



December 2018 Guide

Senior Guide

A Word from the Counselors

****Make sure you have everything you need for scholarships with deadlines during Christmas break. (Ex. Official transcript requests, letters of recommendations, etc.)****

Please check out the Guidance Center page on the Ellison High School webpage. You will find important information about various subjects. On the Ellison High School home page click on Student Support and select Guidance Center.

Need AP Testing Prep? Check the flyer in the window of the Curriculum Corner for the dates.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Scholarship/Essay Writing Workshops

December 6, 2018 at KISD Career Center 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Why you should attend! Learn how to find scholarship opportunities, learn how to apply for scholarships, avoid scholarship scams, learn to write effective scholarship essays, and learn to write effective college entrance essays. KISD Guidance Office at 254-336-0282 for more information

FINANCIAL AID

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is the online form used when applying for financial aid. This is the first step in the financial aid process. Complete the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Your Counselor will help you with your college and scholarship applications. The colleges and national organizations usually have their application deadlines in the fall and local organizations are in the spring. Read carefully for all criteria and deadlines. Not doing so could cost you a scholarship or deny your entry to the college of your choice. **If you would like us to mail your scholarship applications, please turn them in to the Guidance Office at least five days prior to the date they are due to their destination.**

******PLEASE INFORM THE COUNSELOR'S SECRETARY OF ANY SCHOLARSHIPS YOU HAVE BEEN AWARDED AND THE NAME OF THE COLLEGE YOU WILL ATTEND******

OPPORTUNITIES

Need more help with financial aid?

Go to <http://www.financialaidscholarshipworkshop.com>. This online course can help with scholarship applications, understanding the financial aid process, how to complete FAFSA, and much more.

Extra Info Corner

COLLEGE TOURS/OPEN HOUSE

Montana State University-MSU Friday

Friday, January 25, 2019, Friday, March 01, 2019,
Friday, March 29, 2019, and Friday, June 14, 2019

Texas Christian University-Mondays at TCU

Monday, December 03, 2018, February 04, 2019, March 25, 2019, and April 22, 2019

Seton Hall University: February 17, 2019, and April 14, 2019. For more information and to register: www.shu.edu/visiting

Texas Southern University- Friday, February 22, 2019

Midwestern State University

Mustangs Rally-Saturday, March 09, 2019 <https://mwsu.edu/admissions/mustangs-rally.php>

Junior Day-Friday, April 12, 2019

<http://mwsu.edu/admissions/junior-day.php>

SAT-2018-2019 Test Dates:

March 09, 2019

Registration Deadline: February 08, 2019

Late Registration Deadline: February 27, 2019

May 04, 2019

Registration Deadline: April 05, 2019

Late Registration Deadline: April 24, 2019

June 01, 2019

Registration Deadline: May 03, 2019

Late Registration Deadline: May 22, 2019

ACT 2018-2019 Test Dates:

February 09, 2019

Registration Deadline: January 11, 2019

Late Registration Deadline: January 18, 2019

April 13, 2019

Registration Deadline: March 08, 2019

Late Registration Deadline: March 25, 2019

June 08, 2019

Registration Deadline: May 03, 2019

Late Registration Deadline: May 20, 2019

July 13, 2019

Registration Deadline: June 14, 2019

Late Registration Deadline: June 24, 2019

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES

<http://www.fastweb.com>

Peterson's - www.collegequest.com

www.collegeboard.org

www.freschinfo.com (Free newsletter that comes out weekly)

<http://www.collegescholarships.org/>

www.unigo.com

www.scholarships.com

www.studentscholarships.org

www.collegegreenlight.com

www.cappex.com

Note: Some scholarship sites and scholarship search engines are requiring that an account be created in order for students to apply.

