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COLLEGE 101

EAST EARLY COLLEGE

HIGH SCHOOL

- College Admissions Process

- College Affordability

- Naviance Student Portal

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

"HOW CAN I ASSIST MY STUDENT THROUGH THE COLLEGE PROCESS?"

BUILDING A COLLEGE LIST: "REACH" "TARGET" "SAFETY"

- **Reach School -** A college or university where a student's academic profile is below the institution's admission requirements. Although they do not meet the requirements, their academic profile is not too far outside the average admit range.
  - Example: A student's Dream School they would love to attend in the fall but do not meet admissions requirements
- **Target School –** A college or university where a student's academic profile meets 1 or 2 admission requirement, but not all of them. There is a possibility of gaining admission.
  - Example: Applicant may meet the testing requirement, but their GPA is below the admission requirement.

SAFETY SCHOOL = ASSURED ADMISSIONS

- **Safety School -** A college or university where a student met all the admission requirements. Potentially gain automatic acceptance to the institution based off their academic profile.
    - Example: you have met SAT/ ACT requirements, GPA, and quartile.

- Having a list of Safety Schools will guarantee

    - Automatic entrance to the college or University (Students will receive an acceptance letter).
    - A safety school will give students the option to select the college or university they would like to attend.

WHAT IS "ASSURED ADMISSIONS" IN TEXAS?

Assured admission is based on the required combination of the high school class rank and college entrance test scores as indicated below. The State of Texas guarantees automatic admissions to all state-funded universities in the state.

Automatic Admission Requirements 2018-2019							
	Top 6%	Top 7-10%	Top 11-25%	Top 26-50%	Top 51-75%	Top 76-100%	Notes
Launch HISD	1st Quarter			2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	
	SAT/ACT	SAT/ACT	SAT/ACT	SAT/ACT	SAT/ACT	SAT/ACT	
University of Texas	No Min	Review					
University of Texas-Dallas	No Minimum		Review				
Texas A&M University	No Minimum		1360/30	Review			
Texas A&M University-Galveston	No Minimum		1360/30	Review			
Texas Tech University	No Minimum		1180/24	1260/26	1290/27	Review	
University of Houston	No Minimum		1080/21	1170/24	Review		
University of North Texas	No Minimum		1030/20	1130/23	1250/26	Review	
University of Texas-Tyler	No Minimum		1020/20	1060/21	1100/22	1130/23	
Texas State University	No Minimum		1000/20	1090/22	1250/26	1330/29	
Lamar University	No Minimum		930/18	1010/20	1080/21		
Stephen F. Austin State University	No Minimum		930/17	1030/20	1170/24	Review	
Angelo State University	No Minimum		900/17		Review		
Texas A&M University-Kingsville	No Minimum		830/15	910/17	1030/20	1140/23	
Texas Southern University	No Minimum		GPA>2.5 and 900/17			Review	
Prairie View A&M University	No Minimum		800/15	GPA >2.75 and 800/15			
University of Texas-San Antonio	No Minimum			1170/24	Review		
University of Texas-Arlington	No Minimum			1130/22	Review		
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi	No Minimum			1080/21	1170/23	1270/27	
Texas Woman's University	No Minimum			1080/21	Review		
Midwestern State University	No Minimum			1070/21	1140/23	1180/24	
Texas A&M University-Commerce	No Minimum				1060/21		No min for top 30%
Texas A&M International University	No Minimum			980/19	980/19	980/19	No min for top 40%
West Texas A&M University	No Minimum			940/18	1060/21	1130/23	Min GPA of 2.0
University of Texas-El Paso	No Minimum			930/19	970/20	990/21	

*Students with assured admissions must "file complete" with each college to receive a formal acceptance.

ASSURED ADMISSION VS. HOLISTIC REVIEW

Assured Admission

Guaranteed admission based on class rank and/or test score (i.e., top 10%)

- Students who are "file complete" and are guaranteed admission, will receive an acceptance letter from any Texas public institution.

Holistic Review

Admission based on the review of all application items

- GPA/Rank
  - Academic Rigor
- SAT or ACT score
- Resume
  - Extracurricular activities
  - Leadership experiences
  - Talents Awards
- Essays
- Letter(s) of recommendation
- Interview(s) (more selective institutions)

WHAT ARE TEST OPTIONAL SCHOOLS

- A test-optional admissions policy means some applicants can choose not to submit SAT or ACT scores. The rules vary per college. Some colleges may require applicants to provide supplemental information in place of test.

