



**September 2019**

# **Senior Guide**

## **A Word from the Counselors**

Seniors – This is it!! Your year has finally come and the question of what you are going to do after high school should be the #1 question on your mind. There are really only three options:

1. More School – College, Trade School or Technical School
2. Military Service – Have you visited with a recruiter?
3. World of Work Full Time – Have you made any applications out for full time work?

This process of selection and applications is a family affair. You, your parents and the school must work very hard at making this a successful year for college/career decisions.

Scholarship information is available in the Counselors' Office on the wall labeled "Scholarships". Carefully read the information to find out about deadlines, materials that must be included, and any other criteria pertinent to that particular scholarship. 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).

Monthly Senior Guides will be distributed to senior English teachers (usually the first week of the month). Copies are also available in the Guidance Office. The Senior Guide can also be found online on Ellison High

School's web page. Click Student Support-Guidance Center-scroll down to find the guide. Students and parents are welcome any time to come by and pick up applications and information. Keep this information in a folder all year for ready reference. There will be a new Senior Guide each month through May.

### **COLLEGE REPS COMING TO EHS**

**St. Edwards University-Austin  
Thursday, September 26, 2019 during 3<sup>rd</sup> period  
Sign up in the counselors' office to attend.**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Would you like to get important updates delivered to your phone during the 2019-2020 school year?**

**Just text 81010 with the message 6k84c8**

**OR**

**Email: [ceellison9@mail.remind.com](mailto:ceellison9@mail.remind.com) (no message required)**

The ASVAB will be given here at Ellison on November 13, 2019 & April 15, 2020. The sign-up sheet is in the Guidance Office for the November test.

### **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)

## **Upcoming Events**

Central Texas Regional College Fair 2019-Bell County Expo Center-Thursday, September 26, 2019 6-8pm

- All grade levels are welcome-over 50 top institutions-meet institution representatives-receive academic advice-aptitude testing & college prep guidance-recommendation advice-parent information sessions-apply on the spot FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa Dewald at [melissa@ccisd.com](mailto:melissa@ccisd.com)

## **COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE EVENTS**

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

### **October 05, 2019**

Registration Deadline: September 06, 2019

Late Registration Deadline: September 24, 2019

### **November 02, 2019**

Registration Deadline: October 03, 2019

Late Registration Deadline: October 22, 2019

### **December 07, 2019**

Registration Deadline: November 08, 2019

Late Registration Deadline: November 26, 2019

### **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**

### **October 26, 2019**

Registration Deadline: September 20, 2019

Late Registration Deadline: October 04, 2019

### **December 14, 2019**

Registration Deadline: November 08, 2019

Late Registration Deadline: November 22, 2019

### **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**

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

Peterson's – [www.collegequest.com](http://www.collegequest.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.student.scholarships.org](http://www.student.scholarships.org)

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

## **SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE COUNSELORS' OFFICE**

### **The Gates Scholarship**

Deadline: September 15, 2019

- Must be a high school senior
- From at least one of the following ethnicities: African-American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian & Pacific Islander American, and/or Hispanic American
- Pell-eligible
- A US citizen, national, or permanent resident
- In good academic standing with a minimum cumulative weighted GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent)
- Must plan to enroll full-time, in a four-year degree program, at a US accredited, not-for-profit, private or public college or university.

### **Shout it Out Scholarship**

Deadline: September 30, 2019

- Be (13) years of age or older at the time of application
- Be legal residents of the fifty (50) United States or District of Columbia
- Be currently enrolled (or enroll no later than the fall of 2025) in an accredited post-secondary institution of higher education
- **Submit an online written response to the question:**  
“If you could say one thing to the entire world at once, what would it be and why?” (250 words or less)
- Apply online at: [www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships](http://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships)

### **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.

### **Community College Scholarship**

Deadline: September 29, 2019

- This contest is open to legal residents of the United States (excluding Rhode Island, Guam, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands)
- Applicants must be at least 16 years old, and enrolled at an accredited post-secondary academic institution
- Additional terms and conditions apply. Please refer to the contest rules for more information.

To apply: [https:// www.sreducationgroup.org/scholarships/community-college-scholarship](https://www.sreducationgroup.org/scholarships/community-college-scholarship)

### **Horatio Alger Association Scholarship**

Deadline: October 25, 2019

- Be enrolled full time as a high school senior in the United States; be progressing normally toward graduation in spring/summer 2018 with plan to enter a college in the United States no later than the fall following graduation.
- Exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree at an accredited non-profit public or private institution in the United States (students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution)
- Demonstrate critical financial need (\$55,000 or lower adjusted gross family income is required)
- Be involved in extracurricular and community service activities
- Display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity.
- Maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 and
- Be a United States citizen

## **AES Engineering**

Deadline: October 06, 2019

- Must submit an essay between 500 and 1000 words in answer to the following question:  
When you look back on your life in 30 years, what would it take for you to consider your life successful? What relationships or accomplishments will be important on this journey?
- Go to [www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm](http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm)
- There is no application packet for this award. Please do not include your resume at this time.
- Be sure to include your full name as well as the name of the school you are attending this year and your plan for next year.

## **QuestBridge**

Deadline: September 26, 2019

- A free, online National College Match application, including information on your academic and extracurricular accomplishments, financial background\*, two essays, and short answer questions
- Two letters of recommendation from teachers in core academic subjects
- A School Report from your high school counselor
- A School Profile (optional, but recommended)
- A high school transcript and additional transcripts (unofficial transcripts are accepted)
- Any standard test score reports to date. We accept SAT, ACT, Subject Tests, IB, AP, or TOEFL test scores. SAT and/or ACT test scores are highly recommended (unofficial test score reports are accepted)

\*Access to previous year tax returns and other financial documents is highly recommended and will help you complete the application accurately.

## **The Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship**

Deadline: October 31, 2019

### **Applicants must be:**

The Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship is an achievement-based scholarship award to graduating high school seniors. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, as well as their commitment to making a significant impact on their school and communities.

- Current high school or home-schooled student attending a school in the U.S. or select Department of Defense School who will graduate during the 2019-2020 academic year.
- U.S. Citizen (not a Temporary Resident), U.S. Nationals, U.S. Permanent resident, Refugees, Asylees, Cuban-Haitian Entrants, or Humanitarian

Parolees-based on the guidelines utilized by the U.S. Department of Education for Federal Financial Aid eligibility

- On track to graduate this academic year (2019-2020)
- Planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution

**Applicants may not be:**

Children or grandchildren of employees, officers, or owners of Coca-Cola bottling companies, The Coca-Cola Company, Company divisions or subsidiaries.

- International students (except for students at DoD schools)
- High School graduates
- Or Temporary Residents (Your Permanent Legal Residence is outside the U.S)

**Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards**

Deadline: October 15, 2019

- Be currently enrolled in high school and graduating spring 2020
- Must have a minimum unweighted 3.0 GPA on 4.0 scale or 7.5 on a 10.0 scale
- Must enroll at an accredited higher education institution in 2020-2021
- Be of Hispanic heritage (includes Spain, Brazil, Philippines)
- If selected, attendance to regional awards ceremony is mandatory and travel is at the recipient's expense
- Be a U.S. permanent resident, U.S., or qualify under the DACA
- Apply at: <https://hhfawards.hispanicheritage.org>

**Counseling Department**

Counselor---Juli Fischer

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**OFFICE HOURS 8:00AM – 4:30 PM**

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