans

Stafford Loans represent the bulk of federal student aid. Dependent students can borrow up to \$23,000 in Stafford Loan money over a four-year period, beginning with \$3,500 the first year, \$4,500 the second year, and then \$5,500 a year during the remainder of the time spent as an undergraduate student. Your family must demonstrate financial need to receive a subsidized Stafford Loan. With subsidized loans, the government pays the interest while your students are in school. If a student borrows under the unsubsidized loan program the student pays all the interest associated with the loan. Repayment begins six months after your student graduates from college.

Perkins Loan

Students with great financial need may qualify for the Perkins Loan. Government pays interest on the loan while the student is in school. Repayment begins nine months after a student graduates from college.

Plus Loan

Parents of a dependent undergraduate student may apply for the PLUS loan if the cost of education hasn't been met with financial aid. PLUS loans can be up to the cost of education minus the financial aid awarded.

THE COMPENDIUM OF TEXAS COLLEGES AND FINANCIAL AID CALENDAR FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

This is a book designed for High School seniors, containing a "mini course" regarding college admission and financial aid. Federal, state and other financial aid programs as well as scholarships are included in the book. Pick up your copy in the Guidance Office. The booklet is also available at:
www.everychanceeverytexan.org/about/scholars

~Don't forget to check out the scholarship applications in the Counselors' Office. There are currently over 40 scholarship applications available for seniors to pick up! ~

Reminder to Senior Males: You must register for the Selective Service 30 days before or after your 18th birthday. Students who need to register for the Selective Service may use the FAFSA to do so. Also, male students can register with the Selective Service online at www.sss.gov.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Fort Hood Lifeguards Wanted-Fort Hood is hiring certified lifeguards for 2018 summer season. Apply online at www.usajobs.gov and follow the steps for a great summer.

Not certified? DFMWR Aquatics is offering lifeguard/waterfront certification courses at Abrams Indoor Pool. Visit their website at www.hood.armymwr.com for all scheduled courses.

ASVAB

The ASVAB will be administered here on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, during 1st through 4th periods. Sign up in the Guidance Office to take the test.

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES

Fast web Scholarship Search - <http://www.fastweb.com>

Peterson's – collegequest.com

www.freschinfo.com (newsletter that comes out weekly. It is free)

www.cashe.com

www.scholarships-ar-us.org

www.meritaid.com

www.scholarshipexperts.com

www.scholarships.com

<http://www.cappex.com/scholarships>

www.student.scholarships.org

www.fastweb.com

www.college-scholarships.com/100.htm

www.colleges.niche.com

www.texascholarsathlete.com

www.scholarships.horatioalger.org

Note: Some scholarship sites and scholarship search engines are requiring that an account be created in order for students to apply. Please do not pay for scholarship information. Be aware of scams.

CURRENT SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

B. Davis Scholarship

Deadline: May 22, 2018

- High school junior or senior
- No age restriction
- Include your name and the school you are attending this year and next
- This is not an academic scholarship but we would like to know where you are going to school now and what your future academic plans are.
- Please do not send transcripts or letters of recommendation at this time
- Write an essay of less than 1000 words on the topic below:
Describe the three characteristics of leadership you value most. Discuss why you believe that these traits are so important and how you feel that they are developed in an individual.

BigSun Young Athletes Scholarship

Deadline: June 19, 2018

- All student athletes regardless of the sport or the capacity in which they participate.
- High School senior
- 500 – 1,000 word essay

Rotary Club of Temple, Texas

Deadline: April 11, 2018

- High school senior residing in Bell County in good academic standing
- Possesses a disability as defined by a physician, Texas Rehabilitation Commission, or other “official”
- Entering a Texas institution of higher learning in Fall 2018
- Active in community service

Applicant must complete an application and:

- Produce documentation of disability
- Provide a transcript
- Provide evidence of community service: civic organization, agency, church, etc.
- Enclose e letters of recommendation: 1 from your high school and 1 from the organization for which community service was performed
- Compose an essay of 300 words or less, to be attached to your application, on “Overcoming Adversity” “Achievement in Spite of Obstacles,” or similar topic

Bartlett Electric Cooperative, Inc. – Lawrence Karl Memorial Scholarship

Deadline: April 02, 2018

- You must be a high school Senior, whose parents are members of BEC.
- You must be a full-time resident in the home of a parent who is a full-time resident in BEC’s service area and maintains an active BEC account.
- You must attend a high school in the BEC service area or in a school district adjacent to the BEC service area and be a graduating senior in May/June 2018.
- You must have a high school GPA of 90 or higher
- You must have applied for admission as a full time student at a state university, junior college, or technical school.

Abbott & Fenner Scholarship

Deadline: June 14, 2018

- Available to all high school juniors and seniors
- An essay between 500 and 1000 words on the following subject:
 - Describe your educational career and life goals. Explain your plan for achieving these goals. Include your degree/major, why you selected it, and how this degree/major will help you achieve your goals.
- Submit essay at <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>

Student-View Scholarship Program

Deadline: April 22, 2018

- No minimum SAT/ACT score or grade point average
- No essay required
- No lengthy application forms
- No application fees

- Simply log on to www.studen-view.com and complete a 15-20 minute survey about colleges in your area.