Benefits

- Admissions flexibility for students who do not test well

  (i.e., students with strong GPA and low test scores)

- Focus on other portions of the application
  (i.e., extracurricular activities, experiences, personal statement)
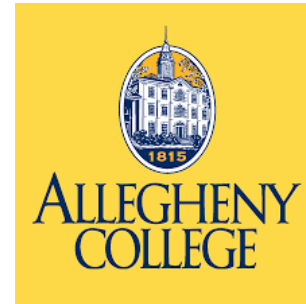
MOST COMMONLY USED APPLICATION PLATFORMS

The Common Application

- **Explore** – Research on 750 colleges and universities from across the world.
  - 13 Texas Public and Private institutions are affiliated with The CommonApp.
- **Apply** - Complete and submit an application to your choice institution .
- **Repeat** - Apply to more institutions using ONE application.
- The Common Application include 2 main components:
  - The Common Application Profile.
  - Supplemental College Application *(requirements varies by college).*
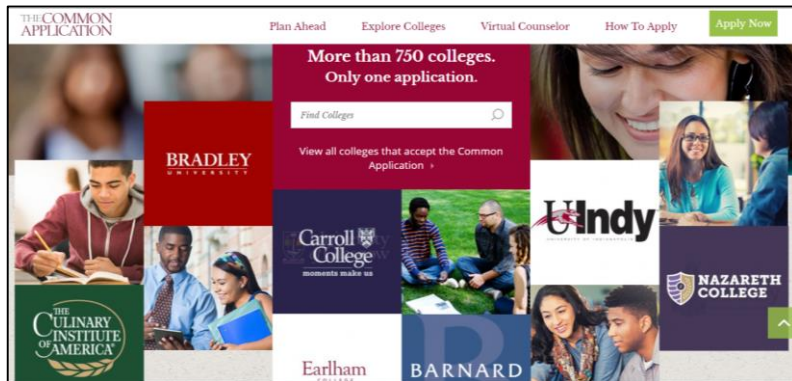
ApplyTexas Application

- **Explore** - Search 2-year and 4-year institutions in Texas.
  - All Public Texas institutions
  - 21 Private Texas institutions
- **Apply** - Complete and submit an application to your choice institution .
- **Repeat** - Apply to more institutions using the same application.
- Apply for scholarships and submit college application essays.*
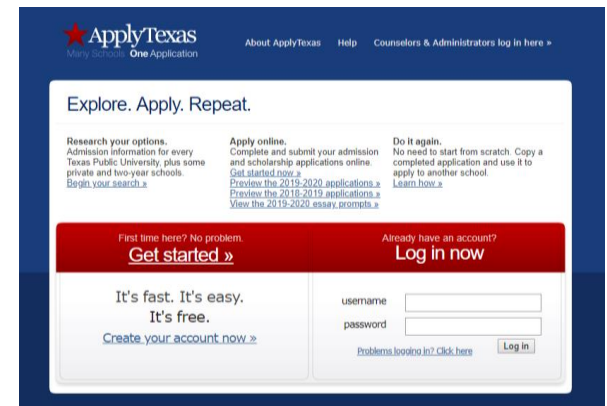
COLLEGE ADMISSION REVIEW PROCESS

STUDENTS:
WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

Non-Restrictive Application Plans			Restrictive Application Plans	
Regular Decision	**Rolling Admission**	**Early Action (EA)**	**Early Decision (ED)**	**Restrictive Early Action (REA)**
DEFINITION: Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.	**DEFINITION:** Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.	**DEFINITION:** Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.	**DEFINITION:** Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.	**DEFINITION:** Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.
COMMITMENT: NON-BINDING	**COMMITMENT:** NON-BINDING	**COMMITMENT:** NON-BINDING	**COMMITMENT:** BINDING	**COMMITMENT:** BINDING

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.

Texas OnCourse

(NACAC, 2016)

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE "FILE COMPLETE"

- **Complete Admission File** - An applicant is considered "file complete" once the application and ALL required documents are submitted. Files must be received on or before the institution's admissions deadline.

