

Junior Conference Packet



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House Bill 5 Graduation Plans

Distinguished Level of Achievement Graduation Plan – 26 credits

A student must fulfill the Graduation requirements of at least 1 of the 5 Endorsements below and successfully complete Algebra II.
 *Beginning with the class of 2027 students must take one of the following to fulfill local graduation requirements: Money Matters (year-long) or Dollars & Sense (1 semester) or Professional Communications (1 semester) or General Employability Skills (year-long), or Health (1 semester)

Foundation + Endorsement Graduation Plan – 26 credits

| STEM | Business & Industry | Public Service | Arts & Humanities | Multidisciplinary Studies |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| 4 English – ELA I, II, III & one advanced English | 4 English – ELA I, II, III & one advanced English | 4 English – ELA I, II, III & one advanced English | 4 English – ELA I, II, III & one advanced English | 4 English – ELA I, II, III & one advanced English |
| 4 Math - Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II & one advanced math | 4 Math - Algebra I, Geometry & two advanced math | 4 Math - Algebra I, Geometry & two advanced math | 4 Math - Algebra I, Geometry & two advanced math | 4 Math - Algebra I, Geometry & two advanced math |
| 4 Science - Biology, Chemistry, Physics & one advanced science | 4 Science - Biology, IPC or Chemistry or Physics & two advanced science | 4 Science - Biology, IPC or Chemistry or Physics & two advanced science | 4 Science - Biology, IPC or Chemistry or Physics & two advanced science | 4 Science - Biology, IPC or Chemistry or Physics & two advanced science |
| 4 Social Studies - World Geography, World History, US History, Government (.5) & Economics (.5) | 4 Social Studies - World Geography, World History, US History, Government (.5) & Economics (.5) | 4 Social Studies - World Geography, World History, US History, Government (.5) & Economics (.5) | 4 Social Studies - World Geography, World History, US History, Government (.5) & Economics (.5) | 4 Social Studies - World Geography, World History, US History, Government (.5) & Economics (.5) |
| 2 LOTE or Computer Science I, II, and III, AP Computer Science Principles, AP Computer Science A | 2 LOTE or Computer Science I, II, and III, AP Computer Science Principles, AP Computer Science A | 2 LOTE or Computer Science I, II, and III, AP Computer Science Principles, AP Computer Science A | 2 LOTE or Computer Science I, II, and III, AP Computer Science Principles, AP Computer Science A | 2 LOTE or Computer Science I, II, and III, AP Computer Science Principles, AP Computer Science A |
| 1 Physical Education | 1 Physical Education | 1 Physical Education | 1 Physical Education | 1 Physical Education |
| 1 Fine Arts | 1 Fine Arts | 1 Fine Arts | 1 Fine Arts | 1 Fine Arts |
| .5 Health* | .5 Health* | .5 Health* | .5 Health* | .5 Health* |
| 4 Electives in STEM Program of Study | 4 Electives in Business & Industry Program of Study | 4 Electives in Public Service Program of | 4 Electives in Arts & Humanities Pathway | 4 Electives in Multidisciplinary Pathway |
| 1.5 Additional Electives | 1.5 Additional Electives | 1.5 Additional Electives | 1.5 Additional Electives | 1.5 Additional Electives |

Foundation Graduation Plan – 22 credits*

1.5 Additional Electives

| | |
|--|---|
| 4 English – ELA I - III & one advance 3 Science - Biology, IPC or Chem./Physics & one advanced 3 Math - Algebra I, Geometry & one advanced 3 Social Studies - World Geography or World History US History, Government (.5) & Economics (.5), *A student can only declare the Foundation Plan after sophomore year. Must complete the defined process with a guidance counselor. | 2 LOTE or Computer Science I, II, and III, AP CSP, AP CSA 1 Physical Education 1 Fine Arts 0.5 Health* 4.5 Program of Study Electives |
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State Assessment(s) Required for Graduation

English I
 English II
 Algebra I

Biology
 US History

Performance Acknowledgements

• **Outstanding performance:** Dual credit and articulated coursework; Associate Degree; Bilingualism, AP, PSAT, SAT, and ACT

Certification: Nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license; or government-required credential to practice a profession



College Planning: 11th Grade

Junior year marks a turning point. This is because for most students and families, it's when college planning activities kick into high gear. Here are some things you can do this year to stay on track for college.

