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SENIOR PARENT COLLEGE NIGHT

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

DO FIRST: THINK. PAIR. SHARE.

- My student's college application is going...
- _____ excites me the me the most about my student's college process.
- _____ concerns me the most about my student's college process.



COMMON QUESTION:

-“What is this thing called “college”?”

“How can I assist my student through the college process?”

“Where’s the money?”

“So my student has been admitted, now what?”



SESSION OVERVIEW

- East Early CHS College Center Team Introduction
- Defining College
- College Admissions Process
- College Affordability
- Resources



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College

An educational or establishment offering instruction in a professional, vocational, or technical field.



TYPES OF COLLEGES

- **Two Year Community Colleges**
 - 2 year Associates' Programs
 - 1 year Certificate Programs
 - Degrees may be earned at community, technical, vocational colleges.
 - Students can transfer to 4 year colleges/universities
- **Four Year Universities**
 - 4 year Bachelors' Degrees
 - Typically four to six years (*depending on academic program*)
 - Normally entails a core curriculum
 - Bachelors of Arts or Bachelors of Science
- **Professional Schools**
 - Law School (3 years after a four year university)
 - Medical School (5 years after a four year university)
 - Pharmacy School (4 years after 2 to 4 years of university study)



COLLEGE VOCABULARY

- **College Credit Hour (s)**
 - Another name for the number of credits you take
 - Hours also = length of time in a class a week
- **Full time or Full Load**
- **Degree vs. Major**
 - Degree = how many years you go to college.
 - One year = certificate
 - Two years = associates
 - Four years = bachelors
 - Major = what you study.
- **College vs. University**
 - Community College = 2 years
 - University = 4 years or more
 - College (used just by itself) = any place you study after high school.



COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

“HOW CAN I ASSIST MY STUDENT THROUGH THE COLLEGE PROCESS?”



KEY COLLEGE ADMISSION TERMS

- **College Admissions** – the process for getting accepted into a college.
- **Application/ Acceptance/ Admission Application** – is what a student needs to do, in order to be considered be a college.
- **College Application Essay** – an essay that a college requires students to write and submit as part of their college application file. Some colleges offer applicants specific questions to answer, while other simply ask applicants to write about themselves. Colleges may refer to this as a “personal statement.”
- **College Credit** – What a student receives when they successfully complete a college-level course. Students need a certain number of credits to graduate with a degree.
- **Placement Test** – test that measure the academic skills needed for college-level work. The cover reading, writing, math, and sometimes other subjects. Placement test results help determine what courses student are ready for and whether the you would benefit from remedial classes.
 - **The Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSI) is an example of a placement test used for all incoming college students.**
- **Priority Date or Deadline** – the date by which your application – whether it’s for college admission, student housing, financial aid – must be received to be given the strongest consideration.



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.



Launch HISD

| Automatic Admission Requirements 2018-2019 | | | | | | | Notes |
|--|------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|-------|
| Top 6% | Top 7-10% | Top 11-25% | Top 26-50% | Top 51-75% | Top 76-100% | | |
| 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 | | 930/18 | 970/20 | 1000/21 | | |

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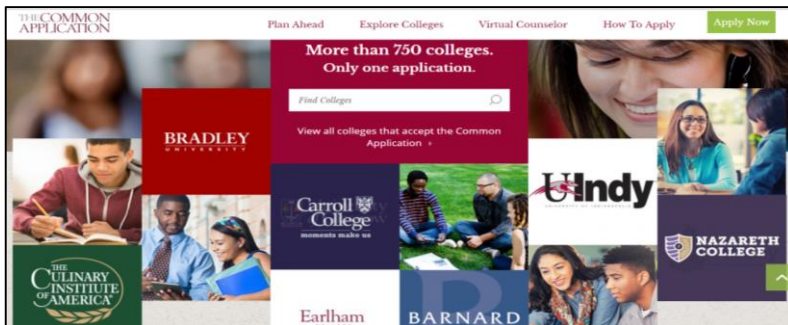
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MOST COMMONLY USED APPLICATION PLATFORMS