- **Required documents** *(*if applicable)*
  - Essay
  - Application fee/Fee waiver
  - Official high school transcript
  - Official test scores (SAT/ACT/ SAT Subject Test)
  - Permanent Resident Card or I-551*
  - Senate Bill 1528 Affidavit*
  - Letter of Recommendation

COLLEGE APPLICATION FEES WAIVERS

TYPES OF COLLEGE APPLICATION FEE WAIVERS
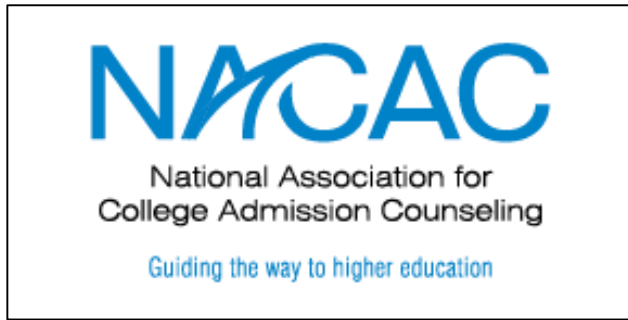
NACAC College Application Fee Waiver

- There is not a maximum number of NACAC Fee waivers a student can use, but NACAC recommend limiting the use to no more than **FOUR** waivers.

College Board College Application Fee Waiver

- If you registered **and** took the SAT test using an SAT fee waiver, then you are **automatically** eligible to receive **FOUR** college application fee waivers.
- College application fee waivers forms are available once you receive your SAT scores. The fee waiver forms will be located on your online CollegeBoard accounts.

APPLYTX APPLICATION FEE WAIVER REQUEST

IMPORTANT

- Most schools require specific documentation. Check the institution's website for specific instructions.
- Some institutions do not offer fee waivers. Please follow up with the institution for further information.

application fee information

Your application fee for the Fall 2019 semester is $ 60.00

After your online payment has been successfully processed, this application will be automatically submitted for you. You will no longer be able to edit it on this site. Please contact Texas A&M University for any changes after submission.

The application fee is non-refundable.

pay your application fee - **REQUIRED**

Select your method of payment. You may pay online via ApplyTexas with a credit card or opt for a different method of payment.

Please contact the institution to which you are applying for criteria for being ap

Application fee method of payment:

- MasterCard
- VISA
- American Express
- Discover
- Check or Money order
- Request for fee waiver

Most schools require specific documentation. Check the website of your chosen school for specific instructions. Please note that some institutions do not offer fee waivers. Please follow up with the institution for further information.

If you want to use a fee waiver for your ApplyTX Application, select **"Request for fee waiver"** on the proper screen.

THE COMMON APP FEE WAIVER

Common App Fee Waiver

Our member colleges want to make sure fees do not pose a barrier for any student to apply for admission. Do you feel that your financial circumstances might qualify you for an application fee waiver? *

- Yes
- No

Clear

If you want to use a fee waiver for your Common Application, select **"Yes"** on the proper screen.

You must meet at least one of the following indicators of economic need to qualify for an application fee waiver. Select all that apply: *

- I have received or am eligible to receive an ACT or SAT testing fee waiver
- I am enrolled in or am eligible to participate in the Federal Free or Reduced Price Lunch program (FRPL)
- My annual family income falls within the Income Eligibility Guidelines set by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service
- I am enrolled in a federal, state, or local program that aids students from low-income families (e.g., TRIO programs such as Upward Bound)
- My family receives public assistance
- I live in federally subsidized public housing, a foster home or am homeless
- I am a ward of the state or an orphan
- I can provide a supporting statement from a school official, college access counselor, financial aid officer, or community leader

I certify that I understand and meet the eligibility requirements to request an admission application fee waiver. I also understand if I am a first year student my counselor will be asked to verify my eligibility.

Fee Waiver signature: *

- Indicate what qualifies you for a fee waiver (i.e. SAT/ACT fee waiver, free or reduced lunch, etc.) and type your name.
- You fee waiver is **NOT** approved until your **counselor approves it in Naviance**. This is your responsibility to make sure this is complete.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

SAT
College Admissions Process

- No point penalty for wrong answers
- 2 Sections
  - Evidence Based Reading and Writing
  - Math
  - Optional Essay *(Strongly recommended)*
- Score: Min 200, Max 800 - per section
- Length: 3 hours and 50 minutes
- **Send your own scores**
- Costs $54.50
  - Waivers available for students on free/reduced lunch

*Students on free/reduced lunch can send an unlimited amount of score reports.