FALL

- ☐ **Start with you:** Make lists of your abilities, social/cultural preferences, and personal qualities. List things you may want to study and do in college.
- ☐ **Learn about colleges.** Look at their websites and find colleges at bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search. Talk to friends, family members, teachers, and recent grads of your school now in college. List the college features that interest you.
- ☐ **Resource check:** Visit the counseling office and meet the counselors there. Is there a college night for students and families? When will college representatives visit your school? (Put the dates in your calendar.) Examine catalogs and guides.
- ☐ **At school, speak to your counselor about taking the PSAT/NMSQT[®],** which is given in October. If you plan to ask for testing accommodations (because of a disability), be sure the College Board has approved your eligibility.
- ☐ **Make a file to manage your college search, testing, and application data.** If appropriate (for example, if you're interested in drama, music, art, sports, etc.), start to gather material for a portfolio.
- ☐ **Estimate your financial aid need.** Financial aid can help you afford college. Use the College Board's *Getting Financial Aid* and the financial aid calculator at bigfuture.org to estimate how much aid you might receive.

WINTER

- ☐ **Sign up to take the SAT[®] in the spring.** You can register online or through your school. SAT fee waivers are available to eligible students. To prepare for the SAT, you can access free, personalized SAT practice tools at satpractice.org, including thousands of interactive questions, video lessons, practice tests, and more.
- ☐ **Begin a search for financial aid sources.** National sources include the College Board's Scholarship Search and electronic sources. Don't overlook local and state aid sources. (Ask a counselor for help or check your public library.)
- ☐ **With your family, make an appointment with your counselor** to discuss ways to improve your college-preparation and selection processes.
- ☐ **Ask a counselor or teacher about taking the SAT Subject Tests[™] in the spring.** You should take them while course material is still fresh in your mind. You can download *The SAT Subject Tests Student Guide*, which offers test-prep advice, from SATSubjectTests.org.
- ☐ **Explore AP[®].** The Advanced Placement[®] Program helps hundreds of thousands of high school students achieve their college dreams each year. Get the facts at apstudent.collegeboard.org/exploreap. If you're in AP classes, register for the AP Exams given in May.
- ☐ **Opt in to the College Board Opportunity Scholarships** at cb.org/opportunity. You can earn scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 by completing individual college planning steps. Complete all six steps and you'll be eligible for the \$40,000 scholarship.

SPRING

- ☐ **Contact your counselor** before leaving school for the summer if you are considering military academies or ROTC scholarships. If you want a four-year ROTC scholarship, you should begin the application process the summer before your senior year.
- ☐ **Develop a list of 15 or 20 colleges that are of interest to you.** You can find many colleges at which you'll be happy and get a great education. The college search is about exploring who you are and what you want and then finding colleges that will meet your goals.
- ☐ **Stay open to all the possibilities—don't limit your search.** To find the best college for you, you should apply to colleges of varying selectivity. Selective colleges admit a portion of students who apply. Some colleges are highly selective while others are less selective. Make sure to apply to public, private, in-state, and out-of-state schools so that you have plenty of options from which to choose.
- ☐ **Take the SAT.** The test is typically offered in March, May, and June. Make sure you start preparing for the test several months in advance using the tools available at satpractice.org. And remember, if you're not happy with your scores when you get them, you might want to test again in the fall. Many students take the test a second time as seniors, and they usually do better.
- ☐ **Start to gather documents for financial aid:** Be sure to keep a copy of your tax returns handy. You'll use these to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which opens on Oct. 1.

SUMMER

- ☐ **Register with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Eligibility Center** if you are an athlete planning to continue playing a sport in college (ncaaclearinghouse.net).
- ☐ **Get your FSA ID:** Before you can fill out your FAFSA, you need to get a username and password (also known as an FSA ID).
- ☐ **Find a full-time or part-time job,** or participate in a summer camp or summer college program.
- ☐ **Visit colleges.** When planning your campus visits, make sure to allow time to explore each college. While you're there, talk to as many people as possible. These can include college admission staff, professors, and students. Take campus tours and, at colleges you're serious about, make appointments to have interviews with admission counselors.
- ☐ **Create a résumé**—a record of your academic accomplishments, extracurricular activities, and work experiences since you started high school.
- ☐ **Download applications.** Go to the website of each college's admission office and either complete the application online or request a paper application from colleges to which you'll apply. Check application dates—large universities may have early dates or rolling admission.
- ☐ **Visit some local colleges**—large, small, public, and private. A visit to a college campus can help you decide if that college is right for you. Make a plan ahead of time to get the most from your visit. Check out the campus checklist at bigfuture.org. Attend college fairs, too.
- ☐ **Scan local newspapers** to see which civic, cultural, and service organizations in your area award financial aid to graduating seniors. Start a file.



College Planning: 12th Grade

Want to know if you're on track in the college application process? This checklist shows you what you should be doing, and when.

When you complete steps marked with * you may be eligible for College Board Opportunity Scholarships. Learn more at: [cb.org/opportunity](https://collegeboard.org/opportunity).

