



March 2020 Guide



Senior Guide

FREE SAT SCHOOL DAY TESTING: MARCH 25, 2020 AT ELLISON HIGH SCHOOL TEST IS AVAILABLE TO ALL JUNIORS AND SENIORS

The ASVAB testing date is Wednesday, April 15, 2020. The signup sheet will be available mid-March.

Inform the Guidance Counselor Secretary of any grant, scholarship, or financial aid awards you receive. Scholarships will be listed in the program at Graduation.

Be sure to let the Guidance Office know where you have been accepted and what college you have chosen to attend.

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.

A Word from the Counselors

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.

SENIORS AND PARENTS READ BELOW ABOUT CHOOSING THE BEST FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE.

Paying for college—the final frontier. It does not, however, have to be the most dreadful. After all, your students have already sent their applications and have already been accepted. The hard

part is over! However, the fiscal issues surrounding college can be stressful if you don't know what to look for. Many colleges and universities are very helpful—and generous—when it comes to offering financial aid but become a wise shopper before you accept just anything. Simply because a package may meet 100 percent of your need doesn't mean it's the best deal.

When looking for the right package the key is to start looking early. Inquire about the types of financial aid offered by the school(s) your students have applied to. You should be interested in the aid the school can provide beyond federal loans, grants, and work-study jobs. You'll want to know if a school has scholarships and grants of its own. Also, find out how dedicated to meeting your financial needs a school is.

Another key is to look everywhere else! There are literally thousands of sources of financial aid—Web sites, scholarship books, community organizations, etc. Did you know there is a scholarship for students who are left-handed? If you work for the United States Postal Service, your students may be eligible for a scholarship from one of your unions. Consider all of the sources that exist—the Internet, the library, or your students' counselors are great places to start!

A final key to fiscal success in college funding is to complete and return the FAFSA as soon as possible. You want to know what federal dollars your students will be eligible for as soon as possible because this will help you negotiate a good package with the school(s) they are interested in. Suppose two schools have offered your students financial aid packages that meet 100 percent of your demonstrated need as determined by your Student Aid Report from the FAFSA. The single most important thing you'll want to consider is the amount of debt for which you and your students will be liable.

Look at the chart below:

UNIVERSITY 1	UNIVERSITY 2
\$5,000—Federal loans	\$5,000—Scholarship (other sources)
\$1,200—Work Study	\$1,200—Work-study
\$2,000—Federal Grant	\$2,000—Federal Grant
\$1,300—Scholarships (from school)	\$1,300—Scholarships (from school)
\$9,500/year with debt	\$9,500/year without debt

Both Schools will meet your family's financial needs, but University 1 is offering \$5,000 in student loans which must be paid back with interest. Scholarship hunting by you and your students may well have covered that expense for you in University 2.

Reducing the amount of debt, you and your students will have upon graduation to the extent possible is very important. You don't want to burden them with thousands of dollars of debt right out of school. It may not be possible to avoid loans altogether, but you want to hunt for every free dollar you can early on to reduce the debt later.

If a school truly wants your students in their freshman class, they will work with you to find funding sources. It's never too early to start looking—a few hours spent hunting for scholarships now can save you lots of cash and anxiety later.

ApplyTexas- COLLEGE APPLICATIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

ApplyTexas was created through a collaborative effort between the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the colleges and universities represented on the site. The goal of the project is to offer a centralized means for both Texas and non-Texas students to apply to the many outstanding postsecondary institutions available in Texas.

On ApplyTexas you can accomplish a multitude of tasks including:

- Apply for admission to any Texas public university, as well as to participating community and private colleges.
- Apply for undergraduate, international and graduate admission.
- Copy a submitted application to another institution.
- Submit your application essays online.
- Apply for scholarships from participating universities.
- Search for and view both general and university specific information.

Please read through the informational pages of this website before you begin using this site.

We wish you the best on your journey to college!

- Questions about the online application? Please review the [instructions for applying](#).
- Questions about going to college in general? Visit [College for All Texans](#).
- Questions about a specific Texas college or school's admissions process? Please contact the [individual college or school's admissions office](#).
- [Browser Recommendations](#)

Don't forget to check out the scholarship applications in the Counselors' Office. There are currently over 30 scholarship applications available for seniors to pick up!

Your Counselor will help you with your college and scholarship applications. 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 or the Registrar's Office if a transcript is needed, at least five days prior to the date it is due postmarked and one week prior to the date it needs to be received at its destination.**

Respond to college acceptance notices as received.