Don't Mess With Texas Scholarship Contest

Deadline: April 20, 2018

- Current Texas resident
- High School Senior who has taken a leadership role to prevent litter in their school and/or community
- Planning to pursue a two- or four-year degree at an accredited Texas college or university next year
- Currently attending a public, private, or home school in Texas
- 300-350 word essay describing how your actions support the "Don't mess with Texas" litter prevention and beautification initiative.

2018-2019 Temple College Foundation

Deadline: April 01, 2018-Apply on line at <https://www.tcfound.org/>

- Scholarship funds will be distributed after the completion of the semester and when the students have completed all registered courses with no failing grades.
- Application will determine eligibility for each of the scholarships available through the Foundation.
- Scholarship recipients are selected according to the donor's wishes, and will be notified of their award status in July.
- Any student receiving an award will be eligible for a Leopard Loan in order to help pay tuition and books. The loan must be repaid out of personal funds if the student doesn't complete all registered classes with all passing grades

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity (Omicron Pi Chapter)

Deadline: April 01, 2018

- Academic record
- Extracurricular activities in school and the community
- Honors
- Financial need
- Applicants' ability to express themselves in written (essay) communication
- 700 word essay topic "What Actions Can You Take to Promote Social Justice and Embrace Diversity of All People"

Bell County Texas Democratic Women

(Women-Helping-Women Scholarship) (Males may apply)

Deadline: April 15, 2018

- GPA must be 2.75 or higher (C+/78) or better
- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen and a Bell County resident
- The applicant must be a graduating high school student, current college student or reentering college

- Applicant must have applied to or be enrolled in a college, university, or graduate school, including 2-year college, or vocational school that lead to an associate's degree or equivalent.

Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Central Texas Chapter

Deadline: April 13, 2018

- Open to all graduating seniors regardless of their participation in JROTC
- Required to enroll in college ROTC as confirmed by the association
- Copy of high school transcript thru 1st semester Senior year (may be a photocopy)
- Listing of all extracurricular activities including employment (emphasis on leadership)
- Letter of recommendation from a teacher, administrator, or JROTC Senior Instructor
- An essay on the designated topic of at least 700 words, but no more than 1,500 words
- This year's topic is: "What are the characteristics of a good leader? Describe someone who exhibits these characteristics."

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.-Theta Delta Sigma Chapter 2018 Science, Technology, Engineer, Math (STEM) Scholarship

Deadline: April 15, 2018

- Two letters of recommendation
 1. High School Teacher or Counselor
 2. Minister or Community Leader
- Official transcript from current school

Students awarded the scholarship will receive one, fully funded, program into the Security Information Technology Associate Program. This program is not portable to other New Horizons and must be delivered by New Horizons of Central Texas in Killeen, Texas. Upon successful completion of the program New Horizons will assist with job placement. New Horizons does not guarantee employment at the end of the training program.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Theta Delta Sigma Chapter

2018 Rev. RA Abercrombie Scholarship

Deadline: April 15, 2018

- Two letters of recommendation
 1. High School Teacher or Counselor
 2. Minister of Community Leader
- Official transcript from current school
- Acceptance letter from college of choice

CTRW Scholarship Endowment Foundation, Inc.

2018 High School Graduate Application

Deadline: April 04, 2018

- Must complete the application
- Must be a resident of Bell County, Texas and a graduate of a public, private, or homeschool in Bell County, Texas
- Must have demonstrated measurable volunteer service in their community

- Must be available for an in-person interview with the selection committee, in Bell County, if a finalist.
- Must be prepared to demonstrate knowledge of government.
- May only use the funds in an accredited college or career school.

Directions:

- Completed copy of the application, SIGNED.
- Two (2) letters (only) of recommendation from adult personal references (teachers, clergy, scout leaders, employers, etc.) sealed in an envelope, by the reference.
- A copy of the OFFICIAL transcript from your school, sealed in an envelope, to include grades, GPAs, class rank, honors, advanced placement classes, SAT scores, and college credits.

Applications become the property of the selection committee and will not be returned. The committee will notify those selected of its decisions.

Only those applications received in the organization's post office box by 12 noon on, Wednesday, April 4, 2018 will be considered. Late applications will NOT be opened.

The foundation is not responsible for lost or misdirected mail. Please be aware of all school holidays and regular days and times of mail service.

Wednesday Review Club Scholarship

Deadline: April 20, 2018

- Letter of recommendation from teacher, principal or counselor
- Letter concerning financial need
- Official transcript in sealed envelope
- List of honors receive in high school
- List of extracurricular activities
- List of volunteer services
- A personal narrative statement of future plans and/or goals

Central Texas Soil and Water Conservation District 509 Scholarship

Deadline: April 30, 2018

- Current high school (or home-schooled) seniors who reside within the boundaries of Bell, Falls, and Milam counties;
- U.S. Citizens;
- Anticipating completion of high school diploma at the time of application;
- Planning to pursue a degree at a college or university in the state of Texas.
- May not be children or grandchildren of employees or Directors of Central Texas Soil and Water District #509.