FALL

- ☐ **Strengthen Your College List*:** Meet with a counselor about your college choices and, if you've not yet done so, download college applications and financial aid forms. Make sure you have a balanced list of academic safety, fit, and reach schools. Plan to visit as many of these colleges as possible.
- ☐ **Create a master list or calendar that includes:**
 - Tests you'll take and their fees, dates, and registration deadlines
 - College application due dates
 - Required financial aid application forms and their deadlines (aid applications may be due before college applications)
 - Other materials you'll need (recommendations, transcripts, etc.)
 - Your high school's application processing deadlines
- ☐ **Ask a counselor** to help you request a fee waiver if you can't afford application or test fees.
- ☐ **Improve Your Score*:** Many seniors retake the SAT in the fall. Additional coursework and practice with Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy® since your last test could help you boost your performance. Plus you already know what to expect on test day.
- ☐ **Be sure** to have your SAT scores sent to the colleges to which you are applying.
- ☐ **Complete the FAFSA*:** To apply for most financial aid, you'll need to complete the FAFSA. Oct. 1 is the first day you can file the FAFSA.
- ☐ **Complete the CSS Profile:** CSS Profile™ is an online application used by certain colleges and scholarship programs to determine eligibility for their aid dollars.
- ☐ **Prepare** early decision/early action or rolling admission applications as soon as possible. Nov. 1–15: Colleges may require test scores and applications between these dates for early decision admission.
- ☐ **Ask a counselor or teacher** for recommendations if you need them. Give each teacher or counselor an outline of your academic record and your extracurricular activities. For each recommendation, provide a stamped, addressed envelope and any college forms required.
- ☐ **Write first drafts** and ask teachers and others to read them if you're submitting essays. If you're applying for early decision, finish the essays for that application now.
- ☐ **Apply to College*:** Submit your applications to the schools that you want to attend.
- ☐ **Ask counselors** to send your transcripts to colleges. Give counselors the proper forms at least two weeks before the colleges require them.

WINTER

- ☐ **Keep photocopies** as you finish, and send your applications and essays.
- ☐ **Give the correct form** to your counselor if the college wants to see second-semester grades.
- ☐ **Have your high school send a transcript**—it is sent separately by mail to colleges if you apply online to colleges.

SPRING

- ☐ **Keep active in school.** If you are waitlisted, the college will want to know what you have accomplished between the time you applied and the time you learned of its decision.
- ☐ **Visit your final college before accepting.** You should receive acceptance letters and financial aid offers by mid-April. Notify your counselor of your choice. If you have questions about housing offers, talk to your counselor or call the college.
- ☐ **Inform every college** of your acceptance or rejection of the offer of admission and/or financial aid by May 1. Colleges cannot require your deposit or your commitment to attend before May 1. Talk to your counselor or adviser if you have questions.
- ☐ **Send your deposit** to one college only.
- ☐ **Take any AP® Exams.** Show what you've learned in your AP classes. A successful score could even earn you credit, advanced placement, or both in college.
- ☐ **Waitlisted by a college?** If you intend to enroll if you are accepted, tell the admission director your intent and ask how to strengthen your application. Need financial aid? Ask whether funds will be available if you're accepted.
- ☐ **Work with a counselor** to resolve any admission or financial aid problems.
- ☐ **Ask your high school** to send a final transcript to your college.
- ☐ **Review your financial aid awards:** Not all financial aid awards are the same, so it's important to choose the aid package that's best for you and your family. Be sure to note what you have to do to continue receiving financial aid from year to year, and how your aid might change in future years.



11th Grade

12th Grade

College Application Checklist

Having a list of important tasks to complete for each college application will make the application process go smoothly and help you meet deadlines. Opting in to the College Board Opportunity Scholarships at [cb.org/opportunity](https://collegeboard.org/opportunity) can also give you chances at earning scholarships for completing some of these steps.

PLAN

To fill in all the blanks on the application form itself, you may have to dig up documents or get answers from your parents or guardians. Most students use online applications, but paper applications are usually available too. There are also services that let you complete one application online and submit it to several colleges like the Coalition Application, Common Application, and Universal College Application.

| | College 1 | College 2 | College 3 | College 4 |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Get information/application forms | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Make a note about regular application deadline | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Make a note about early application deadline | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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GRADES

The record of the classes you've taken and your grades are important parts of your application. Your high school should send your transcript, along with a school profile, directly to the colleges you're applying to. Ask your school counselor or principal how to arrange for this. And be sure to check the transcript for errors before it's sent.

| | College 1 | College 2 | College 3 | College 4 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Request high school transcript sent | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Request midyear grade reports sent | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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TEST SCORES