CURRENT SCHOLARSHIPS

**See the Compendium of Texas Colleges and Financial Aid Calendar
(Available in the Counselor's Office)**

Allied Van Lines Scholarship-\$1,000-Deadline: December 1, 2018 www.allied.com/scholarship
or scholarships@sirva.com

Rebekah Assembly of Texas-Irma Gesche Scholarship Committee-\$1,000 Deadline:
December 31, 2018

William C. Doherty and John T. Donelon Scholarship Fund-Deadline: December 31, 2018
www.nalc.org/member-benefits/benefits-for-members/scholarships

Annual National Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship Award-\$500-\$5,000 Deadline:
January 15, 2019 www.gwcf.org

Union Plus Education Foundation Scholarship-\$500-\$4,000 Deadline: January 31, 2019
www.unionplus.org/scholarships

Redfin Scholarship-\$2,500-Deadline: January 31, 2019
<https://www.redfin.com/resources/scholarship>

4-H Youth Development Foundation, Inc.-\$3,000 minimum Deadline: February 02, 2019 (apply
through local Count Extension Agent) <https://texas4-H.tamu.edu/scholarships/>

Texas Restaurant Association for Food Service Scholarships-\$1,000 Deadline: February 15,
2019 www.txrestaurant.org/education-foundation/leadership-excellence

Sullivan Solar Power Deadline: February 15, 2019 \$2,000
www.sullivansolarpower.com/scholarshps

Epsilon Sigma Alpha Foundation-Variou amounts Deadline: February 1, 2019
www.esaintl.com/esaf or esainfo@epsilonsigmaalpha.org

Air Force Aid Society Education Grants-\$500-\$4,000 Deadline: Mid-March www.afas.org

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution-February 15, 2019 www.dar.org or www.tsdar.org

Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship-One \$6,000 grand prize and two \$2,000 scholarships
Deadline: in April www.dontmesswithtexas.org

American Chemical Society Scholars Program-up to \$5,000 Deadline: March 1, 2019
www.acs.org/scholars

Family, Career & Community Leaders of America Texas Association:
C.J. Davison Scholarship-up to \$18,000 Deadline: March 1, 2019
FCCLA Regional Scholarship-\$1,000 Deadline: March 1, 2019
www.texasfccla.org

Irene S. Wischer Foundation Scholarship-Deadline: March 1, 2019
www.frostbank.com/wischerscholarship

Knights of Columbus PRO DEO ET PATRIA Scholarships-\$1,500/year
Deadline: March 1, 2019 www.kofc.org/scholarships or scholarships@kofc.org
National Press Club Scholarship for Journalism Diversity-\$2,000/year renewal for up to three
years at \$2,500/year-Deadline: March 1, 2018 www.press.org

Print and Graphics Scholarship Foundation-\$1,000-\$5,000 Deadline: March 1, 2019
www.pgfsf.org

Rocco Caffarelli Scholarship-up to \$20,000 Deadline: March 1, 2019
www.frostbank.com/caffarellischolarship

SEG Foundation Scholarships Deadline: March 01, 2019 \$500-\$10,000
www.seg.org/scholarships

Texas Department of Transportation's Conditional Grant Program-\$3,000/semester
Deadline: March 1, 2018 www.txdot.gov/jobs/recruitment/conditional-grant-program.html

Texas Floral Endowment-\$500-\$1,000 Deadline: March 15, 2019
P.O. Box 170760 Austin, TX 78717 phone: 512-834-0361

The Air Force Sergeants Association, the Chief Master Sergeants of the Air Force and the
Airmen Memorial Foundation Scholarship Programs-\$500-\$3,000 Deadline: March 31, 2019
www.HQAFSA.org

Air Line Pilots Association Scholarship Program-\$12,000 Deadline: April 1, 2019
Yvonne.Willits@alpa.org

American Legion Auxiliary (TEXAS) Scholarships-\$500 Deadline: April 1, 2019
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Texas Education Chairman
P.O. Box 140407
Austin, TX 78714 www.alatexas.org/activity/scholarships
email: secretary@alatexas.org

Charles, Lela and Mary Slough Foundation-up to \$5,000 Deadline: April 1, 2019
www.midland.edu/slough or slough_scholarship@mildan.edu

