



# November 2021



## Senior Guide

### A Word from the Counselors

### 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**

### 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!**

**FAFSA opened on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

**Opt-Out Form:** Students who do not completed a FAFSA or TASFA, may fulfill the graduation requirement by submitting a completed and signed Opt-Out form to your school counselor.

## **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](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

**Tuesday, November 9,** Ellison High School will be hosting a FAFSA/Financial Aid Night for seniors and their parents. This event will start at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria; a representative from Texas A & M University – Central Texas will present an overview of the FAFSA, financial aid, and military educational benefits. Parents and students will move to school computer labs to work on their FAFSA applications; attached is a checklist of documents to bring for working on the FAFSA. The evening concludes at 7:30.

**THE ASVAB test will be given here in the auditorium on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. Sign up in the counselors' office.**

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



**Representatives from CTC and Texas A&M-Central Texas will be in the library during 3<sup>rd</sup> period and in the commons during Power Hour on Wednesday, November 10, 2021. Sign up in the Counselors' Office to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> period session. No sign up is needed for Power Hour.**

## **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](http://www.parchment.com).

WHAT IS PARCHMENT?

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### 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](http://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

**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](http://www.mspf.org)**

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

[www.mspf.org](http://www.mspf.org)

### Scholarship Lady of Central Texas Monthly Meetings- Career Center

**There are several free resources for students to prepare for the SAT:**

**Khan Academy** offers free, customized SAT practice at

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/khan-academy>

**College Board** offers free, printable SAT practice tests at:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/full-length-practice-tests>

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

**November 06, 2021**

Registration Deadline: October 08, 2021  
Late Registration Deadline: October 26, 2021  
**December 04, 2021**  
Registration Deadline: November 04, 2021  
Late Registration Deadline: November 23, 2021

**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](http://www.sat.org)

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

**December 11, 2021**  
Registration Deadline: November 05, 2021  
Late Registration Deadline: November 19, 2021

**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](http://www.collegequest.com)

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

[www.freschinfo.com](http://www.freschinfo.com) (newsletter that comes out weekly. It is free)

[www.scholarships-ar-us.org](http://www.scholarships-ar-us.org)

[www.meritaid.com](http://www.meritaid.com)

[www.scholarshipexperts.com](http://www.scholarshipexperts.com)

[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

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

[www.scholarshipmentor.com](http://www.scholarshipmentor.com)

## **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**

### **Counseling Department**

Counselor---Juli Fischer

Counselor---Mary Jarcy

Counselor---Amy Picot

Secretary----Pamela Pierce

Counselor---Phylicia Gaston

Counselor---Sarah Noteboom

Counselor---Kimberly Rogers

Coordinator---David Dominguez

Registrar---Barbara Critchfield

**OFFICE HOURS 8:00AM – 4:30 PM**

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