

* **Research 2-year/4-year schools** – *Learn what you can before you begin applying!*
  + *bigfuture.collegeboard.org*
  + *comparecollegetx.com*
  + Visit local college fairs
* **Complete Essays** – *Write these now & save them on GoogleDocs or Dropbox!*
  + Most Texas schools use the same essays so keep them handy
  + The Common Application for out-of-state schools will have different essays
  + Prepare an essay about why you deserve scholarships
  + Prepare a second essay about how you would use the scholarship money
* **Create Resumé** – *Don’t forget to add the items you participate in during Senior Year!*
  + This will help you fill out your Apply Texas application and many scholarships will require on as part of their application
* **Request SAT or ACT fee waiver** – *This allows you to take the tests for FREE!*
  + You are eligible for waivers if you are on free/reduced lunch
  + There are also other ways to be eligible, so see your college advisor
  + 2 for the SAT & 2 for ACT are available
* **Take the SAT or ACT** – *You must have one of these in order to apply to a 4-year school!*
  + Register for SAT: *collegeboard.org*
  + Register for ACT: *actstudent.org*
* **Send SAT or ACT Scores** – *These need to go to all schools you have applied to!*
  + Send electronically through the SAT/ACT websites, preferably when you register
  + Don’t wait too long or you will be charged for each individual score report sent!
* **Complete & Submit College Application** – *This is how colleges know you are interested in them!*
  + *Applytexas.org* – if the school is in Texas
  + *Commonapp.org* – if the school is out-of-state (usually)
  + When applying have your social security number, essays, resumé, & test dates with you
* **Pay College Application Fee (OR) Use College Application Fee Waiver** - *$$$*
  + If you qualified for an SAT/ACT fee waiver you will receive application fee waivers
  + Talk to your college advisor to receive help on how to print & send these
* **Send High School Transcript** – *Request online through counseling center!*
  + You must send one to every school you apply to



* **Complete Financial Aid** – *Free money for school!*
  + ***FAFSA***: Apply online at ***fafsa.gov*** if you are a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
  + ***TASFA***: Complete paper application if you do not qualify for FAFSA
    - Paper application can be found online at ***www.collegeforalltexans.com***
  + Opens online: **October 1, 2018**
  + Texas Public School Priority Deadline: **March 15, 2019**
  + Your college advisor has all of the information on how to fill this out and can help with the entire process, so please visit them for any further instruction
  + Visit the Scholarship page for scholarship opportunities as well!
* **Dual Credit/AP Scores** – *If you took these classes/exams, make sure your college knows!*
  + Dual Credit: send copy of DCCCD transcript to college
  + AP: send all passing scores from *collegeboard.org*
* **TSI Testing** – *You may need to take this if your SAT/ACT scores are not high enough!*
  + Sign-up to take this at your school
  + Take this at your college orientation
* **Shot Record** – *Send to all accepted schools so you can register!*
  + Check with school nurse to have these printed
  + You MUST have your Bacterial Meningitis shot up-to-date before orientation