Second Marine Division Association Memorial Scholarship Fund Deadline: April 1, 2019
www.wdmardiv.com

Feeding Tomorrow Scholarship Program Deadline: April 15, 2019
www.ift.org/community/students/scholarships

Two Ten Footwear Foundation Footwear Design Scholarship Program Deadline April 05, 2019
<http://www.twoten.applyists.com>

Two Ten Footwear Foundation Higher Education Scholarship Program up to \$12,000 Deadline April 19, 2019 <http://www.twoten@applyists.com>

Colburn-Pledge Music Scholarship Foundation-\$3,000 Deadline: April 23, 2019
colburnpledge@gmail.com

National Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Educational Foundation Scholarship

Bradford White-up to three \$2,500

Delta Faucet Company- up to six \$2,500

PHCC of Texas Auxiliary-\$1,500

Deadline: May 1, 2019 www.foundation.phccweb.org/scholarships

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Education Programs-up to \$12,000 Deadline: May 1, 2019
www.nmcrrs.org/education

Society of Women Engineers Scholarship Program Deadline: May 1, 2019 \$1,000 - \$14,000
www.scholarships.swe.org

Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association Scholarships Deadline: May 15, 2019
Red River Valley Association
12123 Shelbyville Rd.
Suite 100-179

Louisville, KY 40243-1079

www.River-Rats.org

Scott Alan Turner Personal Finance Scholarship Deadline: July 01, 2019

<https://scottalanturner.com/personal-finance-scholarship>

HomeCity Real Estate Scholarship-\$1,000 Deadline: July 15, 2019

<http://www.homecity.com/homecity-scholarship>

Sullivan Solar Power Deadline: August 15, 2019 \$2,000

www.sullivansolarpower.com/scholarshps

Scholarship Opportunities in the Guidance Office

Average to Extraordinary Scholarship

Deadline: December 31, 2018, March 31, 2019,
June 30, 2019

- Must be a high school student in Texas

Americanism Essay Contest

Deadline: December 01, 2018

- Grade 7 – 12
- Must be sponsored by a branch of the Fleet Reserve Association or a unit of the Ladies Auxiliary, or FRA Member-at-large
- The essay shall be on the theme: What Patriotism Mean to Me and shall not exceed 350 words
- The essay shall be legibly written or typed on one side of paper
- The title of the essay shall be written or typed at the top of the paper.
- A student may submit one entry each year
- Each entry must be accompanied by a separate sheet stating: the entrants name, address, zip code, telephone number, school grade (or equivalent), name of school, or the words “home schooled”, number of words in essay, and the sponsoring branch/unit or sponsor’s name.
- Entries submitted to branches shall be submitted to the Branch Americanism-Patriotism Committee and postmarked no later than December 1, for judging at the branch level.

NAACP Scholarship

Deadline: January 19, 2018

- Plan to attend college in the fall semester 2018
- Complete application in its entirety and include signature on the specified line
- Compose a 300 word essay on one of the following topics:
What are your career goals? Explain
Or
Who has influenced you the most throughout your life and why?
- Submit an official transcript

Charles Butt Scholarship for Aspiring Teachers

Deadline: Various

Must demonstrate:

- Written communication
- Oral communication
- Collaboration
- Leadership
- Altruism
- Persistence and continuous learning
- Passion for education
- Belief in the power of teaching
- Academic achievement

The Charles Butt Scholarship for Aspiring Teachers is available to prospective teachers who are currently in, or plan to enter, an eligible teacher preparation program at a Raising Texas Teachers partner university. Aspiring Teachers can apply in the fall of any year between their senior year of high school and junior year of college. To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be committed to teaching in a majority-economically disadvantaged school or in a shortage subject area (in a school where more than 50% of students are eligible for free or reduced lunch, or as a math, science, bilingual, or special education teacher) in a Texas public school. Preference is given to Texas residents.