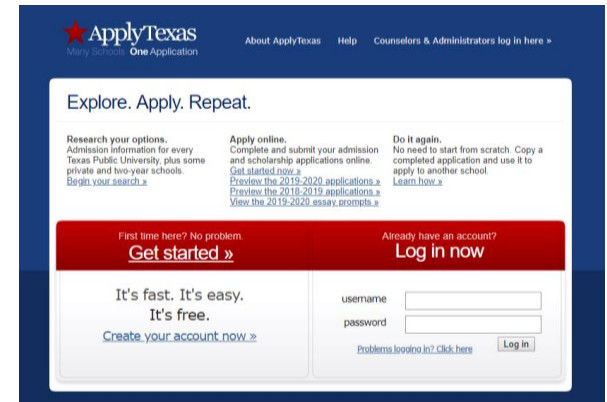
The Common Application

- **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.*

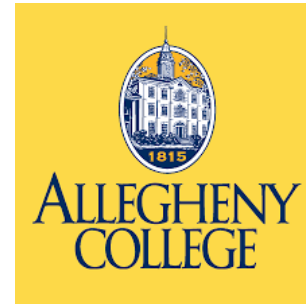


WHAT ARE TEST OPTIONAL SCHOOLS

- 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)



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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**)



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. | |



(NACAC, 2016)



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



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 ADMISSIONS TIMELINE

October

- FAFSA/TASFA/CSS available Oct 1st
 - First Come/First Serve
- Finalize college essays (if applicable)
- Continue submitting college applications
- Follow Up with your Recommenders (if applicable)
- Submit supplemental information to colleges



November/December

- Early Admissions application deadlines begin (Nov 1, 15, 30)
- Finalize your college admissions applications (if applicable)
- Check admissions status and verify that all documents have been submitted
- Submit financial aid application ASAP



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 borrower 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 federal student aid program that provides part-time employment while you are enrolled in school to help pay for educational expenses.

See handout for additional terms.



CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

What makes up the sticker price of a college?



WHAT DOES COLLEGE COST?



Tuition & Fees: The amount a student 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.



COST OF ATTENDANCE BREAKDOWN

| | In-State Public College or Public University | Out-of-State Public College or Public University | Private College or Private University |
|----------------|---|---|---|
| Tuition | \$9,410 | \$22,500 | \$32,410 |
| Books | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| Student Fees | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| Room and Board | \$8,500 | \$8,500 | \$8,250 |
| Travel | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 |
| Entertainment | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| Total | \$21,410 | \$34,500 | \$44,160 |