ACT
College Admissions Process

- No point penalty for wrong answers
- 4 Sections
  - English
  - Math
  - Reading
  - Science
  - Writing optional (Strongly Recommended)
- Score: Scale of 1-36
- Length: 3 hours and 50 minutes
- **Send your own scores**
- Costs $56.50 w/writing
  - Waivers available if on free/reduced lunch

TSI
Placement Test

The *T*exas *S*uccess *I*nitiative (TSI) Assessment is to determine if a student is ready for college-level work in the areas of **reading, writing,** and **math**. Success in these areas can help the student complete their college degree or certificate program.

COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY

DON'T LET THE PRICE TAG SCARE YOU!

KEY COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY TERMS

- **Financial Aid** – refers to money awarded to students to help pay for college.
- **Scholarship** – money awarded to students based on academic or other achievements to help pay for education expenses. Scholarships generally do not have to be repaid.
  - **Need-based scholarships** are awarded based on a student's family income. Grades and test scores have no bearing on this.
  - **Academic (Merit) scholarships** are based on a variety of components, such as your performance and involvement in high school.
- **Subsidized Loan –** a loan based on financial need for which the federal government generally pays the interest that accrues while the borrowers is in an in-school, grace, or deferment status.
- **Unsubsidized Loan –** a loan for which the borrower is fully responsible for paying the interest regardless of the loan status. Interest on unsubsidized loans accrues from the date of disbursement and continues throughout the life of the loan.
- **Verification** – the process your school uses to confirm that the data reported on your FAFSA form is accurate. Your school has the authority to contact you for documentation that support income and other information that you reported.
- **Work-study** – a refer student aid program that provides part-time employment while you are enroll in school to help pay for educational expenses.

See handout for additional terms.

What makes up the sticker price of a college?

WHAT DOES COLLEGE COST?

Tuition & Fees: The amount a students pays for college classes and any extra fees.

Books & Supplies: Textbooks needed for each class and any additional supplies or required materials

Room & Board: The cost for living on campus and eating meals on campus.

Personal & Transportation: Any additional expenses such as laundry, cell phone service, going out money, and flights home throughout the year.

= Cost of Attendance

COST OF ATTENDANCE

DIRECT COSTS

- Tuition and Fees
- Room and Board

+

INDIRECT COSTS

- Books and Supplies
- Travel Expenses
- Miscellaneous or Personal Expenses

Direct Costs + Indirect Costs = Cost of Attendance

Direct Costs, on average, are the primary items included in the student bill.