Lone Star Scholarship

Deadline: December 01, 2018

- Must be a graduating senior at time of application

- Must have a grade point average of 3.0 or above
- Must submit a typewritten essay of no more than 500 words
- Must submit a wallet-sized photo with application. Graduation photo is acceptable
- Must submit a transcript of his/her high school credits, SAT/ACT scores,
- The letter of recommendation and transcript on school stationery from high school counselor. The letter of recommendation and the transcript should be in sealed envelopes.
- Submit the SAT/ACT scores on a separate sheet.
- Letter of recommendation and transcript must be in sealed envelopes.

Margaret A. McDow Student Aid Award

Deadline: January 15, 2019

- Meet academic requirement: "C" Average (Example: 2.33 GPA/4.0 scale)
- Submit a sealed Official Transcript from school registrar
- Express interest in earning a degree or certificate from an accredited college or university through a typed 500 word essay.
- Be enrolled full-time(12 hours or more) or copy of Official Letter of Acceptance
- Show proof of dedication to local community service-2 typed letters of recommendation
- Submit a completed application by deadline (Typed/Handwritten application should be mailed in with complete packet.)
- 3X5 Recent photo Black and White or color (Good Quality)

Carr P. Collins Scholars Program-Baylor University

Deadline: January 31, 2019

- Must be admitted to Baylor
- Be in the top quarter of their graduating class
- Have a minimum score of 1310 on the SAT or minimum of 28 on ACT
- Have completed a balanced college preparatory program including history, science and a foreign language
- Be a bona fide resident of the state of Texas

Virginia Military Institute Scholarship Program

Deadline: February 01, 2019

- Combined SAT score of 1350 or better or ACT 31 or better
- High School GPA of 3.7 or better

- Resume (see application)
- Two short essays (see application)
- Official copy of high school transcript

B. Davis Scholarship

Deadline: May 24, 2019

- 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.

Your submission must be sent by email to: awards@studentawardsearch.com

Hardin Simmons Music & Admissions Scholarship

Audition Dates:

Friday, February 01, 2019, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
 Saturday, February 22, 2019 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
 Friday, April 05, 2019 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
 Saturday, April 06, 2019

You do not have to be a music major to apply.

Apply online: <http://www.hsutx.edu/academics/cofa/music/musicadmissionscholarship>

Student Voices Scholarship Program

Deadline: January 16, 2019

- You must currently be a currently enrolled high school senior in a Texas public high school.

- You must commit to attend and participate in the 2019 Winter Governance and Legal Seminar-Thursdays, February 21st and Friday, February 22nd.
- You must provide a current high resolution photo in JPEG format and other media-related items in the same format as received (no Google documents etc.) by the deadline set by TASB,
- Complete the application. The application must be typed, and all sections must be completed.
- Letter of recommendation. Each applicant must submit one letter of recommendation from a current district employee. The application is NOT complete without the letter of recommendation.
- Submit all materials by 5p.m. on January 16, 2019. Email completed application to tami.nagar@tasb.org.

Gen and Kelly Tanabe Scholarship

Deadline: December 31, 2018

The Gen and Kelly Tanabe Scholarship is a merit-based program that helps student fulfill their dreams of a higher education. The scholarship is named for Gen and Kelly Tanabe, best-selling authors on education, whose generous donations fund this program.

- 9th-12th grade high school, college, or graduate student including adult students.
- Legal resident of the U.S.
- Currently in school or planning to start school within the next 12 months.
- An essay in 250 words or less on one of the following:
 1. Why do you deserve to win this scholarship?
 2. Describe your academic or career goals or
 3. Any topic of your choice

Feel free to re-use an essay that you wrote in class, for college admission or another scholarship competition.

Texas A&M University Academic Scholarships

Deadline: December 01, 2018

Texas A&M University's four-year, competitive endowed academic scholarships are awarded by Scholarships & Financial Aid. While competition requirements vary, only one application is necessary to be considered for all the scholarships listed. Scholarship recipients will be notified of their selection in February of their senior year. Each scholarship includes a one-time \$1,000 scholarship to be used for a Texas A&M approved study abroad experience

Eligibility

To be considered for Academic Scholarships, you must have a minimum test score of at least:

- SAT: 1360 total with at least 620 Math and 660 Evidence-Based Reading and Writing
- ACT: 30 composite with at least 27 Math and 27 English

In addition to your academic achievement, your co-curricular involvement (campus activities, leadership roles, employment, etc.) is also considered.