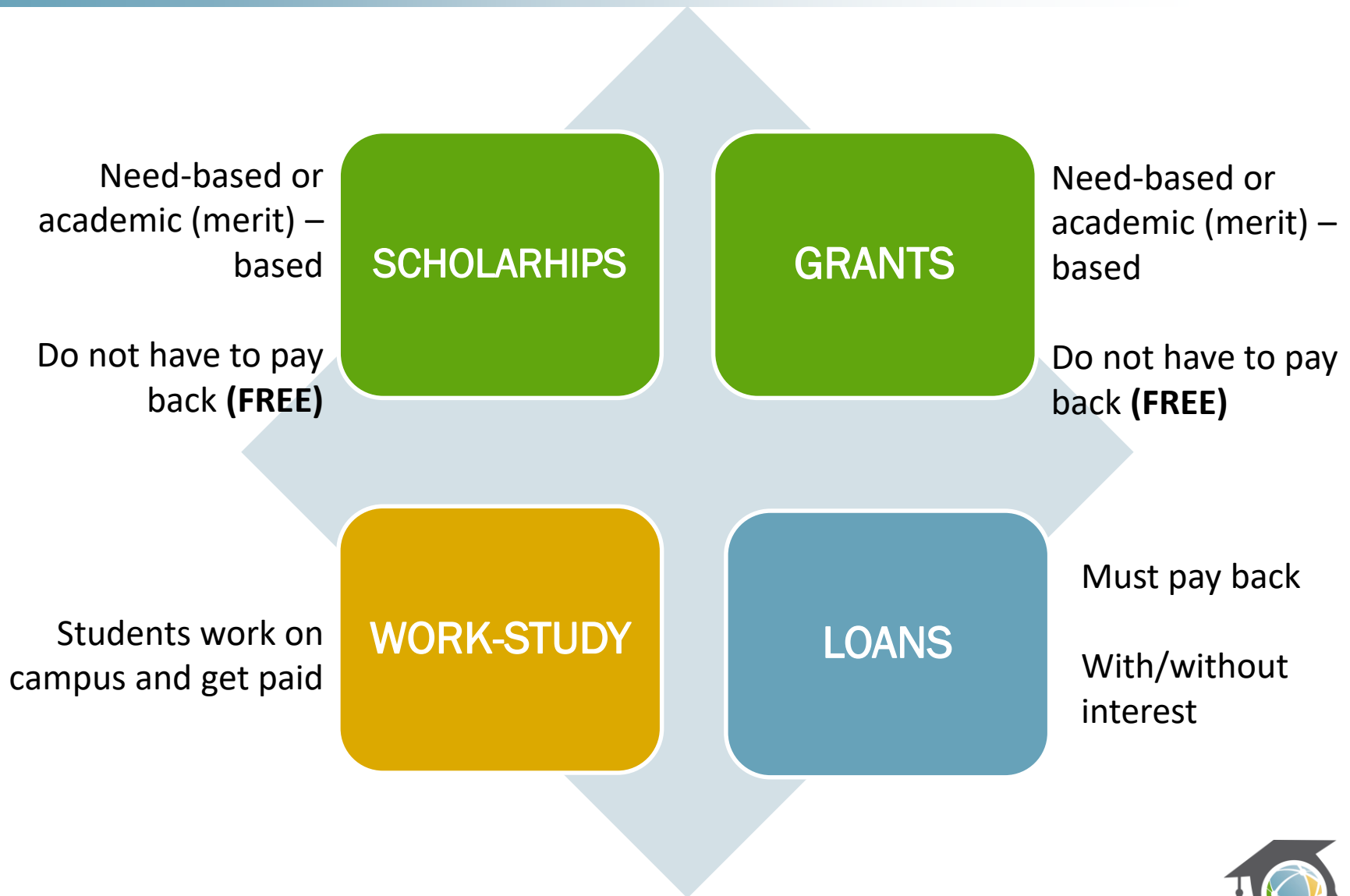
CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

How do students apply for financial aid?

Are there multiple types of financial aid applications, or is there one general financial aid application?



TYPE OF FINANCIAL AID



BENEFITS OF COMPLETING THE FINANCIAL AID PROCESS

- Applying for financial aid helps students automatically qualify for
 - The Federal Pell Grant (max of \$6,095) [not TASFA]
 - Scholarships offered by the university
 - Grants offered by the university
- Even if you don't think you qualify for financial aid, completing the FAFSA, or TASFA, and or CSS Profile will allow colleges to see what other scholarships & grants a student can qualify for



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



DEPENDENCY STATUS

You are a **dependent** if:

- You live with your biological parent(s)/legal guardian
- Parent(s)/Legal guardian pays over 50% of your expenses

You are an **independent** if:

- Student has a child and pays over 50% of child's expenses
- 24 years or older
- Married
- Unaccompanied Homeless youth, orphan, foster care, ward of state
- Military

