



January 2020 Guide



Senior Guide

A Word from the Counselors

FINANCIAL AID TIME!

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.

WHAT ARE THE STEPS IN APPLYING FOR AID USING THE ONLINE FAFSA?

GET YOUR FSA ID An FSA ID is a username and password that you must use to log in to certain U.S. Department of Education (ED) websites. Your FSA ID identifies you as someone who has the right to access your own personal information on ED websites such as the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* at fafsa.gov. You can create an FSA ID when logging into certain ED websites, including this one. [Create an FSA ID now](#)

GATHER THE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO APPLY

- Your Social Security number and your parents' Social Security numbers if you are providing parent information
- Your driver's license number if you have one
- Your Alien Registration Number if you are not a U.S. citizen
- Federal tax information or tax returns, including W-2 information for yourself, for your spouse if you are married, and for your parents if you are providing parent information, using income records for the year prior to the academic year for which you are applying
- Records of untaxed income, such as Social Security benefits, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and veterans benefits, for yourself (and for your parents if you are providing parent information); and information on savings, investments, and business and farm assets for yourself (and for your parents if you are providing parent information).

BE AWARE OF DEADLINES

You may have to meet application deadlines, depending on your college and where you live. State and school deadlines are usually earlier than federal deadlines.

USE THE FAFSA ON THE WEB WORKSHEET

You can print one from www.fafsa.ed.gov. This Worksheet is optional, but it will help you collect the information you need to fill out your FAFSA online.

COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION

Enter all necessary information. If you need help, there are help links on each page of the online application.

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

After you submit your application, make sure you receive a confirmation number. This number tells you your application has been successfully submitted. Keep this confirmation number for your records.

FOLLOW UP ON YOUR FAFSA

Your application will be processed and you will receive an e-mail with a link to your Student Aid Report (SAR). If you did not provide an e-mail address, you will receive your SAR by mail. You should review your SAR for any necessary corrections or updates. If you do not hear from them within three weeks, go to www.fafsa.ed.gov and select: "Check the Status of a Submitted FAFSA."

Need more help with financial aid?

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

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 Registrar's Office at least five days prior to the date they are due to their destination.**

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

TSI Testing

**TSI testing sign up has begun. Testing starts January 15, 2020.
Sign up in the counselors' office. Space is limited.**

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

www.unigo.com

www.tcfound.org

<http://www.aie.org>

<http://www.wiredscholar.com>

<http://the.cb.state.tx.us>

<https://www.tcfound.org/scholarship-endowments/>

<http://www.college-scholarships.com>

<http://www.militarychild.org>

CURRENT SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE COMPENDIUM OF TEXAS COLLEGES AND FINANCIAL AID CALENDAR

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

January Deadlines

- 1/15 Annual national Washing Crossing Foundation Scholarship Award**
- 1/31 Redfin Scholarship**
- 1/31 Union Plus Education Foundation Scholarship**

February Deadlines

- 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

- 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 Mathews 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
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Scholarship Opportunities in the Guidance Office

Ron Brown Scholarship

Deadline: January 09, 2019 (final deadline)

- Must be Black/African American
- Must exhibit exceptional leadership potential
- Must participate in community service activities
- Demonstrate financial need
- Be a US citizen or hold a permanent resident visa card
- Be a current high school senior at the time of your application. NOTE: Current college students are not eligible to apply

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?

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

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

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

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.

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.

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

Deadline: February 14, 2020

- Must be a graduating high school senior (2019-2020 school year)
- Completed written application.
- Application must be received on time without exception.
- 2.5 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.

Benevolent Patriotic Order of DOES

Deadline: April 15, 2020

- 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 2020 or spring 2021 semesters only.
- All information should be completed on the Application pages.
- Letters of Recommendation and Resumes are not necessary.

Educated Angels--Make It Work Internship Opportunity

Deadline: March 15, 2020

- Application
- Essay on "Why I want to be an educator" OR "How an educator has influenced me"
- Two references-one from a counselor, employer, or non-related adult and one from a teacher (current or past).

RaiseMe Scholarship Program

Deadline: Various

Raise.me lets you keep track of your achievements and the money you earn in the form of micro-scholarships. By earning micro-scholarships on Raise.me you're learning about what you can do to earn even more.

- Open to grades 9-12
- Must create an account at www.raise.me
- Search for colleges that you are interested in and follow them.
- See how much you've earned in micro-scholarships from universities

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc Omicron Pi Chapter

Deadline: April 03, 2020

- An official copy of their high school transcript with the official seal.
- A copy of SAT/ACT scores
- A one-page biography with a photo (preferably in color).
- A completed scholarship application (enclosed).
- Three letters of recommendation.
- A 700-750-word typewritten essay

Mensa Foundation Scholarship

Deadline: January 15, 2020

- Only one application is allowed per student.
- Applicants must intend to enroll in an accredited educational institution for the 2020-2021 academic year.
- Applicants must complete all required information on the entry form.
- Essays must be the applicants' original work and no more than 550 words in length.
- Essays must be entered via cut/paste on our scholarship application form on the website. Essays will be truncated to the limit specified.
- Essay submissions are stored and reviewed as "plain text" without additional markup.
- Applicants' names, addresses, and other identifying information must not be included in their essays.
- By submitting the form electronically via our website, applicants provide their digital signature certifying that their information and essays are their own work and that they have read the rules and guidelines.
- Applications must be submitted online on or before 11:59 p.m. Central Time
- Application judging is done anonymously. The judges do not know who has entered the competition.
- Question regarding the competition should be directed to Director@mensafoundation.org
- To apply: <https://www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/>

Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship

Deadline: January 22, 2020

- Be an Asian and/or Pacific Islander ethnicity as defined by the U.S. Census
- Be a citizen, national, or legal permanent resident of 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 2020.
- Must apply for federal financial aid for the 2020-2021 academic year using the Free Application for the Federal Student Aid (FASFA) by early April 2020.
- Submit one letter of recommendation online.

Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship

Deadline: February 01, 2020

- Graduating high school senior
- Plan to attend an accredited and approved four-year institution within the United States
- Show leadership potential
- Demonstrate a dedication to community service
- Present evidence of financial need
- Be a United States citizen
- Have a minimum SAT score of 1,000 combined on the math and critical reading sections or a composite ACT score of 21
- Not possess a degree from a 2- or 4-year college when applying for the scholarship

JFK Profiles in Courage Essay Contest

Deadline: January 17, 2020

- United States high school students in grades nine through twelve attending public, parochial, or home school.
- Essay can be no more than 1,000 words but must be a minimum of 700 words. Citations bibliography are not included in the count.
- Essays must be the original work of the student.
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- John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, and Edward M. Kennedy are not eligible subject for essays.

- Essays must describe an act of political courage by a U.S. elected official who served during or after 1917, the year John F. Kennedy was born. The official may have addressed an issue at the local, state, or national level.
- Essays *about past recipients of the Profile in Courage Award* will be disqualified unless they describe an act of political courage other than the act for which the award was given.
- Essays about the senators in *Profiles in Courage* will be disqualified.
- Essays must have a minimum of five sources.

Texas History Essay Contest

Deadline: January 31, 2020

- High School or Home School Senior
- Contest Application
- Copy of the contest application should be attached to each of the five copies submitted
- Topic: **“Dr. Anson Jones, Last President of the Republic of Texas”**
- Original and four (4) copies of their essay (five in all)
- CD copy with contestant’s name, address, phone number, and year of the contest (2019-2020)

Washington Crossing Foundation National Scholarship Award

Deadline: January 15, 2020

- High school seniors who are U. S. citizens and are planning careers of service to the United States in local, state, or federal government.
- Three copies of a double-spaced COVER PAGE.
- Three copies of a ONE PAGE ESSAY not to exceed 300 words stating why you are planning a career in government service.
- Three copies of high school transcript plus SCORES from SAT, ACT, etc. Transcripts and scores may be photocopied.
- Three copies of a resume, biography, honors, awards, activities and any other documentation the entrant, the principal, or the guidance counselor wish to provide, particularly any preparation relevant to his/her career choice.

Baylor University Distinguished Scholars Day and Scholarship

Dates and Deadlines: Varies by Department

Many academic departments offer enhanced visit experiences for academically talented students. These invitation-only events, called Distinguished Scholar Days,

are offered in conjunction with the standard campus visit and are designed to showcase exciting discipline-specific opportunities available. **Participants can also apply for a \$3,000 Distinguished Scholarship after attending the event.**

- Minimum SAT scores 1280 or 14100
- Minimum ACT scores 27 or 31

If you think you qualify to attend a Distinguished Scholars Day, be sure to submit your application for admission as soon as possible. Based on the intended major selected on the application for admission, students who meet the minimum criteria will be notified through their goBAYLOR account and invited to register for an event. To allow as many students as possible to benefit from Distinguished Scholars Days, **you may only attend one event that corresponds to the intended major you select when applying for admission.**

The Association for Compensatory Educators of Texas Scholarship

Deadline: February 14, 2020

The scholarship is for students who have participated at least two years in a federal or state funded compensatory program. The purpose of a compensatory program is to supplement the regular or basic educational program with intensive and accelerated instruction. The programs include supplemental interventions for students who; are on a Title I campus, have failed STAAR, are at-risk of dropping out of school, are homeless, are migrant, are Bilingual/ESL and/or are pregnant/parenting. The scholarship will be awarded during ACET Spring Conference and provides \$1000 to the recipient to use within a year from the student's graduations date.

- Official high school transcript
- Two letters of recommendation
- Compensatory Education Certification
- Essay

junior college, or technical school.

NAFEPA: National Association of Federal Education Program Administrators

Deadline: January 10, 2020

- A personal essay of 350 – 500 words that reflects proper conventions of writing and fully addresses the required discussion points (See Application Checklist for discussion points)
- GPA, based on the applicant's spring 2019 high school transcript

- School, community, service, leadership and/or work activities and experiences in which the applicant participated during grades 9 – 12, including leadership positions held
- Three letters of recommendation including a letter from the student’s high school principal or administrative designee, a faculty member/advisor, and a non-family member.

McDonald’s HACER® National Scholarship

Deadline February 05, 2020

- High school senior
- Legal U.S. resident under the age of 21
- Minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Eligible to attend a two or four-year college or university with a full-time course of study
- Disclose other scholarship programs you have applied for
- Enroll and attend an accredited institution in the academic year after you selection (verification needed, as scholarship funds are paid directly to the schools)
- Have a least one parent of Hispanic heritage

Sparkling Ice® Flavorful Futures Scholarship

Deadline: February 15, 2020

- Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident of the United States.
- Must be a high school senior graduating between August 1, 2019 and July 31, 2020.
- Must have a cumulative high school grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5 on a 4-point scale (high school /home schooled seniors).
- Must enroll for fall 2020 as a freshman or 1st year student in part-time or full-time study at a 2-year or 4-year college, university, trade or vocational school. The must be an accredited U.S. institution, and listed on the official website for U.S. Department of Education (<https://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.aspx>)
- Must not be a relative or dependent child of an employee of Talking Rain or any of its retail customers.

Counseling Department

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