Most colleges require or recommend that you send scores from tests such as the SAT®. Colleges accept scores only from the testing organizations themselves. Visit bigfuture.org for more information and to learn more about the role of testing in college admission.

| | College 1 | College 2 | College 3 | College 4 |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Send SAT scores | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Send SAT Subject Test scores | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Send AP® scores | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

Many colleges require letters of recommendation from teachers or other adults who know you well. Ask your references well in advance of the deadlines to write you a recommendation. You may want to give them a short written summary of your achievements to help them write about you.

| | College 1 | College 2 | College 3 | College 4 |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Request recommendation letters | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Send thank-you notes | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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ESSAYS

Your essays are a chance for you to give admission officers a better idea of your character and strengths. Remember to proofread your essays carefully before you send them in.

| | College 1 | College 2 | College 3 | College 4 |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Draft initial essay(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proofread essay(s) for spelling and grammar | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Have two people read essay(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Revise your essay(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proofread your revision | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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APPLICATIONS

Applying to college is a big job, but you can make it easier by breaking it down into a series of small steps.

| | College 1 | College 2 | College 3 | College 4 |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Complete college applications* | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Use exact same name on all of your forms | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Carefully review entire application | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Have a family member or teacher review application | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Notes:

*Visit [cb.org/opportunity](https://www.cb.org/opportunity) to check if you're eligible for the \$1,000 Apply to Colleges scholarship.

INTERVIEWS

It's a good idea to ask for an interview, even if it's not required. It shows you're serious and gives you a chance to connect with someone in the admission office. Even if a college is far away, you may be able to interview with a local alumnus. Read [What to Do Before and After Your College Interview](#) to prepare.

| | College 1 | College 2 | College 3 | College 4 |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Interview at college | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Look into an alumnus interview | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Send thank-you note(s) to interviewer(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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SEND AND TRACK YOUR APPLICATION

Once you've completed your application, follow these tips to make sure all the parts get to where they're going.

| | College 1 | College 2 | College 3 | College 4 |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Make copies of all application materials | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Apply online | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Include application fee | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sign application | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Confirm receipt of application materials | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Send supplemental material, if needed | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mail your institutional aid form, if needed | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mail state aid form, if needed | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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FINANCIAL AID

College is usually more affordable than many families think, thanks to financial aid. Below are key steps to navigating the financial aid process:

| | College 1 | College 2 | College 3 | College 4 |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Make a note of priority financial aid deadline | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Make a note of regular financial aid deadline | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Submit FAFSA (Opens October 1)* | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Submit CSS Profile™, if needed (Opens October 1) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Submit college aid form, if needed | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Notes:

*Visit [cb.org/opportunity](https://collegeboard.org/opportunity) to check if you're eligible for the \$1,000 Complete the FAFSA scholarship.

DECISION

You've received several college admission offers. Now comes the hard part: Which one do you choose? Find out how to make the best decision for you.

| | College 1 | College 2 | College 3 | College 4 |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Receive admission letter | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Receive financial aid award letter | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Get more information about each college | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ask questions about student resources and services | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Compare college features and things you want | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Compare financial aid awards side by side | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Make a decision | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Respond to college you're attending | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Respond to colleges whose offers you're declining | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Send deposit | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Send final high school transcript | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Notes:

Visit bigfuture.org for more information.

What to Know About Applying Early

If you find a college that you're sure is right for you, consider applying early. Early Decision and Early Action plans allow you to apply early (usually in November) and get an admission decision early (usually by Dec. 15).

Early Decision plans are binding

You agree to attend the college if it accepts you and offers an adequate financial aid package. You can apply to only one college for Early Decision. You may also apply to other colleges through the regular admission process, but if you're accepted by your first-choice college early, you must withdraw all other applications.

Early Action plans are nonbinding

While the college will tell you whether or not you're accepted by early January, you have the right to wait until May 1 before responding. This gives you time to compare colleges, including their financial aid offers, before making a decision. You can also apply Early Action to more than one college.

Get advice from your school counselor before applying Early Decision. While it may seem appealing to get the process over with early, it might be too soon to know that you've made the right college choice.

Single-choice Early Action is another option offered by a few colleges

This plan works the same way as other Early Action plans, but candidates may not apply early (either Early Action or Early Decision) to any other school. You can still apply for regular admission to other schools and are not required to give your final answer of acceptance until the regular decision deadline.

If you need financial aid, Early Decision might not be a good idea

You shouldn't apply under an Early Decision plan if you think you'll be better off weighing financial aid packages from several colleges later in the spring. While you can turn down an early acceptance if the college is unable to meet your need for financial aid, "need" in this context is determined by formulas, not by your family.