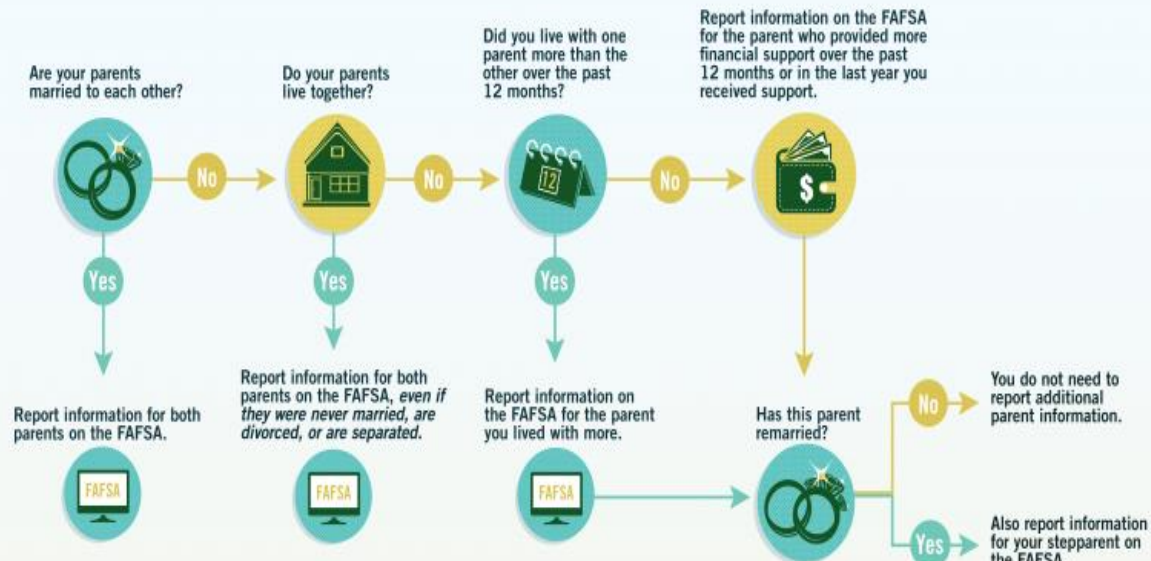


DEPENDENCY STATUS

WHO'S MY PARENT WHEN I FILL OUT MY FAFSA®?

Dependent students are required to report parent information on the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)*.¹ For reporting purposes, "PARENT" means your legal (biological or adoptive) parent or stepparent, or a person that the state has determined to be your legal parent.

Use this guide to figure out which parent's information to include (depending on your family situation).



The following people are not your parents unless they have legally adopted you:



Widowed Stepparent



Grandparents



Foster Parents



Legal Guardians



Older Brothers or Sisters



Aunts or Uncles

If you're not sure whom to report as a parent, you can visit StudentAid.ed.gov/afsa/filing-out/parent-info or call 800-4-FED-AID (800-433-3243).

¹ If you're not sure whether you are a dependent student, go to StudentAid.gov/afsa/filing-out/dependency

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UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH

- Talk to counselor if you live with anyone else besides **biological parents**
Including: aunts, uncles, siblings, grandparents etc.

Can I use them on my taxes?

*No. Unless there is a court order for legal guardianship, you are considered an **INDEPENDENT STUDENT***



TAX INFORMATION

| | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| 2022 | | a Employer's social security number 123-45-6789 | | OMB No. 1545-0045 | |
| b Employer identification number (EIN) 98-7654321 | | 1 Wages, tips, other compensation 48,000.00 | | f Federal income tax withheld 6,800.00 | |
| c Employee's name, address, and ZIP code The Big Company 123 Main Street Anytown, NC 28001 | | 3 Social security wages 50,000.00 | | 4 Social security tax withheld 1,000.00 | |
| | | 5 Medicare wages and tips 50,000.00 | | 6 Medicare tax withheld 750.00 | |
| | | 7 Social security tips | | 8 Allocated tips | |
| d Employer's federal tax ID number A12345 | | 9 Retirement code | | 10 Dependent-care benefits | |
| e Employee's first name and initial Last name Jane A. Doe 123 Elm Street Anytown (Etc), PA 17111 | | 11 Unqualified plans | | 12a 0 1,000.00 | |
| | | 12b 50 1,000.00 | | 12c 0 4,000.00 | |
| | | 12d 100 0 4,000.00 | | 12e 100 0 4,000.00 | |
| f Employer's address and ZIP code | | 13 State income tax 1,500.00 | | 14 Local income tax 750.00 | |
| 15 State Employer's state tax number PA 123456 | | 16 State wages, tips, etc. 50,000.00 | | 17 State income tax 1,500.00 | |
| | | 18 Local wages, tips, etc. 50,000.00 | | 19 Local income tax 750.00 | |
| | | 20 Union dues | | 21 Other | |

