

# What's After High School?





## College Admissions

half of everyone at our university. I am pleased to congratulate you on were very impressed by your academic history and achievements and feel ad addition to our University alugant As you know, our University is the old own for accepting only the best students. After careful review of your apple en most our criteria for acceptance.

# Which colleges do l apply to?

### Career

 What do you want to be? What problems do you want to solve?

### Required Education

• What degree or training is needed?

Select a College Apply to four or more colleges.

At least **1** SAFETY A college you're confident you can get into.

At least Z GOOD FITS Colleges you have a pretty good chance of getting into.

At least **1** REACH A college that you have a chance of getting into, but it's a stretch.

- $\boldsymbol{\cdot} \operatorname{Location}$
- Extracurricular Activities
- Size
- Private or Public

## Selecting the Right College for You

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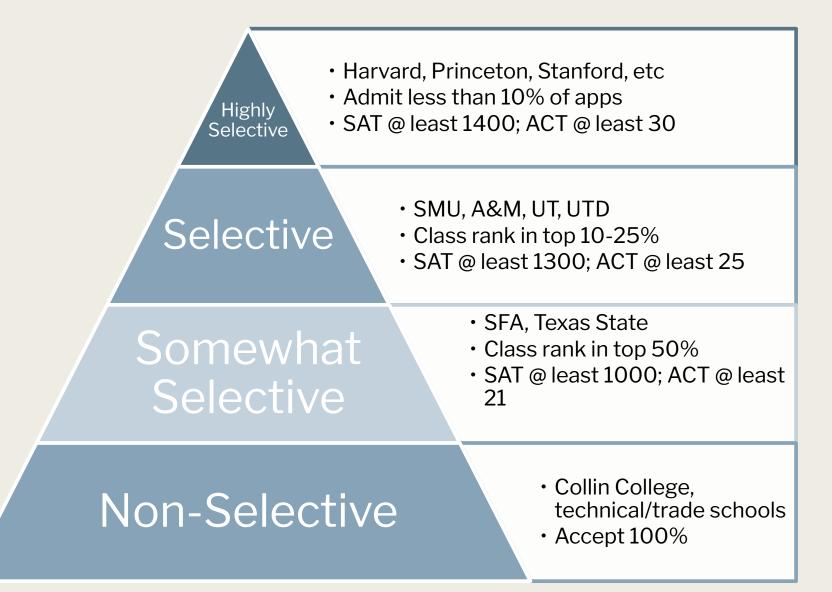
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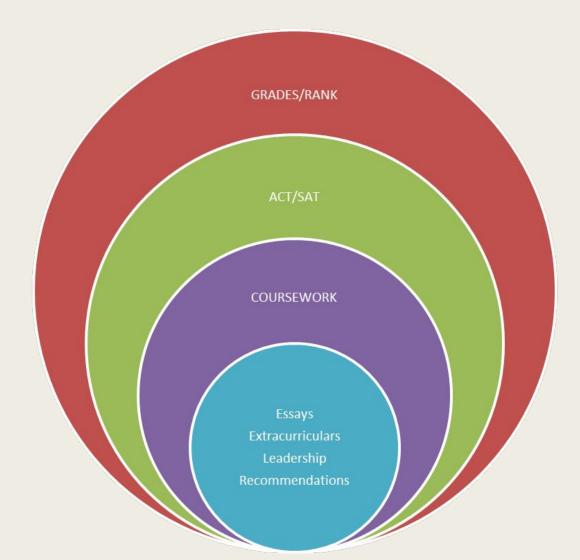
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# SELECTIVITY & Top 10%



# WHAT COUNTS MOST IN COLLEGE ADMISSIONS?





- Call the college admissions office for an appointment
- **Check web for Preview Days**
- Go when students are in session, if at all possible.
- **Bring a list of questions**
- **Get paper documentation**

## **POTENTIAL COLLEGE ATHLETES**

- Athletes hoping to play sports at a D1 or D2 college must register with NCAA at <u>www.eligibilitycenter.org</u>
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- Be aware that there is an academic component to qualifying with NCAA
- Remember that the admissions office decides whether you get in, not the coaches!