Not every college offers an early plan

More than 400 colleges offer an Early Decision plan, an Early Action plan, or both; but that is less than 20 percent of all colleges.






Early Decision and Early Action Calendar

Are you prepared to apply early to college? If you are even considering the option of early decision or early action, here are the steps you need to take right now:

| Junior Year | |
|--------------------------|---|
| January–May | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take the SAT® and/or ACT • Visit colleges during spring break |
| May–June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take SAT Subject Tests if required • Work hard and keep up good grades (Note: Colleges only have your transcript through junior year) |
| Senior Year | |
| September–October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on and complete applications • Get teachers to fill out recommendation forms • File early decision or early action applications according to school deadlines and procedures • Take SAT or ACT if necessary (Note: October is the last test date that will make scores available in time for early decision and early action programs) • If necessary, register for CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE® online or by using a form |
| November | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue filing early decision or early action applications according to specific school deadlines • Follow up with teacher recommendations • Work on regular-decision applications as a backup if you don't get in early decision or early action • File the PROFILE form and any other college-based financial aid forms that may be required of early decision candidates |

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

Colleges typically accept SAT and ACT scores equally. Help students evaluate the characteristics of each exam to determine which best fits their needs.

| | SAT | ACT |
|---|---|--|
|  Duration | 3 hours, 50 minutes (3 hours without essay) | 3 hours, 40 minutes (3 hours without essay) |
|  Sections | Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Mathematics Essay (optional) | English Reading Mathematics Science Essay (optional) |
|  Scores | Composite scale: 400–1600 Each section: 200–800 Essay: 2–8 | Composite scale: 1–36 Each section: 1–36 Essay: 2–12 |
|  Cost | \$57.00* (\$45.00 without essay) Fee waivers available | \$62.50* (\$46.00 without essay) Fee waivers available |
|  Frequency | National test dates: 7 (October, November, December, January, March, May, and June) | National test dates: 7 (September, October, December, February, April, June, and July) |

*College entrance exam fees are subject to change each year.
 Visit the ACT and College Board websites for the most current exam fees.

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1

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2

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3

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An introduction to the format and layout of the test.



