



# January 2025 Guide



## Senior Guide

### A Word from the Counselors

#### **FAFSA/Financial Aid Night!!**

Thursday, January 23 - Ellison High School will be hosting a FAFSA/Financial Aid Night from 5:30-7:00 for seniors and their parents. This event will start at 5:30 pm in the cafeteria. The financial aid coordinator from Texas A & M University - Central Texas will present an overview of the FAFSA, financial aid, and a VA representative will be on hand to explain military educational benefits.

Parents and students can move to school computer labs to begin working on their FAFSA applications after the presentation. The evening concludes at 7:00pm.

#### **FINANCIAL AID TIME!**

**Seniors 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

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](http://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](http://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 FAFSA Submission Summary. If you did not provide an e-mail address, you will receive your Summary by mail. You should review your Summary for any necessary corrections or updates. If you do not hear from them within three weeks, go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://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.

## **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. You can also send your transcripts through Parchment.com.**

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

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
September 24, 2024	College Search	6:00 - 7:30	Killeen Career Center
October 29, 2024	FAFSA	6:00 – 7 :30	Killeen Career Center
November 19,2024	College Admissions	6:00 - 7:30	Killeen Career Center
December 10, 2024	Student Loans	6:00 - 7:30	Killeen Career Center
January 28, 2025	Scholarships	6:00 - 7:30	Killeen Career Center
February 25, 2025	Paying for College	6:00 - 7:30	Killeen Career Center
March 25, 2025	Understanding your Financial Aid Package	6:00 - 7:30	Killeen Career Center
April 29, 2025	Career Search	6:00 - 7:30	Killeen Career Center
May 13,2025	Upcoming 9th-12th Checklist for the College Bound	6:00 - 7:30	Killeen Career Center

**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).**

### Request & Send Transcripts



1. Sign in at [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com)
2. Click Sign Up to log in or register your account



1. Click Get Started
2. Add your High School



1. Complete the Waiver form.
2. Complete the Transcript Authorization form by entering a Registration Code, or Signing the



Select Destinations such as Colleges, NCAA, Common Application, or yourself  
Review Destinations



1. Provide credit/debit card payment if there are any fees



1. The status of your request will be emailed and updated in your Parchment.com Account

**SAT-2024-2025 Test Dates: Fee: \$55 Late Fee: \$30.00**

**March 8, 2025**

Registration Deadline: February 21, 2025

Late Registration Deadline: February 25, 2025

**May 03, 2025**

Registration Deadline: April 18, 2025

Late Registration Deadline: April 22, 2025

**June 07, 2025**

Registration Deadline: May 22, 2025

Late Registration Deadline: May 27, 2025

**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 2024-2025 Test Dates: Fee: \$60.00 (no writing); \$85 (with writing) Late Fee: \$36.00**

**February 08, 2025**

Registration Deadline: January 03, 2025

Late Registration Deadline: January 20, 2025

**April 13, 2025**

Registration Deadline: March 08, 2025

Late Registration Deadline: March 24, 2025

**June 08, 2025**

Registration Deadline: May 03, 2025

Late Registration Deadline: May 19, 2025

**July 13, 2025**

Registration Deadline: June 07, 2025

Late Registration Deadline: June 21, 2025

**To Register to take the test go to:** <https://act.org/content/act/en/register-for-the-tes>

## 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)

## **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 resource**

- **600+ college resources**
- **250+ financial aid resources**

**SIGN UP AT:**

**<https://www.scholarshipladyofcentraltexas.com/>**

**Password: Strive25**

**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.**

**<https://comptroller.texas.gov/programs/education/msp/about/intro.php>**

**\*\*\*\*PLEASE INFORM THE COUNSELOR’S SECRETARY OF ANY SCHOLARSHIPS YOU HAVE BEEN AWARDED AND THE NAME OF THE COLLEGE YOU WILL ATTEND\*\*\*\***

**TSI testing sign up has begun. Sign up in the Counselor’s office. Space is limited.**

**IMPORTANT DATES: (Stop by Counselor's Office to sign up)**

January 22, 2025 – TSIA2 Testing  
January 23, 2025 - FAFSA Night – EHS – 5:30-7:00pm  
January 29, 2025 – Scholarship Lady at EHS – Topic is Scholarships  
February 12, 2025 – TSIA2 Testing  
February 13, 2025 – Academic Planning Fair – Career Center – Time TBD  
February 19, 2025 – TSIA2 Testing  
February 26, 2025 – TSIA2 Testing  
March 04, 2025 – ASVAB Testing  
March 05, 2025 – TSIA2 Testing  
April 09, 2025 – Scholarship Lady at EHS – Topic is Paying for College  
May, 2025 – Awards Ceremony for Military Recruits – TBD  
May 24, 2025 – EHS Graduation at Cadence Bank Center – Belton – 9am

**Counseling Department**

Counselor – Roslyn deKeratry  
Counselor – Sarah Noteboom  
Counselor – Amy Picot  
Counselor – Kim Rogers  
Counselor – Juli Schaub  
Career Center Counselor – Shatilya Brooks  
SEL Counselor – Jermaine Gilliam

Registrar – Barbara Critchfield  
Secretary – Yashira Feliciano  
Principal – David Dominguez

Office Hours – 8:15am – 4:30pm  
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