Alpha Delta Kappa-Epsilon Theta Chapter-International Honorary Sorority for Women Educators

Deadline: May 03, 2018

- Must be planning to pursue a college degree in education
- Two letters of recommendation from teachers or other adults who know you well
- Official Transcript
- 500 word essay

Rotary Club or Killeen Heights Scholarships

Deadline: April 27, 2018

- Must apply online at: <https://goo.gl/forms/JD3vUPO1jFI5fIMZ2>
- Copy of high school transcript including class standing and ACT/SAT scores
- List of personal awards, honors, recognition, and leadership positions achieved while in high school
- List of other scholarships received
- List of community service or volunteer activities participated in while in high school
- College, university, or trade school letter of acceptance
- Three letters of recommendation addressing your leadership and/or community service contributions
- In 500 words or less, please answer this question in terms of personal essay: "Who or what helped you identify and develop your talents and how will you use these talents to help other people?"

Cedar Valley Elementary School PTA

Deadline: April 13, 2018

Two Scholarships available: The Dominique Owens Memorial Fund

The Bernice and Bryan Gower Memorial Fund

- The recipient of these scholarships must have attended Cedar Valley Elementary for at least one school year.
- Academic performance must be at least 2.5 G.P.A.
- A **required essay "CVES prepared me for life"**-for the Bernice & Bryan Gower Scholarship and a **required essay "CVES prepared me to make a difference in today's society"**-for the Dominique Owens Scholarship shall be the first consideration for awarding these scholarships.
- Applicant must be planning to attend at least 12 hours as a full-time student, in a public or private supported community college, upper or four year college or university in the state or nation or world.
- Applicant has shown documentation of participating in a community service, and /or extracurricular events including part time work within their senior year of high school.
- Applicants must submit an official transcript of their completed high school record and an essay of 300 words or less, which explains their need for the scholarship and their current educational objective.

Killeen Chapter #490-Order of the Eastern Star

Deadline: April 16, 2018

- 200-word essay about why you are applying for this scholarship
- Submit three (3) letters of recommendation, two (2) of which should be from teachers and one (1) may be from a friend, pastor, or neighbor.
- Applicant must be academically eligible for enrollment in institution chosen.
- Sealed current transcript validated by the high school registrar
- List of community service activities.

Benevolent Patriotic Order of DOES

Deadline: April 13, 2018

- Graduating high school student currently residing and attending high school in Bell County, Texas
- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Planning to attend a college or trade school in Texas
- Scholarship monies must be used for the applicant's education for the Fall 2018 or Spring 2019 semesters only.
- All information should be completed on the Application pages.
- Letters of Recommendation and Resumes are not necessary.

Rotary Club of Killeen Scholarship for Central Texas College

Deadline: April 26, 2018

- Application
- Two letters of recommendation
- 100 – 500 word essay

Killeen Educational Support Staff Association

Deadline: April 06, 2018

- Graduating senior from high school in KISD
- Plan to enter college in the semester following graduation
- Letter addressing financial need, scholastic achievement, and involvement in school and community
- Two reference letters: one from a school administrator and one from a teacher.
- Official transcript

Softball Booster Club Scholarship

Deadline: April 13, 2018

- Must be a senior in good standing at Ellison High School who has participated in at least one season of varsity during the past two years.
- Must have a minimum cumulative high school grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Must be accepted by a post-secondary institution. Post-secondary institutions include, but are not limited to, colleges, universities, technical and vocational schools.

- Student must complete and submit the application to Mrs. Pierce in the counselors' office.
- Copy of high school transcript. Can be printed from KISD connect.

APRIL SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Omicron Pi Chapter

04/01/18

Temple College Foundation

04/01/18

Bartlett Electric Cooperative, Inc.

04/02/18

CTRW-Central Texas Republican Women

Scholarship Endowment Foundation

04/04/18

Rotary Club of Temple and Bell County Judge and Commissioner's Committee on People with Disabilities

04/11/18

Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)-Central Texas

04/13/18

Cedar Valley Elementary PTA Scholarships

04/13/18

Benevolent Patriotic Order of DOES-Droves #139 Temple, Texas

04/13/2018

Softball Booster Club Scholarship

04/13/18

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.-Theta Delta Sigma Chapter

2018 Rev. R.A. Abercrombie Scholarship

04/15/18

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Killeen Chapter #490 Order of the Eastern Star Scholarship

04/16/2018

Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship Contest

04/20/18

Wednesday Review Club Scholarship

04/20/18

Student-View Scholarship Program

04/22/18

**Rotary Club of Killeen Scholarship for Central Texas College
04/26/18**

**Rotary Club of Killeen Heights Scholarship
04/27/18**

**Central Texas Soil and Water Conservation District 509
04/30/18**

MAY/JUNE SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

**Alpha Delta Kappa-Epsilon Theta Chapter
05/03/18**

**B. Davis Scholarship
05/03/18**

**Abbot and Fenner Scholarship
06/14/18**

**Big Sun Young Athletes
06/19/18**

GUIDANCE OFFICE STAFF

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