In order to provide scholarship opportunities to the greatest number of students, Texas A&M does not stack Academic Scholarships. If you qualify for more than one Academic Scholarship you will receive the highest dollar-value scholarship only.

Duration

Academic Scholarships are four year awards. Students must meet eligibility requirements each year to continue receiving your scholarship in future years.

Application

Prospective students can apply using the ApplyTexas Application:

(<https://www.applytexas.org>) or the Coalition Application:

(<http://coalitionforcollegeaccess.org>) for Freshman Admission. Students must complete the admissions application along with the scholarship application to be considered.

University of Texas Scholarships for Entering Freshman Students

Deadline: December 01, 2018

The freshman scholarship application process for UT Austin is available strictly to entering (new) freshman students through the ApplyTexas web site. ApplyTexas offers a centralized means for both Texas and non-Texas students to apply to most postsecondary institutions in the State of Texas. The ApplyTexas U.S. Freshman Application currently consists of three sections: admissions, scholarships, and essays.

How to Apply

To create a scholarship application, follow the steps below.

1. Begin an ApplyTexas application and select UT Austin as your target university. You must begin the Admission Section of the application before you are given access to the Scholarship Section.
2. Complete and save the Admission Section. Doing so will lead you into the Scholarship Section. Much of your scholarship information is directly tied to

the Admission Section, so it is very important that you save your admission information before you begin the Scholarship Section.

3. Saved applications may be edited prior to submission by accessing them directly from the *My Account* page under the corresponding App ID. *Please note: The Office of Financial Aid at the University of Austin will not accept any updates or edits to the Scholarship Section of the ApplyTexas Application. Once the application has been submitted, changes cannot be made.*

Scholarship Consideration

By applying for scholarships using the ApplyTexas Application, you are automatically considered for the majority of scholarships administered by:

- The Office of Financial Aid at the University of Texas at Austin. Some of the many scholarships that this office administers are listed under FA-Administered Scholarships.
- A limited number of colleges, departments, and other entities at, or associated with, The University of Texas at Austin. Contact your prospective academic department to learn about its particular scholarship application procedures.

Rebekah Assembly of Texas-Irma Gesche Scholarship

Deadline: December 31, 2018

- Based on academic ability, community service, personal development, and financial need
- Must submit completed application
- High school transcript
- A typed letter outlining expected goals to be reached as a result of further education
- Three letters of reference

To apply write to the following address:

Scholarship Committee
16400 KC Road
4060
Scurry, Texas 75158

National Honor Society Scholarship (NASSP)

Deadline: December 07, 2018

- Current high school senior

- Member in good standing in an active NHS chapter
- Request application procedures from your NHS advisor beginning October 01, 2018
- <https://www.nhs.us/students/the-nhs-scholarship>

Ron Brown Scholarship

Deadline: January 09, 2019 (final deadline)

- Must be U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Black/**African** American
- Current high school senior at time of application

Exhibit leadership ability, participate in community service activities and have a demonstrated financial need

Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship (APIAS)

Deadline: January 10, 2019

- Be of Asian and/or Pacific Islander ethnicity as defined by the U.S. Census
- Be a citizen, national. Or legal permanent resident of the United States. Citizens of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau are also eligible to apply.
- Be enrolling as an undergraduate student in a U.S. accredited college or university in the fall of 2018. Please read the scholarships by supporter details for specific eligibility requirements regarding standing required for each scholarship.
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale (unweighted) or have earned a GED.
- Must apply for federal financial aid using the (FAFSA)
- Submit one letter of recommendation online.