TYPE OF FINANCIAL AID

Need-based or academic (merit) – based

Do not have to pay back **(FREE)**

SCHOLARHIPS

GRANTS

Need-based or academic (merit) – based

Do not have to pay back **(FREE)**

Students work on campus and get paid

WORK-STUDY

LOANS

Must pay back

With/without interest
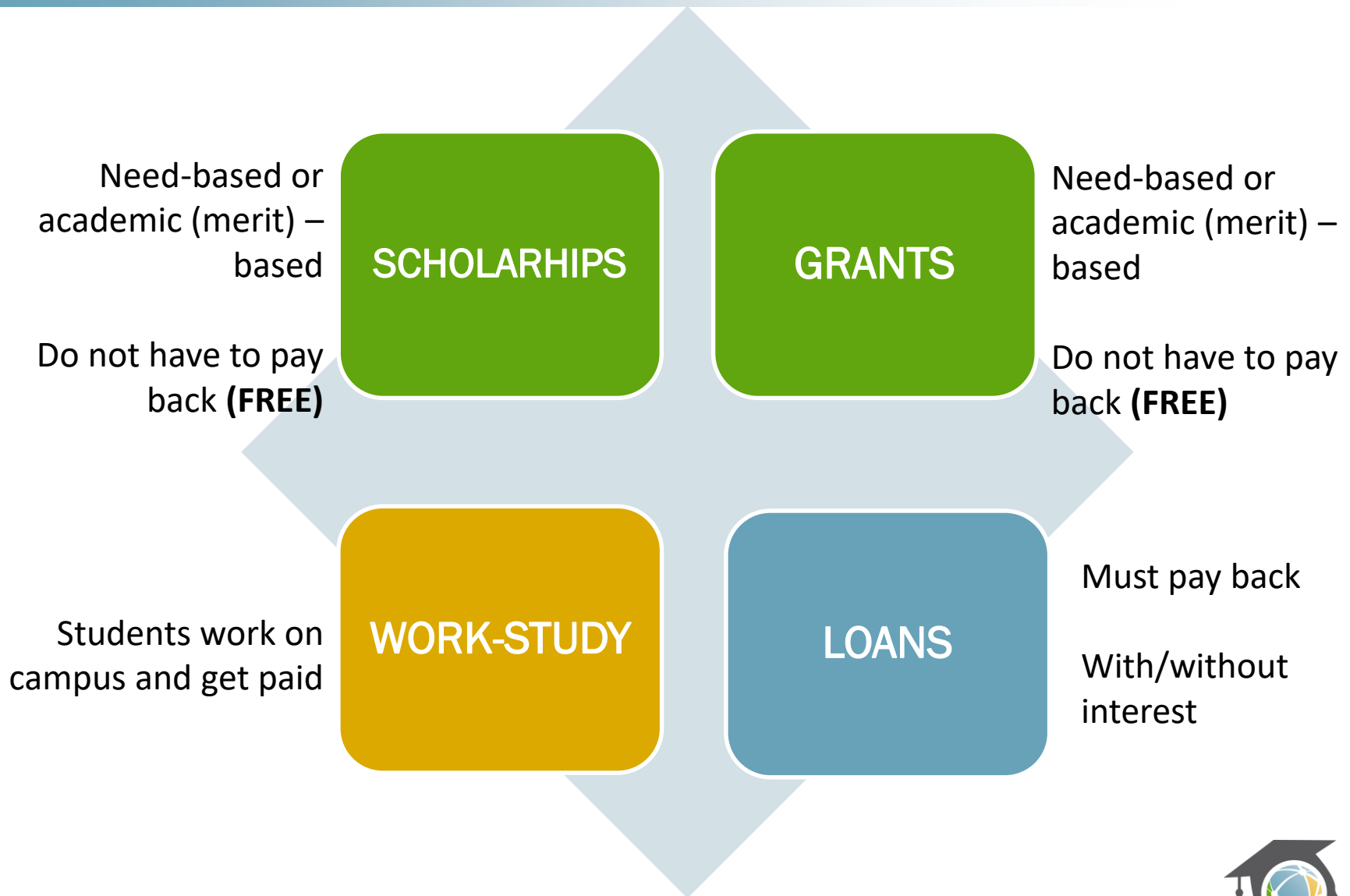
STEPS TO HAVING A SUCCESSFUL FINANCIAL AID PROCESS

1. Gather Information
2. Determine Dependency Status
3. Create FSA ID
4. Apply for Financial Aid
5. Review Student Aid Report
6. Verification Steps & Updates

TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS

FAFSA

- US Citizen
- Permanent Resident
- Refugee or Asylum
- Visa (please check website for eligible Visa requirements)

OR

TASFA

- TX Resident (3+ years)
- HS Grad/GED
- Temporary Residents (DACA/Work Permit)
- Undocumented Students

CSS PROFILE

- Non-federal financial aid over 400 colleges/universities.
- All students can complete the application
- Not required by all institutions*
- $25 Initial application fee, $16 for Additional Reports*
  - *For eligible students, the CSS Profile waiver will cover **ALL** applications and reporting fees.*
- Collegeboard Account Required