W-2 Wage and Tax Statement
Copy 1 - For State, City, or Local Tax Department

2017

(Department of the Treasury—Internal Revenue Service)



| | | | | | |
|---|--|---|--|----------------------------------|--|
| 1040 | | U.S. Individual Income Tax Return | | 2017 | |
| a Your name (last, first, and middle initial) John Doe | | b Social Security number 123-45-6789 | | c Filing status 1 Single | |
| d Home address (number and street) If you have a P.O. box, see instructions 123 Main Street Anytown, NC 28001 | | e Foreign country name None | | f Foreign country number None | |
| g Filing status 1 Single 2 Married filing jointly (even if only one has federal income tax) 3 Married filing separately 4 Head of household (see instructions) 5 Qualifying widow(er) (see instructions) | | h Exemptions 1a 1 Spouse 1b 0 Dependents 1c 0 Total number of exemptions claimed | | i Taxable income 48,000.00 | |
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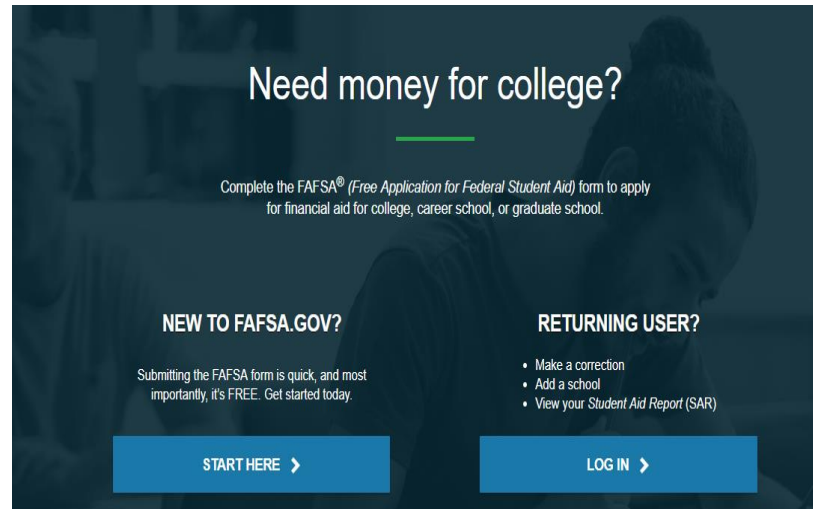
Your parents (and you if you work) receive this from their place of employment starting Jan 1st

1040 Tax Return

After filing taxes, your parents (and you if you worked) will receive this.



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

The screenshot shows the FAFSA login page. At the top, there are links for 'Home' and 'Help'. The main heading is 'Login'. Below this, the section is titled 'Log in to the FAFSA'. It contains a paragraph explaining that only students can use their FSA ID to log in, while parents and others can start a FAFSA for a student. There are two radio buttons: 'I am the student' (which is selected) and 'I am a parent, preparer, or student from a Freely Associated State'. A 'NEXT' button is at the bottom right. A small box in the top right corner indicates 'Form Approved OMB No. 1845-0001 App. Exp. LOGIN/LOGIN00518'. At the bottom, it says 'Site Last Updated: Sunday, July 22, 2018' and '©2010 fafsa.gov. All rights reserved.'.

This screenshot shows the same FAFSA login page but with more details. The 'Log in to the FAFSA' section is expanded. It includes a paragraph explaining the login process. Below this, there are two radio buttons: 'I am the student' (selected) and 'I am a parent, preparer, or student from a Freely Associated State'. A red circle highlights the 'Create an FSA ID' link in the text 'Don't have an FSA ID? Create an FSA ID or login using the student's identifiers.' Below this, there are two input fields: 'The student's FSA ID (username or Verified E-mail address)' and 'The student's FSA ID Password'. Both fields have a 'Forgot' link next to them. A 'NEXT' button is at the bottom right. The same 'Form Approved' box is in the top right corner.