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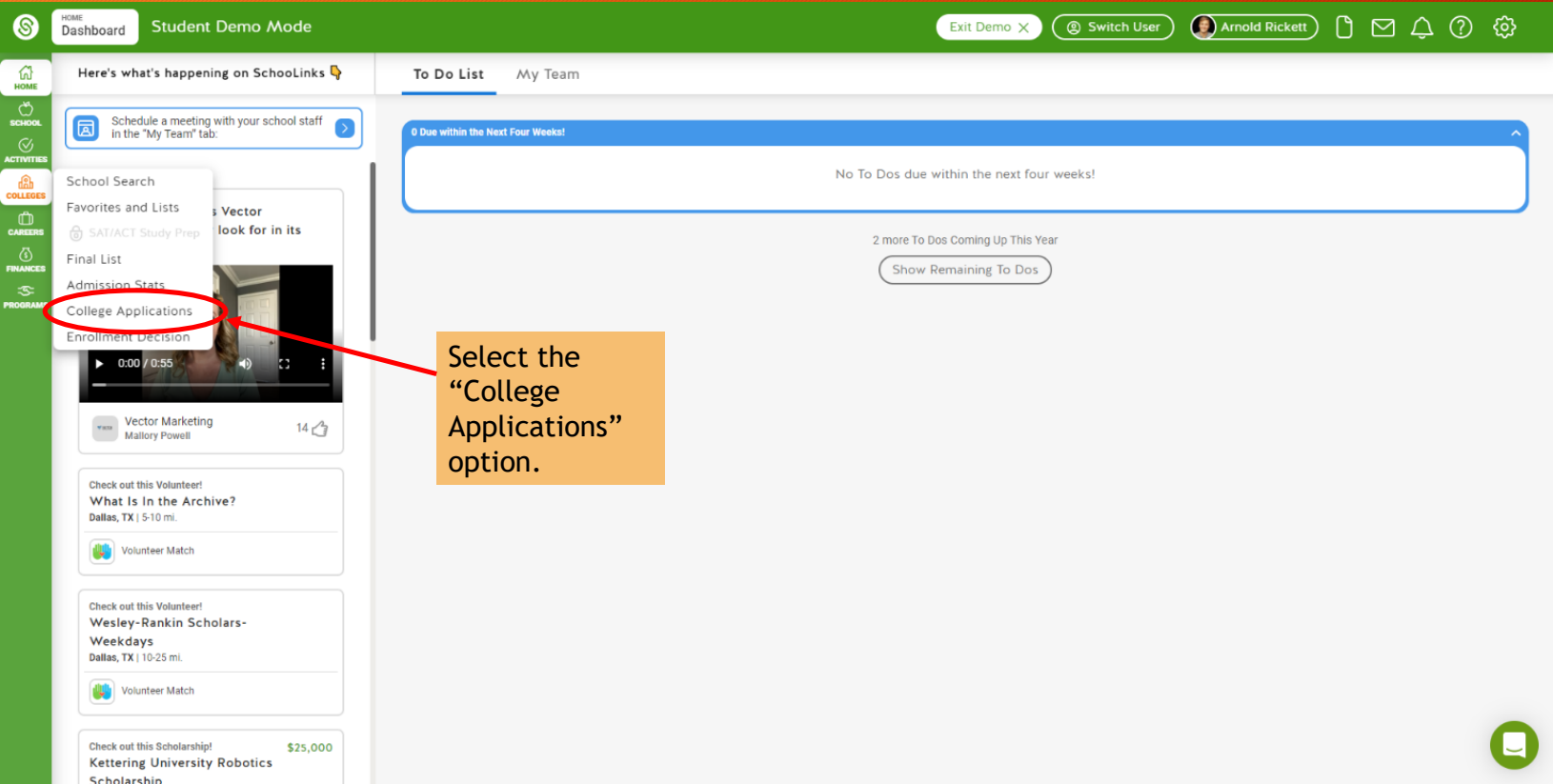
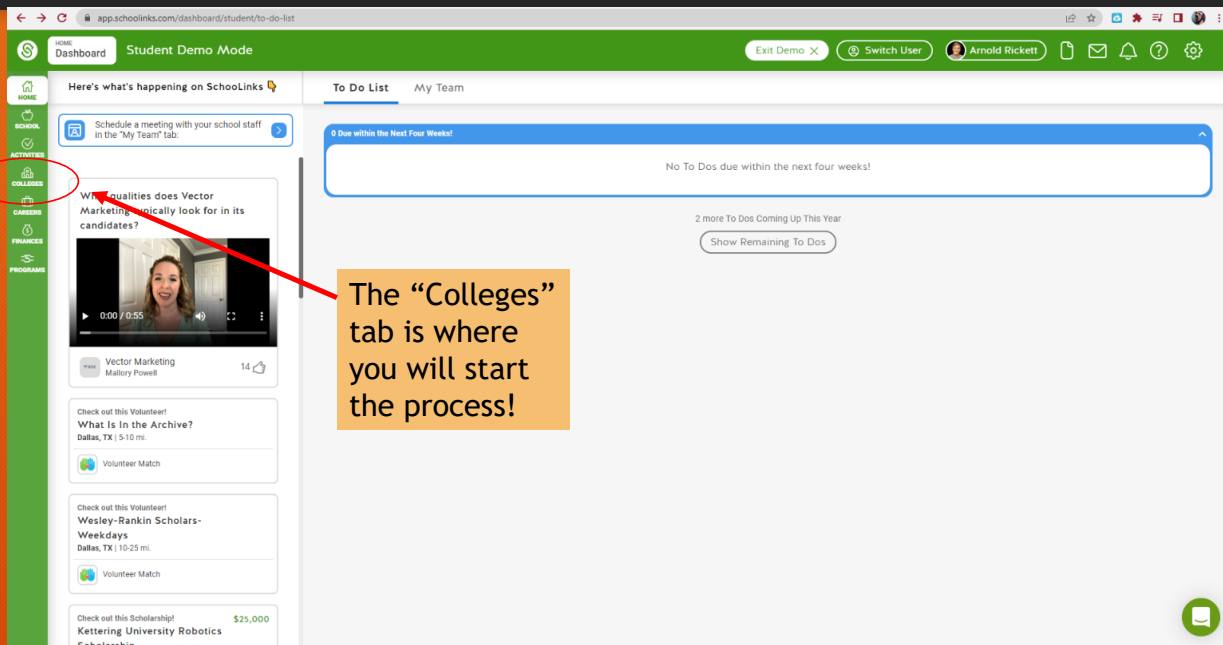
Fall 2023 Automatic Admission Policies
(For students applying for Fall 2023 US Freshman Admissions)