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID
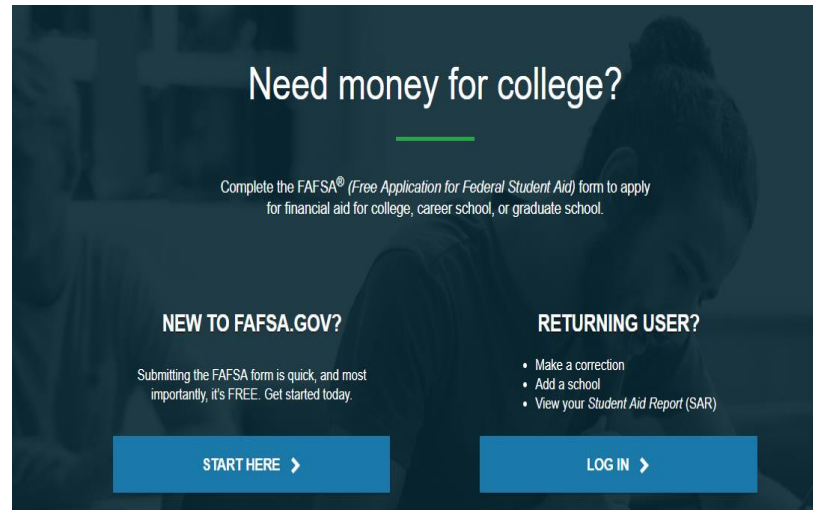
FAFSA = **Free** Application for Federal Student Aid

- Web page – **www.fafsa.ed.gov**

- Application opens **October 1st**

- Parent(s)/Student's social security number

- Permanent resident card (If applicable)

- Parent(s)/Student's date of birth

- 2017 Parent(s)/ Student's tax information*

- Selective Service is **MANDATORY** for male students completing the FAFSA

CREATE FSA ID

The FSA ID is a username and password that must be used to log in to your FAFSA account.

TEXAS APPLICATION FOR STATE FINANCIAL AID

Student requirements

- Paper Application - collegeforalltexans.com
- Application available **October 1ST**
- Student's date of birth
- Student's 2017 Tax Information *(if applicable)*
- IRS Non-Filer Letter *(if applicable)*
- SB 1528 Affidavit
- Student university ID # for each college
- Selective Service Registration Card *(male students)*

A copy of application and supplemental documents should be sent to EACH college applied to.

Parent Requirements

- Parent date of birth
- Marriage Date *(if applicable)*
- 2017 Income Tax Return & Tax Transcript
- IRS Non-Filer Letter *(if applicable)*

Parent information is required unless student is classified as independent.

2018-19 TASFA

Texas Application for State Financial Aid   July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

The Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) is used to collect information to help determine eligibility for state financial aid programs that are administered by institutions of higher education in the state of Texas. Students that are classified as a Texas Resident who cannot apply for federal financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are encouraged to complete the TASFA. To review the FAFSA filing requirements, visit www.fafsa.ed.gov or visit the financial aid office at the institution you plan to attend for the 2018-19 award year. Please note that Texas Residency can only be determined by the institution that you plan to attend. This application cannot be used to determine your state residency status or final eligibility for state aid.

To complete this application, each item within the applicable sections must be answered. **For clarification on specific items, please reference the Notes section. If you have further questions, contact the financial aid office at your institution.**

Texas state priority deadline for many institutions of higher education is **March 15, 2018** for the 2018-19 award year. It is recommended that applicants complete and submit this application and any other required documentation to the financial aid office prior to the state priority deadline date.

STEP ONE: STUDENT INFORMATION (See Notes for questions 5-6)

1. Last Name		2. First Name		3. M.I.
4. Date of Birth	5. Social Security Number or DACA # or Not Applicable ☐		6. College Student ID	
7. Permanent Mailing Address				
8. City		9. State	10. Zip Code	11. Phone Number
12. Email Address		Alternate Email:		

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP SERVICE

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Collegeboard Account Required

SUBMITTED, NOW WHAT?

- Verify that financial aid application has been processed successfully
- Review Student Aid Report (SAR) for EFC or mistakes
- Follow-up with each college to verify that all required documents have been submitted
- Apply for independent scholarships
- Wait for financial aid award letter

WHAT IS VERIFICATION?

Verification is the process financial aid offices at colleges and universities use to verify that a students FAFSA information is accurate.

50% - 70% of students are Verified* within HISD.

If you are **selected** for verification, then you will see an asterisk (*) next to your EFC.

Follow these steps if selected for verification*...

- Get a tax transcript asap at the IRS Tax Office or IRS.gov
- Keep your financial information together and respond to any verification requests from colleges/universities in a timely manner
- Update FAFSA, using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) to decrease the chances of being selected for verification!