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 |
| <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> | | | | |
| 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 <input type="checkbox"/> | | 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



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



CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Name one requirement students need to complete the FAFSA, TASFA, and or the CSS Profile?



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



ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL AID TERMINOLOGY AND PROCESSES



WHAT IS VERIFICATION?

Verification is the process financial aid offices at colleges and universities use to verify that a student's 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**



REVIEW STUDENT AID REPORT

Expected Family Contribution will be given to students upon submitting their FAFSA.

Processed Information

Federal Student Aid FAFSA 

Form Approved
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2012-2013 Electronic Student Aid Report (SAR)

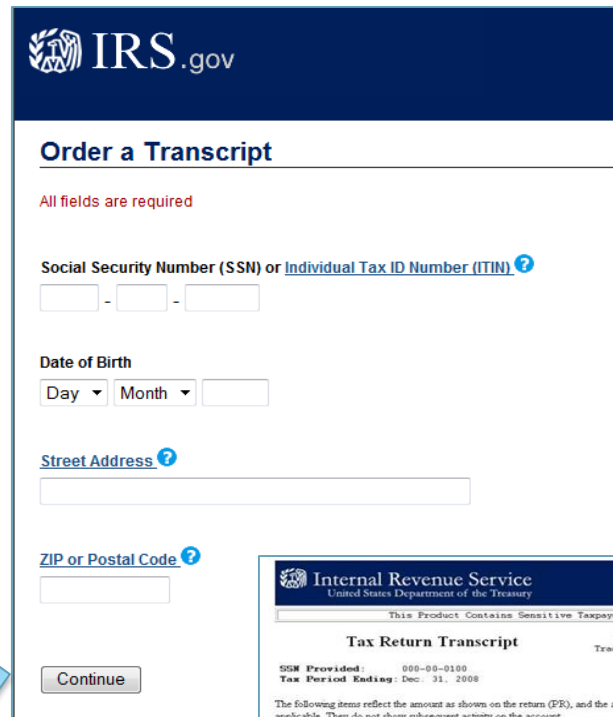
The SAR summarizes the information you submitted on your 2012-2013 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Application Receipt Date: | 01/11/2012 | XXX-XX-1234 JO 01 |
| Processed Date: | 01/11/2012 | EFC: 7256 |
| | | DRN: 4557 |



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.gov

Order a Transcript

All fields are required

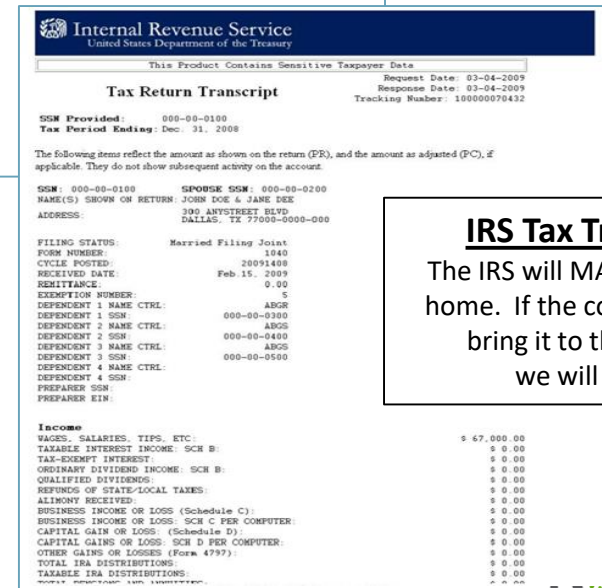
Social Security Number (SSN) or [Individual Tax ID Number \(ITIN\)](#) [?]
 - -

Date of Birth
 Day / Month /

[Street Address](#) [?]

[ZIP or Postal Code](#) [?]

