



December 2021



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.

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.

New Graduation Requirement!!

Beginning with students enrolled in 12th grade during the 2021-2022 school year, each student **must do one of the following in order to graduate:**

- 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 to your school counselor

Which one is right for you?

FAFSA: If you are a U.S. citizen and complete the FAFSA, you may be eligible to receive financial aid (grants, loans, work study programs, etc.). Many colleges will offer you scholarships based upon your FAFSA submission also. **The FAFSA opened on October 1st, 2021. Your best chance to receive aid is to apply EARLY.**

TASFA: If you are a foreign student or noncitizen, you may be eligible to be classified as a Texas resident for tuition purposes. If so, you may also be eligible to receive state financial aid. The TASFA deadline is **January 15th, 2022.**

Opt-Out Form: Students who do not completed a FAFSA or TASFA, may fulfill the graduation requirement by

Student Resources:

Websites:

FAFSA

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

<https://studentaid.gov/resources>

TASFA

<https://www.finaid.txstate.edu/undergraduate/how/TASFA.html>

Social Media:

<https://www.facebook.com/FederalStudentAid>

<https://twitter.com/fafsa>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/FederalStudentAid>

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/federalstudentaid/>

Need help? See your school counselor today!

Download the Federal Student Aid mobile app today from the Apple Store or Google Play.



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Opt-Out form to your school
counselor.

GENERAL INFORMATION

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship information is available in the Counselors' Office on the wall labeled "Scholarships". **Due to COVID-19, print outs of individual scholarship applications will not be available in the counselor's office. Links to current scholarships are provided in this Senior Guide and on the Scholarship Lady of Central Texas web page. Click Student Support-Guidance Center-scroll down to find the guide.**

The Registrar's Office will be happy to mail your completed applications if they are turned in at least **TEN** days before they are due to their destination. Transcripts needed for scholarships are free and unlimited. Transcripts for college applications can also be requested through the following website:
www.parchment.com.

WHAT IS PARCHMENT?

Parchment.com

The simple online way to Request, Send, and Store Transcripts.
Including powerful tools to research colleges and
find the right fit for you.

Request & Send Transcripts

Step 1: Log in or Register



1. Sign in at www.parchment.com
2. Click Sign Up to log in or register your account.

Step 2: Add your school to your Profile



1. Click Get Started
2. Add your High School

Step 3: Provide Consent



1. Complete the Waiver form.
2. Complete the Transcript Authorization form by entering a Registration Code, or Signing the form

Step 4: Add Destinations



Select Destinations such as Colleges, NCAA, Common Application, or yourself
Review Destinations

Step 5: Payment



1. Provide credit/debit card payment if there are any fees

Step 6: Track Order



1. The status of your request will be emailed and updated in your Parchment.com Account

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

SAT-2021-2022 Test Dates: Fee: \$55 Late Fee: \$30.00

March 12, 2022

Registration Deadline: February 11, 2022

Late Registration Deadline: March 01, 2022

May 07, 2022

Registration Deadline: April 08, 2022

Late Registration Deadline: April 26, 2022

June 04, 2022

Registration Deadline: May 05, 2022

Late Registration Deadline: May 25, 2022

Go to the following website for access to the SAT Student Guide:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/sat-student-guide.pdf>

To register to take the test go to: www.sat.org

ACT 2021-2022 Test Dates: Fee: \$60.00 Late Fee: \$36.00

February 12, 2022

Registration Deadline: January 07, 2022

Late Registration Deadline: January 21, 2022

April 02, 2022

Registration Deadline: February 25, 2022

Late Registration Deadline: March 11, 2022

June 11, 2022

Registration Deadline: May 06, 2022

Late Registration Deadline: May 20, 2022

July 16, 2022

Registration Deadline: June 17, 2022

Late Registration Deadline: June 24, 2022

To Register to take the test go to: <https://act.org/content/act/en/register-for-the-act.html>

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES

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

Peterson's - www.collegequest.com

www.collegeboard.com

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

www.scholarships-ar-us.org

www.meritaid.com

www.scholarshipexperts.com

www.scholarships.com

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

www.scholarshipmentor.com

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

CURRENT SCHOLARSHIPS

ACCESS TO CURRENT SCHOLARSHIPS

KISD has registered with Scholarship Lady of Central Texas!!!

Once you create your account, you will have access to:

Comprehensive Scholarship Database

- **Nearly 1,000 local, Texas, & national scholarships**
- **Spreadsheet format makes it faster and easier to search**
- **Scholarships are listed in order of deadline and updated month prior to their deadlines.**

Abundant Resources

- **150+ career resources**
- **600+ college resources**
- **250+ financial aid resources**

Webinars

- **2 live webinars per month**
- **Replay previous month's webinar**

SIGN UP AT:

<https://www.scholarshipladyofcentraltexas.com/>

Password: 22opps

The Compendium of Texas Colleges and Financial Aid Calendar is now only offered online. Please click on the following link to access information about the requirements for getting into a college, how much it will cost, and how you might pay for it. Also, please check The Compendium for scholarship information.

www.mspf.org

Scholarship Lady of Central Texas Monthly Meetings-Career Center

DATE	TOPIC	TIME	LOCATION
September 28, 2021	College Admissions	6:00 - 7:30	Killeen Career Center
October 26, 2021	FAFSA	6:00 – 7 :30	Killeen Career Center
November 30, 2021	Paying College	6:00 - 7:30	Killeen Career Center
December 7, 2021	Scholarships	6:00 - 7:30	Killeen Career Center
January 28, 2022	Student Loans	6:00 - 7:30	Killeen Career Center
February 22, 2022	Understanding Your Financial Aid Package	6:00 - 7:30	Killeen Career Center
March 29, 2022	Career Search	6:00 - 7:30	Killeen Career Center
April 26, 2022	9th - 12th Grade Checklist for the College Bound	6:00 - 7:30	Killeen Career Center
May 10, 2022	College Search	6:00 - 7:30	Killeen Career Center

Counseling Department

Counselor---Juli Fischer

Counselor---Mary Jarcey

Counselor---Amy Picot

Counselor---Phylicia Gaston

Counselor---Sarah Noteboom

Counselor---Kimberly Rogers

Secretary----Pamela Pierce

Coordinator---David Dominguez

Registrar---Barbara Critchfield

OFFICE HOURS 8:00AM – 4:30 PM

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