

# THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS



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Follow these 5 easy steps to ensure you are admitted at the colleges of your choice. All seniors should strive to apply to at minimum 3 – 4 colleges; this will help ensure you have choices and a back-up plan should it be needed.



### 1. APPLY TO THE INSTITUTION (S)

You've selected the school and you've ensured they offer your desired program of study. Now, you have to APPLY. Complete your application by following the college's instructions; many use ApplyTexas, the Common App or you will apply on their webpage directly.

APPLY BY THE COLLEGE'S DEADLINE.

If your desired college charges an application fee, you may be eligible for a fee waiver, check your [CollegeBoard](#) account to download one or ask their admissions office for options.

### 2. SEND RECORDS TO THE COLLEGE(S)

Colleges will need your official high school transcript.

**You can now request your transcript online!**

Request your transcript be sent to each college you have applied to.

If you have taken dual credit, UT On-Ramps classes or have passed an AP exam, send that information as well.

Many colleges request SAT/ACT scores. The student may log in to the appropriate website to send scores.

**SAT Scores**

**ACT Scores**

### 3. SEND FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION AND APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

All students are encouraged to complete a free financial aid application immediately.

Students with a valid social security number, may complete the [FAFSA application online](#) to complete your application and list the colleges you plan to apply to.

Students without a valid social security number, may complete a paper [TASFA application](#) and send a copy to each college they apply to.

All students should continue searching for and applying for available scholarships.

### 4. CHECK COLLEGE ADMISSION STATUS and TSI TEST REQUIREMENT

Students should continuously follow up on their college admission status online via the college's website and with their college's admissions office.

Students should also check with their high school counselor to see if they are required to take the TSI test and schedule a test date. *(Due to COVID-19 restrictions, TSI tests are currently on hold)*

Meeting TSI requirements before high school graduation will help ensure eligibility for college level courses.

[See more information here.](#)

### 5. PRINT FINANCIAL AID AWARD LETTERS & REGISTER FOR NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Starting in April, seniors should log in to all their college accounts and view their financial aid awards letters. A copy should be sent to Ms. Gutierrez or their counselor; they can help explain if student received any grants/awards. Students should compare all financial aid packages offered and follow instructions to accept award at their desired institution. Most financial aid acceptance deadlines are May 1<sup>st</sup>; student should contact the Financial Aid Office at the college/university for more information.

New student orientation at the college of choice should also be scheduled by the student at this time. Contact your desired school's Admissions Office for more information.