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Killeen High School GEAR UP Newsletter



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College: Now 40% Off!

College costs include tuition, fees, books, living expenses and transportation. However, **most students only pay about 60 percent of the advertised price** of a four-year college, once grant aid is included (and don't forget about scholarships!).

Types of Financial Aid

Applying for financial aid requires a little work on your part. But the fact is, you won't receive assistance unless you ask for it. And asking for it means completing a few forms.

There are three very important things to remember about applying for aid:

- You only have to complete one **financial aid application** (either the **FAFSA** or the **TASFA (English or Spanish)** to start the process.
- The financial aid office at the college you plan to attend will be in charge of awarding you financial aid.
- Deadlines matter! The earlier you submit your forms, the more likely you are to get a good financial aid package.

You and your family can choose from many different types of financial aid. Some are based on financial need, and some on academic performance. Others are tied to a student's or family's ability to borrow. Not all colleges and universities participate in all programs, but the more you know about financial aid, the better prepared you'll be. Here you'll find links to the many kinds of financial aid available to students attending Texas colleges and universities.

Visit <http://www.collegeforalltexas.com/> for more information.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2016, 54.9% of Financial Aid that was given was in the form of a grant. Grants are a type of Financial Aid that does not need to be repaid.

Upcoming Events and Announcements

- **January 6:** Student Holiday/Teacher Work Day
- **January 7:** Spring Semester begins
- **January 16 :** Robert Anthony Assembly
- **January 20:** Student Holiday
- **January 23:** STEM Field Trip to iFLY
- **January 29:** Temple College Trip

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Myth Buster

MYTH: Financial aid is just loans.

REALITY: There are types of financial aid that students do not have to pay back. These include:

Scholarship money! One of the best places a student can look for scholarships is on

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

Grants. These are usually awarded to students whose families may not have the money to pay for college. They can come from the federal government, state government, or the college itself.

Work-Study. Rather than getting the money up front, it is earned through a job. There can be work-study job opportunities on or off-campus. Work-study jobs are typically up to 19 hours per week, and sometimes pay a student more than minimum wage.

Student Checklist

- Create an account and profile at Raise.me.** This site allows you to begin earning microsolarships for multiple colleges/universities in Texas, around the United States and even around the world!
- Complete the FAFSA4Caster.** Get an idea of the amount of financial aid your teen can expect to receive – and make the process easier in the future! Get started today at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Family Checklist

- Help your teen create an account and profile at Raise.me** and review different colleges/universities.
- Complete the FAFSA4Caster.** Get an idea of the amount of financial aid your teen can expect to receive and make the process easier in the future! Get started today at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