| CLASS RANK | Test Optional | Top 6% | Top 7-10% | 1st Q (Top 11-25%) | | 2nd Q (Top 26-50%) | | 3rd Q (Top 51-75%) | | 4th Q (Top 76-100%) | | Additional Comments |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|---|-----------|--|-----|-------------------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|--|
| UNIVERSITY | | SAT/ACT | SAT/ACT | SAT | ACT | SAT | ACT | SAT | ACT | SAT | ACT | |
| Angelo State University | Yes | No Min | No Min | No Min | | 920 | 17 | Indvl Rw | | Indv Rw | | Verified 07/28/2022 |
| Concordia University Texas | Yes | GPA of 2.5 (4.0 scale) | | | | | | | | | | Updated 07/28/2022 |
| Houston Baptist University | Yes | 1070/21 | | | | | | Indvl Rw | | Indvl Rw | | TO: Essay Required; All ranks w/ 1270 SAT/ 26 ACT Auto Admit- Updated 07/28/2022 |
| Huston-Tillotson University | Yes | 3.5+ GPA or 1080/22 | | | | 2.5+ GPA or 2.3-2.49 GPA and 900/16 | | | | | | 3.5+ GPA automatically reiewed for merit-based scholarships- Updated 08/02/2022 |
| Lamar University | Yes | No Min | No Min | No Min | | No Min | | 1080 | 21 | 1080 | 21 | DC w/18 hours guar admit, must have 2.0 college GPA- Verified 07/28/2022 |
| Lubbock Christian University | Yes | 1200/25 | | | | | | | | | | Updated 08/02/2022 |
| Midwestern State University | Yes | No Min | No Min | No Min | | 1070 | 21 | 1140 | 23 | 1180 | 24 | TO: 3.0-4.0 Auto Admit, 2.75-2.99 Uncon Admit; 2.5-2.74 Cond Admit- Verified 07/28/2022 |
| Prairie View A&M | No | No Min | No Min | No Min | | 800 | 15 | 800 | 15 | 800 | 15 | Minimum GPA of 2.8- Updated 08/02/2022 |
| Sam Houston State University | Yes | No Min | No Min | 3.5-4.0 GPA 930/17 | | 3.0-3.49 GPA 1010/19 | | 2.5-2.99 GPA 1110/22 | | 2.25-2.49 GPA 1210/25 | | TO: 3.0-4.0 No Test- Auto Admit; 2.99 & Below No Test- Review Only- Verified 08/01/2022 |
| Stephen F. Austin State University | Yes | No Min | No Min | No Min | | 1030 | 20 | 1170 | 24 | Indv Rw | | TO: Top 25% Uncond, 26-100% Indvl Rev- Verified 08/01/2022 |
| Sul Ross University | Yes | No Min | No Min | No Min | | No Min | | 1040 | 20 | 1040 | 20 | 890/16 Probationary Admissions for Fall Semester- Updated 08/01/2022 |
| Tarleton State University | Yes | No Min | No Min | No Min | | No Min | | Indvl Rw | | Indvl Rw | | Test scores not required for admissions but ecouraged for scholarships- Verified 08/01/2022 |
| Texas A&M- College Station | Yes | No Min | No Min | Indvl Rw | | Indvl Rw | | Indvl Rw | | Indvl Rw | | Verified 08/01/2022 |
| Texas A&M- Commerce | Yes | No Min | No Min | No Min (Top 30%) | | 1060 | 21 | 1060 | 21 | 1060 | 21 | 70-100% must submit test score for automatic admissions- Updated 08/01/2022 |
| Texas A&M- Corpus Christi | Yes | No Min | No Min | No Min | | 1080 | 21 | 1170 | 23 | 1270 | 27 | Updated 08/01/2022 |
| Texas A&M- Galveston | Yes | No Min | No Min | Indvl Rw | | Indvl Rw | | Indvl Rw | | Indvl Rw | | Test scores required for merit based scholarships- Verified 08/01/2022 |
| Texas A&M- International | No | No Min | No Min | No Min | | No Min (Top 40%) | | 980 | 19 | 980 | 19 | Provisional Admissions (for fall) 920/17- Updated 08/01/2022 |
| Texas A&M- Kingsville | Yes | No Min | No Min | No Min | | 2.7 GPA or 1000/19 | | | | | | Updated 08/01/2022 |
| Texas A&M- San Antonio | Yes | No Min | No Min | No Min | | 3.25 GPA or 1100/22 | | | | | | Updated 08/01/2022 |
| Texas Southern University | Yes | No Min | No Min | 2.5 GPA or 900/17 | | | | | | | | Verified- 08/04/2022 |
| Texas State University | Top 75% | No Min | No Min | No Min | | 1090 | 22 | 1250 | 26 | 1330 | 29 | If applying TO, only Top 35% will be reviewed for merit scholarships- Updated 08/01/2022 |