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.window.state.tx.us/scholars/mspmain.html

SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE COMPENDIUM OF TEXAS COLLEGES AND FINANCIAL AID CALENDAR

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	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

May Deadlines

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

July Deadlines

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 Searches

www.freschinfo.com (newsletter that comes out weekly. It is free)
www.scholarships-ar-us.org
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.unigo.com

CURRENT SCHOLARSHIPS

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

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

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

Bartlett Electric Cooperative, Inc. – Lawrence Karl Memorial Scholarship

Deadline: April 01, 2020

- 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 2020.
- 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.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.-Mu Theta Omega Chapter

Deadline: March 13, 2020

- Currently a senior attending a public, private, or parochial high school located in the cities of Killeen, Harker Heights, Copperas Cove, Belton, or Temple
- Complete Scholarship Application
- Provide two letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation should not be from a family member.
 1. One letter of recommendation from a scholastic staff or faculty member (Principal, Assistant Principal, Counselor, Teacher, etc.)
 2. One letter of recommendation from a community member (Minister, Employer, etc.)
- An official high school transcript. The transcript should be stamped, sealed or signed by your school's registrar.
- Provide signed documentation of community service hours.
- Write an essay.
 1. The essay must be 500-700 words, typed, double spaced, 12-point font and Times New Roman font face.
 2. Essay cover sheet should include your name, name your high school and essay topic
- Essay Topics – please select one
 1. “It is very important to know who you are. To make decisions. To show who you are.” – Malala Yousafzai. Tell us three things that are important to you. How did you arrive at this list?
 2. “The secret of our success is that we never, never give up.” – Wilma Mankiller. Tell us about a time when you failed at something. What were the circumstances? How did you respond to failure? What lessons did you learn?
- Application packets must be **post-marked** by March 13, 2020; Packets **post-marked** after this date will be returned.

Subhani Foundation Scholarship

Deadline: March 13, 2020

- Preference is given to students planning to attend Central Texas College or Texas A&M-Central Texas
- Preference is given to students pursuing a degree in an IT or STEM related field
- Completed application (download in Word to complete)
- Copy of Most Current High School Transcript
- 2 Letters of Recommendation- (Teacher, Counselor, Principal, Pastor or Employer)
- Scholarship Application must include all required documents to be considered complete

Heart O'Texas Fair & Rodeo Scholarship

Deadline: March 13, 2020

- Sealed official high school transcript (to include SAT or ACT score, GPA & class rank)
- A recommendation letter from your Principal or Counselor
- Two (2) letters of recommendation (other than family members)
- A one-page essay with 1) reasons why you qualify for this scholarship or
- 2) what accomplishments make you believe you are a good investment for receiving our scholarship. The essay must be a single page, typed in 2-point Times New Roman font and single spaced with 1" margin.

Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Club, Inc. -Killeen Chapter

Deadline: April 01, 2020

- ACT/SAT scores
- Official high school transcript (or equivalent if home schooled)
- A 500-word essay on the topics described
- Letter of recommendation on official letter head from a teacher/guidance counselor/school administrator
- A letter of acceptance to an institution of higher learning
- Signed Released Form
- Parent's signature if student is under 18-years-old
- Prepare a letter of introduction, who you are, your accomplishments to date, family background, and the degree to which you are seeking, and financial need. Provide a brief summary on how you plan to use the scholarship if selected
- Provide student's name, the complete name and address of the school and/or financial aid office where they will be attending school and student ID number. Checks will be mailed to the school via the student's account
- Complete all forms in its entirety. Attach additional pages if required.

Women's Army Corp Veterans Association Genevieve Chapter #94

Deadline: May 01, 2020

- Female applicants only
- Graduating seniors in any high school or home school within the state of Texas may apply. Students in ROTC or looking for a future in the military service are encouraged to participate.
- Graduated/GED* (provide a legal form of proof of graduation) applicants, between 17 and 21 years of age, entering their first year of college or a higher learning institution, within the state of Texas may apply.

Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Central Texas Chapter

Deadline: April 03, 2020

- 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
- Listing of all extracurricular activities including employment
- Letter of recommendation from a teacher, administrator, or JROTC 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 does it mean to be a leader of character?"

Killeen Evening Lions Club-Passion for Service Scholarship 2020

Deadline: March 31, 2020

- Awards up to two \$500.00 scholarships per high school in the Killeen Independent School District.
- Any graduating senior from KISD high school who plans to attend a college or university in the State of Texas may apply.
- Consideration is given to applicants based on volunteer service, financial need and academics.
- Deadline is March 31, 2020. All applications must be received or postmarked no later than this date.
- Scholarship recipients will be notified via U.S. Mail.
- Scholarship funds will be paid directly to college or university registrars office on behalf of the recipient.
- Please include a copy of your transcript with your application

Central Texas Players Golf Association Scholarship

Deadline: April 02, 2020

- Applications should be completed online, printed and submitted to high school counselor.
- Applications must be graduating seniors from KISD.
- Applicants must have a GPA no less than 2.0 and will demonstrate the likelihood of successfully completing the selected degree/training program.
- Special consideration will be given to well-rounded students who have been involved in extra-curricular activities.
- Applications can be downloaded at the following link: www.ctpga.org

PB&J Scholarship

Deadline: May 31, 2020

- Looking for students who have experience challenges in their life
- Focused on helping students whose test scores or GPAs are not be the best
- Must have the drive to succeed
- Open to all college-bound seniors
- Attending an accredited 2-year or 4-year college in fall 2020
- Apply at <http://bit.ly/pbjscholars2020>

Texas Farm Bureau 2019 Scholarship Opportunities

Deadline: March 02, 2020

There are several scholarship opportunities provided by Texas Farm Bureau. Three of the available scholarships for high school seniors are:

- **TFB District Scholarship** (39 scholarships available at \$1,000 each) & (13 scholarships available at \$1,500 each)
- **TFB Young Farmer & Rancher Scholarship for High School Scholarship** (13 scholarships available at \$1,000 each)
- **TFB Dick Mitchell Memorial Scholarship** (1 scholarship available at \$1,000)
- Application process is online through a new portal called MyTFB. All information for the scholarships can be found on the Texas Farm Bureau website under the Youth Opportunities page
- The direct link is <http://texasfarmbureau.org/youth/youth-opportunities/>
- All students applying for the above scholarships must be a member of a Texas Farm Bureau family, with membership remaining current during the duration of the scholarship.

Bell County Texas Democratic Women

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

Deadline: April 13, 2020

- 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 degree or equivalent.

Waco Chapter of The Links, Inc.

Deadline: March 16, 2020

- High school senior
- Pick up application in the counselors' office or online at: www.wacolinks.org
- one from a teacher (current or past).

Rotary Club of Temple, Texas

Deadline: April 02, 2020

- 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 or tech school in fall 2020
- Active in the community

The applicant must complete an application and:

- Produce documentation of disability
- Provide a transcript
- List community service activities
- Enclose a letter of recommendation from the school and service organization
- Compose an essay of 300 words or less on overcoming his or her disability

Congressional Achievement Award for Outstanding Students in Career & Technical Education

Deadline: March 20, 2020

Each nomination packet must be complete and turned in before Friday, March 20, 2020 be considered. A complete nomination package should include, in this order:

- Nomination form
- Nomination Letter addressed to Representative Carter (max one page)
- Professional cover letter and resume by the student (max one page each)
- A current, school-approved, photo of student, preferably a yearbook photo
- Optional: Maximum three, one-page recommendation letters
- Optional: Photo testimonial of the nominee’s work and/or achievements (max three pages)
- Student Press and Privacy Release Form

Killeen LULAC Council 4535 Foundation 2020 Scholarship

Deadline: March 20, 2020

- Be currently enrolled in KISD as a graduating senior at the end of the 2019-2020 academic year
- Perform at least 10 hours of community service in a LULAC sponsored/selected activity AFTER selection as a LULAC recipient
- Attend an accredited college, university, or approved post-secondary institution in the fall or spring
- Unused fund will NOT be carried over to the next scholastic year
- Have a financial need for the scholarship
- Declare an intent to fulfill the post-secondary school’s certificate or degree requirements
- Take a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester or be a full-time student
- Take relevant courses towards their degree or certificate
- Be in good standing with the school

Application packets must include:

- a complete application
- a current high school transcript; and
- a typed essay (at least 200 words) describing your career goals or educational plans.

Central Texas-Fort Hood Chapter Association of the United States Army

Deadline: May 01, 2020

- Available to AUSA members and their dependents
- Essay (250 words or less) answering the following question: What are the most important issues facing our military today?
- Three letters of recommendation—signed and dated after January 15, 2020
- List of personal awards, honors, recognitions, certificates and certifications.
- Copy of unofficial transcripts from schools attended or attending.
- Copy of ACT/SAT/TSIA scores, if available.
- Letter of college acceptance, if a new student.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Scholarship-Killeen-Fort Hood Alumni Chapter

Deadline: March 26, 2020

- Graduating high school student
- Minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Official High School Transcript
- A personal essay (500-1000 words) on: Describe the solutions you would propose to improve or resolve a current issue, such as health care, the economy, discrimination, or a current topic of your choice.
- Official High School Transcript
- Two letters of recommendations from the following:
 - Teacher/Counselor
 - Employer/Community Leader
 - Pastor/Neighbor

Bell County Medical Alliance

Deadline: April 14, 2019

- Must have a permanent street address in Bell County AND attend or plan to attend a Bell County college or university
- Must be planning to pursue a degree in a field related to human medicine
- In order to receive the second semester funds, recipient must maintain a 2.5 grade point average in the fall and must send a copy of his/her official fall transcript and class schedule for the spring semester.
- A one-page typed essay stating your need for this scholarship, any obstacles you have overcome in achieving your current level of academic success, educational and personal goals for the next year, and long-range medical career goals.
- Current official transcript from high school and college, if applicable
- Three letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to your character, commitment, and/or academic potential.

- Authorization to Release Financial Aid and GPA information form.

Erika Knode Memorial Scholarship

Deadline: April 17, 2020

- Must have a diagnosis of epilepsy/seizure disorder
- Provide proof of acceptance to a post-secondary academic or vocational program
- Must be a high school senior or currently enrolled at a trade school, college, or university and be in good standing
- Must be a legal resident of Central and South Texas.

Counseling Department

Counselor---Juli Fischer

Counselor---April Hoffman

Counselor---Amy Picot

Coordinator---David Dominguez

OFFICE HOURS 8:00AM – 4:30 PM

Counselor---Phylicia Gaston

Counselor---Sarah Noteboom

Secretary----Pamela Pierce

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