Burger King Foundation Scholarship

Deadline: December 15, 2018 (or until they have received 50,000 applications)

- Must be living in the United States, Canada, or Puerto Rico
- Graduating senior

- Have a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale or equivalent
- Plan to enroll full-time, without interruption, for the entire 2019-2020 academic year at an accredited two or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school in the U.S., Canada, or Puerto Rico.

Southern Methodist University Hunt Leadership Scholars

Deadline: January 15, 2019

- Leadership and academic excellence
- Submit an application or admission to SMU
- Submit an online Hunt Leadership Scholarship application, including an essay and a YouTube statement.
- Visit <http://smu.edu/huntapply>

GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program

Deadline: January 04, 2019

- Demonstrate at school, at the workplace, and within the community the attributes of leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship
- Demonstrate strong academic performance (minimum 3.0 grade point average (4.0 scale or equivalent))
- Be a citizen of the U.S.
- Be a high school senior attending high school in the United States, or any of the United States territories and commonwealth and graduating in winter 2018 or spring 2019. Applicants living on a United States Armed Forces base and attending high school outside the United States are eligible. Home-schooled students who are graduating in winter 2018 or spring 2019 are also eligible.
- Plan to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study toward a bachelor's degree at an accredited four-year college or university in the United States for the entire upcoming academic year.
- Apply online at: www.reaganfoundation.org

American Legion Oratorical Contest

Deadline: December 15, 2018

- Must be a citizens of or lawful residents of the United States.
- Must be bona fide students herein described as any student under the age of 20 years on the date of the national contest who is presently enrolled in a high school or junior high school.

Cirkled in Scholarship

Deadline: December 31, 2018

- No minimum GPA an no long essay to write
- \$2,500 award-you can use it immediately after receiving it.
- Use for any educational need.

How to apply:

- Create a FREE account on www.cirkledin.com
- Click the “Apply Now” button.
- In 3 sentences, tell us: “If you could give one gift to the world what would it be?”

Prairie View A&M University Scholarship

Deadline: December 03, 2018

- Apply and be accepted to the university before December 15, 2018
- Have a minimum 3.00 (on a 4.0 scale) cumulative high school GPA
- AT 820 (Critical Reading & math only) or 17 ACT or higher

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. 2018-2019 Ecolia A. Dunn Scholarship

Deadline: February 12, 2019

- Must be a graduating high school senior (2018-2019 school year)
- Completed written application.
- Application must be received on time without exception.
- 205 minimum GPA overall or progression towards un-weighted GPA of 2.5 over the course of four semesters
- Official high school transcript.
- Must reside and attend a high school in KISD or CCISD.

Alpha Oratorical Contest

Deadline: December 31, 2018

- Male High School Student 2018-2019 school year
- Exemplifies good character
- Demonstrates leadership ability
- Participates in extracurricular activities

Pride of Killeen Lodge #620 District Essay Contest

Deadline: March 23, 2019

- The Pride of Killeen Lodge #620 will be holding its 2018-2019 Annual Essay Scholarship Contest. We are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, and charitable organization affiliated with the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas.
- Subject of the Essay for 2019 shall not be disclosed to participants until the hour upon which the Lodges contest commences. March 23, 2019 beginning at 9:00 am.
- Any pupil/graduating senior regularly enrolled in any public or private accredited High School commissioned, and who graduates during the school year (2018-2019), is eligible to enter the local or district contest.
- The essay shall be written in the presence of the judges and must be original.
- Essay shall not exceed 500 words. 1 hour time limit.

BigSun Young Athletes Scholarship

Deadline: June 19, 2019

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

Counseling Department

Counselor---Juli Fischer

Counselor---Phylicia Gaston

Counselor---April Hoffman
Counselor---Sarah Noteboom
Coordinator-David Dominguez
Secretary----Pamela Pierce

OFFICE HOURS 8:00 – 4:30 PM

Counselor---Victoria Mintz
Counselor---Amy Picot
Registrar---Barbara Critchfield

PHONE NUMBER 254-336-0629