**NO FOLLOW UP
=
NO FINANCIAL AID**

ORDERING TAX TRANSCRIPT

- Tax transcripts may be required for some schools
- College will email you to let you know if you need to send a tax transcript
- Request one ASAP
- IRS website: www.irs.gov

IRS Tax Transcript
The IRS will MAIL this to your home. If the college needs it, bring it to the CCC and we will mail it.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DREAMERS/UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

- Undocumented students cannot legally receive federal student financial aid of any form, including loans, grants and scholarships. However, scholarships are available to help undocumented students pursue their dreams of going to college.

- It may take some research but there are scholarships ranging from academic to need based scholarships.

- Make sure to reach out to your College Counselor and College & Career Readiness Advisor so they can provide resources and steps to college access and affordability!

NAVIANCE STUDENT PORTAL
SUBMITTING A TRANSCRIPT REQUEST

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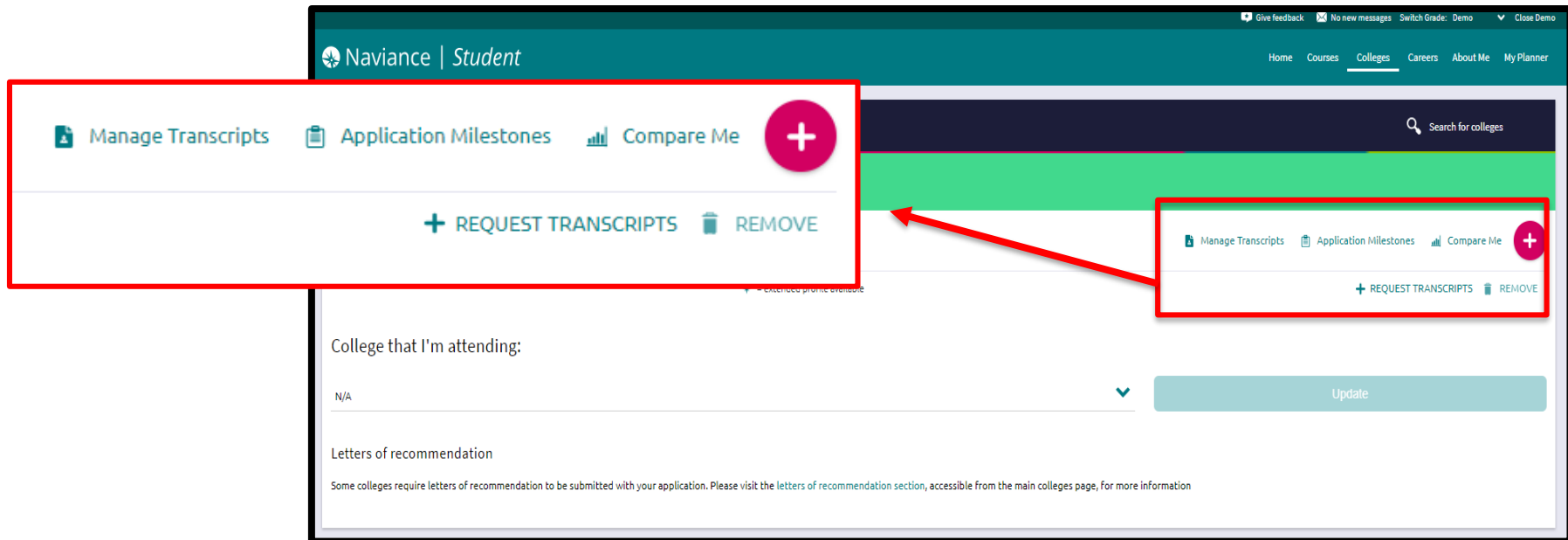
Step 1: Once you log on the your Naviance page, you will 3 boxes: 'Seniors', 'My Favorites', and 'Important To-Dos and Tasks'. Under 'My Favorites', click 'Colleges: I'm applying to', the second option.
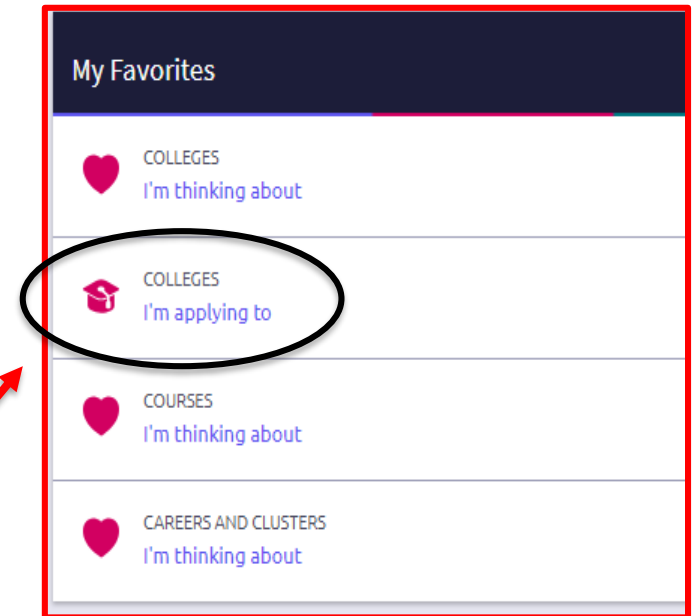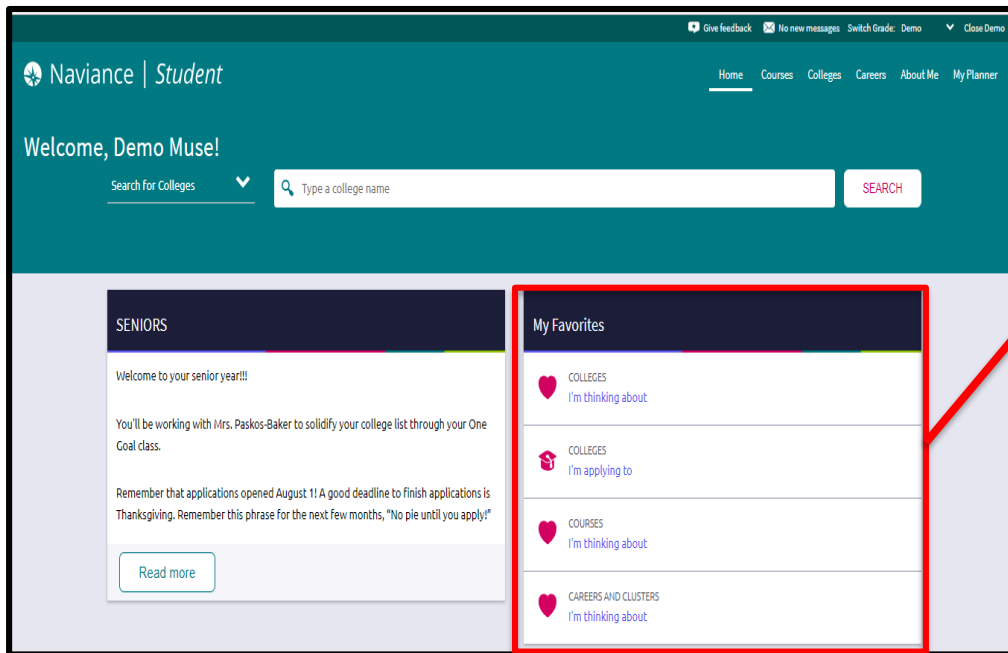
SUBMITTING A TRANSCRIPT REQUEST

A college application must be available in order for a student to request an official high school transcript.

- **Adding an application to college list:** To add a college application, click the ➕ to add a college application.
- **Adding a transcript request:** To add a college application for an existing application, click the ➕ REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS complete the transcript request form.

ADDING A COLLEGE APPLICATION

1. Select the college you are applying to from the dropdown box.
2. Select the application type.
3. Indicate if you are applying via The CommonApplication or Direct to the institution.
   - Select 'Direct to the institution' if you are apply using ApplyTX
4. Click 'Add Application' or 'Add and Request Transcript'.

SUBMITTING A TRANSCRIPT REQUEST

1. Select the type of transcript: 'Initial', 'Mid year', or 'Final'.
2. Select if you would like you **UNOFFICIAL** test included.
    - *Reminder: Official test scores MUST be sent from CollegeBoard or ACT.*
3. All college applications will be displayed below. Select where the transcripts will be sent to.

MANAGING TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS

You can check the status of any transcript request in **Manage Transcripts.**

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