## Testing

#### College Admissions Tests – SAT/ACT

- Universities require either, many students take both
- Use school code
- Register online
- Register with your legal name as it is on your photo ID you will bring to the test (DL, passport, current year school ID)

#### Placement Exam – TSI (Texas Success Initiative)

- No impact on admissions
- Only for Texas public schools (both 2 and 4 year)
- Can be exempt with strong SAT or ACT scores
- Taken after applying to college and before orientation



Measures: English Usage, Mathematics, Reading, and Science Reasoning

Optional Writing section – check your college's requirements/recommendations

Highest score is a 36

https://www.act.org



Measures Math & Evidence-based Reading and Writing and Language

**Optional Essay** 

Total score: 400–1600

https://www.collegeboard.org

## fastweb.

FAFSA FederalStudentAid





## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

#### **College Specific**

1. Apply to the College 2. Look at the school's scholarship website a.UT Scholarships b.OU Scholarships 3. Contact the program's department a.UNT Music b.UTD Engineering 4. Contact the scholarship/financial aid office a. TCU Contact Info b.UH Contact Info APPLY FOR FAFSA!!! https://studentaid.gov/

#### Local/Regional

1.Ask "Who do I know?" 2. Civic Organizations 3.ISD Foundation a.LISD Education Foundation 4. Utility Companies a.CoServ 5. Employers a. Amazon Employee **Tuition Assistance** b. Target Employee **Tuition Assistance** 6.Community Foundations a. Denton County Youth Fair b.Delta Public Service Foundation

#### National

**1.Large Corporations** a.Shell b.Coca-Cola c.Live-Mas Taco Bell 2. National Scholarship Programs a.Fulbright b. National Collegiate Honors Council 3. Search Tools and Engines a.fastweb.com b.CollegeBoard BigFuture c.CollegeScholarship s.org 2 most important things to do now: (1) Scholarship Tracker (2) 500 words about me: a. Why me? Why should I get this scholarship?



Collin College offers over 600 scholarships each year. Dual credit high school seniors may apply for scholarships!

#### To be eligible a student must:

- Have a Collin issued ID#
- Have at least a 2.5 GPA
- Be taking 6-9 credit hours each semester (fall and spring)
- Complete the <u>online</u> application (3 short essays)

## **College Specific**

- 1. Apply to the College
- 2. Look at the school's scholarship website
- 3. Contact the program's department
- 4. Contact the scholarship/financial aid office

## Local/Regional

- **1. SchooLinks**
- 2. Civic Organizations
- 3. PISD Foundation
- 4. Employers
- 5. Community

Foundations

## National

- **1. Large Corporations**
- 2. National Scholarship
  - Programs
- 3. Search Tools and Engines

## Don't Forget About...

### **Workforce and Certificate Programs**

- **Certificates** are a quick option to earn a credential that can make you more qualified for a job.

ex. CNA, digital marketing, construction management

- Associate of Applied Science Associate degree with specialized training in workforce subjects.
  ex. RN, Cybersecurity, Fire Science
- Some programs will not require SAT, ACT, or TSI scores.

## **College Take - Away**

- Get started this weekend
- Ask your counselors & teachers for recommendation letters
- Start writing your essays ASAP (it's the hardest part)
- Let your parents know the costs
- Apply for scholarships

## Application Terms to Know

#### Early Decision

- You commit to attend if you are accepted
- You must cancel all other applications if accepted
- Ivy league/privat e

#### Early Action

- Indicate your first choice college & receive notice early
- You are not committed to enroll
- Shows your interest in the school

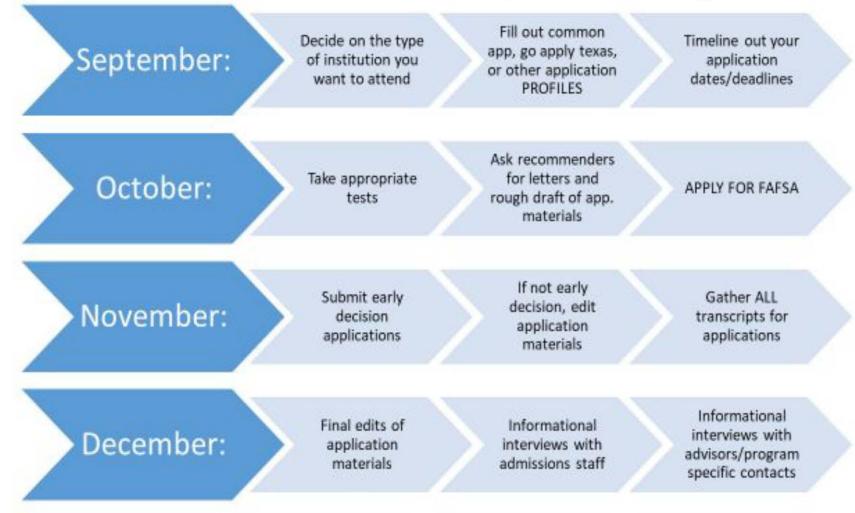
#### Priority Deadline

- Increase odds of being admitted & receiving scholarships
- Encourages students to apply early
- Not binding
- Nov 1<sup>st</sup> for most public schools