[Continue](#)



Internal Revenue Service
 United States Department of the Treasury

This Product Contains Sensitive Taxpayer Data

Request Date: 03-04-2009
 Response Date: 03-04-2009
 Tracking Number: 100000070432

Tax Return Transcript

SSN Provided: 000-00-0100 SPOUSE SSN: 000-00-0200
 Tax Period Ending: Dec. 31, 2008

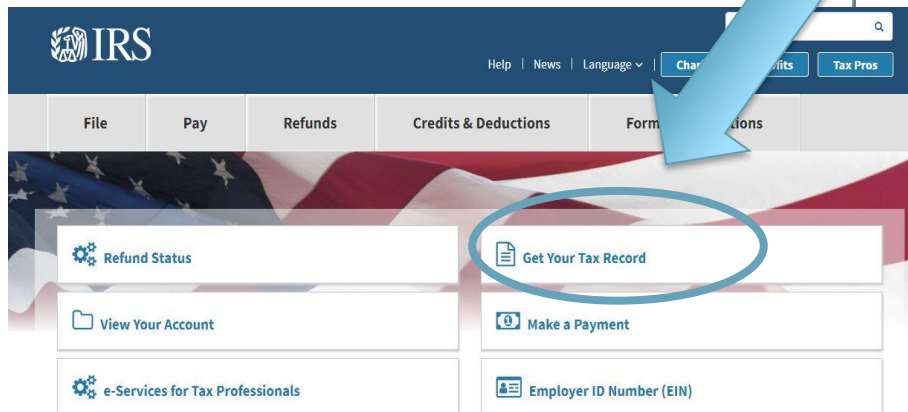
NAME(S) SHOWN ON RETURN: JOHN DOE & JANE DOE
 ADDRESS: 300 ANYSTREET BLVD, DALLAS, TX 77000-0000-000

FILING STATUS: Married Filing Joint
 FORM NUMBER: 1040
 CYCLE POSTED: 20091408
 RECEIVED DATE: Feb. 15, 2009
 REMITTANCE: 0.00

EXEMPTION NUMBER: 5
 DEPENDENT 1 NAME CTRL: ABGR
 DEPENDENT 1 SSN: 000-00-0300
 DEPENDENT 2 NAME CTRL: ABGR
 DEPENDENT 2 SSN: 000-00-0400
 DEPENDENT 3 NAME CTRL: ABGR
 DEPENDENT 3 SSN: 000-00-0500
 DEPENDENT 4 NAME CTRL: ABGR
 DEPENDENT 4 SSN: 000-00-0600
 PREPARER SSN: 000-00-0700
 PREPARER EIN: 000-00-0800

Income
 WAGES, SALARIES, TIPS, ETC.: \$ 67,000.00
 TAXABLE INTEREST INCOME: SCH B: \$ 0.00
 TAX-EXEMPT INTEREST: \$ 0.00
 ORDINARY DIVIDEND INCOME: SCH B: \$ 0.00
 QUALIFIED DIVIDENDS: \$ 0.00
 REFUND OF STATE/LOCAL TAXES: \$ 0.00
 ALIMONY RECEIVED: \$ 0.00
 BUSINESS INCOME OR LOSS (Schedule C): \$ 0.00
 BUSINESS INCOME OR LOSS: SCH C PER COMPUTER: \$ 0.00
 CAPITAL GAIN OR LOSS: (Schedule D): \$ 0.00
 CAPITAL GAIN OR LOSS: SCH D PER COMPUTER: \$ 0.00
 OTHER GAINS OR LOSSES (Form 4797): \$ 0.00
 TOTAL IRA DISTRIBUTIONS: \$ 0.00
 TAXABLE IRA DISTRIBUTIONS: \$ 0.00

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.



IRS

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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!



HELPFUL RESOURCES

- HISD FAFSA Website
 - <http://hisd-fafsa.org>
- HISD College Readiness - Naviance
 - <https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/108553>
- College for All Texans
 - www.collegeforallteans.com
- Federal Student Aid
 - www.studentaid.ed.gov
- College Board
 - www.collegeboard.org
- ApplyTX Application
 - www.applytexas.org
- The CommonApp
 - www.commonapp.org





A GLOBAL DISTRICT IN A GLOBAL CITY

THANK YOU