



December 2019 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.

GENERAL 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

SAT-2019-2020 Test Dates: Fee: \$49.50 Late Fee: \$30.00

March 14, 2020

Registration Deadline: February 14, 2020

Late Registration Deadline: March 03, 2020

May 02, 2020

Registration Deadline: April 03, 2020

Late Registration Deadline: April 21, 2020

June 06, 2020

Registration Deadline: May 08, 2020

Late Registration Deadline: May 27, 2020

ACT 2019-2020 Test Dates: Fee: \$46.00 Late Fee: \$29.50

February 08, 2020

Registration Deadline: January 10, 2020

Late Registration Deadline: January 17, 2020

April 04, 2020

Registration Deadline: February 28, 2020

Late Registration Deadline: March 13, 2020

June 13, 2020

Registration Deadline: May 08, 2020

Late Registration Deadline: May 22, 2020

July 18, 2020

Registration Deadline: June 19, 2020

Late Registration Deadline: June 26, 2020

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

SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE COMPENDIUM OF TEXAS COLLEGES AND FINANCIAL AID CALENDAR

(Stop by the counselors' office to get your copy)

December Deadlines

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| 12/1 | Allied Van Lines Scholarship |
| 12/31 | Rebekah Assembly of Texas |
| 12/31 | William C. Doherty and John T. Donelon Scholarship Fund |

January Deadlines

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| 1/1 | Architects Foundation Diversity Advancement Scholarship |
| 1/1 | DECA Scholarship Awards |
| 1/15 | Annual national Washing Crossing Foundation Scholarship Award |
| 1/31 | Redfin Scholarship |
| 1/31 | Union Plus Education Foundation Scholarship |

February Deadlines

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| 2/1 | ESA (Epsilon Sigma Alpha) Foundation |
| 2/2 | 4-H Opportunity Scholarships |
| 2/15 | National Society Daughters of the American Revolution |
| 2/15 | Sullivan Solar Power (A Sustainable Future through Solar Energy Scholarship) |
| 2/15 | Texas Restaurant Association for Food Service Scholarships |
| 2/16 | George and Mary Hamman Foundation Scholarships |
| 2/28 | Abe and Annie Seibel Foundation |

March Deadlines

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| 3/ | Air Force Society Education Grants |
| 3/ | Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf |

- 3/1 American Chemical Society Scholars Program
- 3/1 Family, Career, & Community Leaders of America, Texas Association
- 3/1 Irene S. Wischer Foundation Scholarship
- 3/1 Knights of Columbus PRO DEO ET PRO PATRIA Scholarships
- 3/1 Matthews and Swift Educational Trust Scholarships
- 3/1 The Military Officers Association of America Scholarship Fund
Educational Assistance Program
- 3/1 Music for the Blind
- 3/1 National Press Club Scholarship for Journalism Diversity
- 3/1 Print and Graphics Scholarship Foundation
- 3/1 Rocco C. Caffarelli Scholarship
- 3/1 SEG Foundation Scholarships
- 3/1 Texas Dept. of Transportation's Conditional Grant Program
- 3/15 Texas Floral Endowment
- 3/31 Air Force Sergeants Association, Chief Master Sergeants of the Air Force
and the Airmen Memorial Foundation Scholarship
- 3/31 Lighthouse Guild
- 3/31 National Federation of the Blind Scholarships
- 3/31 Sid Richardson Memorial Fund

April Deadlines

- 4/1 American Legion Auxiliary (TEXAS) Scholarships
- 4/1 Charles, Lela, and Mary Slough Foundation Scholarship
- 4/1 Second Marine Division Association Memorial Scholarship Fund
- 4/5 Two Ten Footwear Foundation Footwear Design Scholarship
- 4/15 Feeding Tomorrow Scholarship Program
- 4/19 Two Ten Footwear Foundation Higher Education Scholarship
- 4/23 Colburn-Pledge Music Scholarship Foundation
- 5/1 National Assoc. of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Educational
Foundation
- 5/1 Navy-Marine corps Relief Society Education Programs
- 5/1 Society of Women Engineers Scholarship Program
- 5/15 Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association Scholarships
- 7/1 Scott Alan Turner Personal Finance Scholarship
- 7/15 HomeCity Real Estate Scholarship

August Deadlines

- 8/15 Sullivan Solar Power

Scholarship Opportunities in the Guidance Office

Brockman Foundation-Full Scholarship-STEM and Business-Texas A&M

Deadline: December 01, 2019

- Supports four years of undergraduate studies in an approved program of STEM as well as the on-year MS Business graduate degree at Texas A&M Mays Business School
- Covers tuition fees in full, room and board, transportation, books and supplies, an overseas study opportunity, and internship opportunities
- American citizens resident anywhere in the world may apply for the scholarship. An international (non-U.S.) student may apply for the scholarship as long as they can submit, with their application, sufficient evidence that they have a visa allowing them to study in the U.S.
- SAT or ACT score (not an equivalent)
- It is a condition of being awarded the scholarship that the recipient will enroll in and successfully complete, both the four-year undergraduate STEM and the MS Business graduate degree program.