#### Regular Decision

- Deadlines usually Jan 1-March 15
- May apply to other colleges
- Runs into FAFSA priority deadline

## Timeline: What Should I Do Each Month to Get Ready for College



## **Plano East Counseling Department**

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## COUNSELORS LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

- Completed during senior year
- Visit your Counselor's Google Classroom to learn about the recommendation process.
- Not all colleges require a counselor letter of recommendation.
- Complete as much info as possible AND continually communicate with counselor – regular emails are great!

 Allow a minimum of 10 school days for letter to be submitted



## TEACHER LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

- Not required by all schools
- Speak personally with the teacher!
- Request letter through SchooLinks after teacher agrees, also teachers will submit letters and secondary report through SchooLinks to be sent directly to your colleges.
- Some schools require more or less than others, so pay attention to your colleges' requirements
- Always follow up with a Thank You
- Allow a minimum of 10 school days for letter to be submitted



## FAFSA 2024-2025

- OPENS DEC 2023
- CHECK YOUR COLLEGES FOR THEIR DUE DATES
- 36 QUESTIONS VS 108
- STUDENT & PARENT MUST CREATE AN FSA ID
- TEXAS GRADUATION REQUIREMENT. UPLOAD INTO SCHOOLINKS:
  - PROOF OF FAFSA/TAFSA
  - OR OPT OUT FORM

# Pano East **Financial Aid Night January 2024**

**Application opens December 1st** 

# FOIDW US!

REMIND 101

Plano East Counseling Text the following code to - 81010 @peshcou





## Let's get started with SchooLinks





#### **Top 5 Things for Students to Get Started**

#### A lot of students use SchooLinks with no training at all.

From exploring careers, investigating colleges, and learning about yourself - here are 5 things to keep in mind as you get started:

#### LOGIN TO SCHOOLINKS

Go to app.schoolinks.com and log in via your district's preferred method -Clever, ClassLink, Google SSO, or even username/password if your district uses Microsoft.

#### 2 GO THROUGH ONBOARDING

Don't skip onboarding. It only comes up the first time you login and will be the best way to get you started.

#### **3** TAKE A FEW ASSESSMENTS

Not sure where to start exploring careers? Want to know what celebrity learns the same way you do? Check out SchooLinks fun buzzfeed-style quizzes.

#### EXPLORE CAREERS

You aren't at school just to learn facts. Start exploring what life after school might be like by exploring industries and careers.

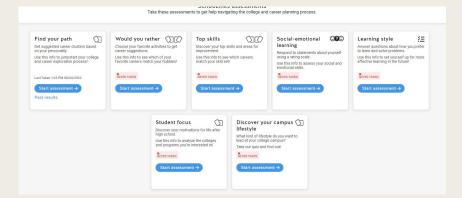
#### 5 CREATE GOALS

Life after school can seem daunting but it doesn't have to be. Start putting down some structured goals around going to college, getting a job, and more.

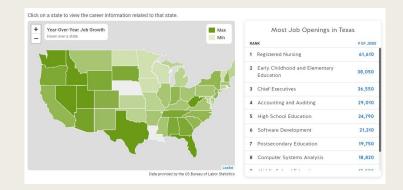
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## **Exploring SchooLinks**

• Take Assessments-they help navigate the college and career planning process



• Take a tour of the Career Center-discover opportunities in your area and across the nation



• Explore School Profiles-learn about the campuses you are interested in



## Parents and SchooLinks

#### **Getting Started**

- Your account has been created with the email address you have on file with the district
- Go to- <u>app.schoolinks.com/login/member</u>
- Log in using an SSO for google account/emails
- Or use the Forgot Password button to claim your account

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### \*Sent out to all PISD parents

# Counselor Corner



WHEN: Wednesday - September 20 & September 27

WHERE: Outside the Counseling Offices in Building 2 (cafeteria)

WHY: To answer any questions regarding the College



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Application process



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## SchooLinks Parent Presentation



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