NAACP Scholarship

Deadline: January 17, 2020

- Plan to attend college in the fall semester 2020
- Complete application in its entirety and include signature on the specified line
- Compose a 300-word essay on one of the following topics:
Where do you see yourself five years from now?
Or
Who has influenced you the most throughout your life and why?
- Submit an official transcript

Virginia Military Institute Scholarship Program

Deadline: February 01, 2020

- 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

National Co-op Scholarship Program

Deadline: Various Deadlines

- Must have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Must apply for admission for the 2020-2021 academic year at institution(s) you select on the scholarship application
- Must meet other merit scholarship criteria as established by the institution(s) selected on the scholarship application
- Must be current high school seniors or transfer students

Texas A&M University Academic Scholarships

Deadline: December 01, 2019

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.

Lone Star Scholarship

Deadline: December 01, 2019

- 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.
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Burger King Foundation Scholarship

Deadline: December 15, 2019 (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.

National Honor Society Scholarship (NASSP)

Deadline: December 06, 2019

- Must be a senior member of and active NHS chapter in good standing and are eligible to apply for an NHS scholarship
- NHS members must create a student account before you can access the NHS Scholarship application
- The NHS adviser must verify the student's membership before the student can begin the application.

- All application requires two recommendation, and certification by the NHS adviser in order to be considered complete. Incomplete applications are not evaluated.
- <https://www.nhs.us/students/the-nhs-scholarship>

Rebekah Assembly of Texas-Irma Gesche Scholarship

Deadline: January 31, 2020

- 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:

Irma Gesche Scholarship Committee
 c/o Rebekah Assembly of Texas
 Attn: Rosie McMillin, Secretary
 16400 KC Road 4060
 Scurry, Texas 75158
 (903) 498-4528

Gen and Kelly Tanabe Scholarship

Deadline: December 31, 2019

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.

Student Voices Scholarship Program

Deadline: January 15, 2020

- 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 2020 Governance Camp- Thursday, February 27th and Friday, February 28th.
- 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 15, 2020. Email completed application to tami.nagar@tasb.org.
- **Hardin Simmons Music & Admissions Scholarship**
- Audition Dates:
- Friday, February 07, 2020, (1:00 pm - 5:00 pm)
- Friday, February 21.2020 (1:00 pm - 5:00 pm)
- Friday, April 03, 2020 (1:00 pm – 5:00 pm)
- Saturday, April 04, 2020 (9:00 am – 12:00 pm)
- You do not have to be a music major to apply.
- Apply online to Hardin-Simmons University using the online application: <https://applynow.hsutx.edu/apply>

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.

B. Davis Scholarship

Deadline: May 22, 2020

- 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

Carr P. Collins Scholars Program-Baylor University

Deadline: January 31, 2020

- 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 an established resident of the state of Texas

Cirkled in The “No Sweat” Scholarship

Deadline: December 31, 2019

- No minimum GPA and 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.

Area Go Texan Scholarship

Deadline: February 03, 2020

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be a Texas resident
- Be a graduating senior in the 2019-2020 school year
- Score at least a 950 on SAT or a 19 on ACT
- Be ranked in the top third (1/3) of the graduating class at the completion of the first semester of the senior year.
- Have made formal application to enroll with intent to attend an accredited, not-for-profit Texas college or university (accredited by The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges) and participate in a curriculum leading to a bachelor’s degree. Strictly online colleges and universities, even if they are not-for-profit, are not permitted.

Southern Methodist University Hunt Leadership Scholars

Deadline: January 15, 2020

- Demonstrated extraordinary leadership
- Submission of the Hunt Essay and YouTube statement, and a completed first-year application for admission to SMU
- Rank in top 25% of graduating class
- Composite SAT 1330 or ACT 29
- Completion of a strong college preparatory curriculum, typically including AP courses, IB courses, and honors classes.

GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program

Deadline: January 03, 2020

- 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

BigSun Young Athletes Scholarship

Deadline: June 19, 2020

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

Texas Student Housing Scholarship

Deadline: January 31, 2020

- Open to students accepted to colleges in **Austin, College Station, or Denton, Texas**, that have **NOT** signed off-campus housing leases
- High school transcript
- ACT/SAT score sheet
- Two letters of recommendation
- Completed application

Coolidge Scholarship

Deadline: January 16, 2020

- Must be a high school junior
- Must plan to enroll in college in the fall of 2021
- Must be an American citizen or legal permanent resident
- Selected primarily on academic excellence
- Secondary criteria include: an interest in public policy, an appreciation for and understanding of the values President Coolidge championed, as well as humility and service.

Counseling Department

Counselor---Juli Fischer

Counselor---April Hoffman

Counselor---Amy Picot

Coordinator---David Dominguez

Counselor---Phylicia Gaston

Counselor---Sarah Noteboom

Secretary----Pamela Pierce

Registrar---Barbara Critchfield

OFFICE HOURS 8:00AM – 4:30 PM

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