| Texas Tech University | Yes | No Min | No Min | 1180 | 24 | 1240 | 26 | 1280 | 27 | Indvl Rw | | TO: Highly recommended to submit "optional supplemental documents"- Verified 08/01/2022 |
| Texas Woman's University | Yes | No Min | No Min | No Min | | 1080 | 21 | Indvl Rw | | Indvl Rw | | Minimum GPA 2.0- Verified 08/01/2022 |
| University of Houston- Main Campus | Yes | No Min | No Min | 1080 / 21 TO: ≥ 3.40 | | 1170 / 24 TO: ≥ 3.45 | | Indvl Rw | | Indvl Rw | | Unspoken Rule: 3rd & 4th Q: 1270/27; TO requires additional supp dox- Verified 08/01/2022 |
| University of Houston- Clear Lake | Yes | No Min | No Min | 1030 / 20 TO: ≥ 3.30 | | 1130 / 23 TO: ≥ 3.45 | | TO: ≥ 3.5 | | | | Updated 08/01/2022 |
| University of Houston- Downtown | Yes | No Min | No Min | No Min | | 2.5 GPA or 930/18 | | 930 | 18 | 930 | 18 | TS encourged for merit scholarships; Minimum GPA 2.5 - Updated 08/01/2022 |
| University of Houston- Victoria | Yes | No Min | No Min | Must meet 2: Top 50%, 2.0 GPA, 940/18 | | | | | | | | TO: Assured admit Top 60% and 2.5 GPA- Verified 08/01/2022 |
| University of North Texas | GPA Based | No Min | No Min | 1030 | 20 | 1130 | 23 | 1250 | 26 | Indvl Rw | | Assured admissions 3.0 Unweighted GPA- Verified 08/01/2022 |
| UT- Arlington | Yes | No Min | No Min | No Min | | 1130 | 22 | Indvl Rw | | Indvl Rw | | Scores can help w/ admissions & scholarships- Verified 08/01/2022 |
| UT- Austin | Yes | No Min | Indvl Rw | Indvl Rw | | Indvl Rw | | Indvl Rw | | Indvl Rw | | Top 6% Auto Admit- Verified 08/01/2022 |
| UT- Dallas | Yes | No Min | No Min | Indvl Rw | | Indvl Rw | | Indvl Rw | | Indvl Rw | | Verified 08/01/2022 |
| UT- El Paso | No | No Min | No Min | No Min | | 920 | 19 | 970 | 20 | 1010 | 23 | Can be reviewed/admitted based on college level TSIA2 scores- Verified 08/01/2022 |
| UT- Permian Basin | Yes | No Min | No Min | No Min | | Indvl Rw | | Indvl Rw | | Indvl Rw | | Test scores valued but not required- Updated 08/01/2022 |
| UT- Rio Grande Valley | Yes | No Min | No Min | Indvl Rw | | Indvl Rw | | Indvl Rw | | Indvl Rw | | Verified 08/01/2022 |
| UT- San Antonio | Yes | No Min | No Min | No Min | | 1170 | 24 | Indvl Rw* | | Indvl Rw* | | *Indvl review min: 2Q: 980/19; 3Q:1080/21; 4Q:1170/24- Verified 08/02/2022 |
| UT- Tyler | Yes | No Min | No Min | No Min | | 2.75 GPA | | | | | | Minimum GPA 2.75- Verified 08/01/2022 |
| West Texas A&M | Yes | No Min | No Min | Must meet 1: Top 30%, 3.0 GPA, 1060/21 | | | | | | | | Minimum GPA 2.0- Verified 08/01/2022 |
| NON TX Schools | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arizona State University | Yes | Top 25% and 3.0 GPA | | | | | | | | | | Updated- 08/01/2022 |
| Kansas State University | Yes | 3.25 GPA or 1060 SAT/ 21 ACT and if applicable a min 2.0 College GPA | | | | | | | | | | Updated- 08/01/2022 |
| Mississippi State University | Yes | 2.0 GPA (based on College Prep Curriculum [CPC]) | | | | | | | | | | TO for admissions, test scores required for automatic merit scholarships- Updated 08/01/2022 |
| Oklahoma State University | Yes | 3.0 GPA and Top 33.3% or 3.0 GPA and 1060 SAT/ 21 ACT or 1160 SAT/ 24 ACT | | | | | | | | | | TO for admissions, test scores required for automatic merit scholarships- Verified 08/01/2022 |
| University of Kansas | Yes | 3.25 GPA or 1060/21 and a 2.0 GPA for Coll of Lib Art and School of Social Welfare-others may be diff | | | | | | | | | | Merit scholarships based on GPA- Updated 08/01/2022 |
| University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) | Yes | 3.2 GPA (based on CPC); Top 50% or 2.5 GPA and 880 SAT/ 16 ACT; 960 SAT/ 18 ACT and a 2.0 GPA* | | | | | | | | | | TS "very important" for merit scholarships; Admission based on availability; Apply Early- Updated 08/02/2022 |

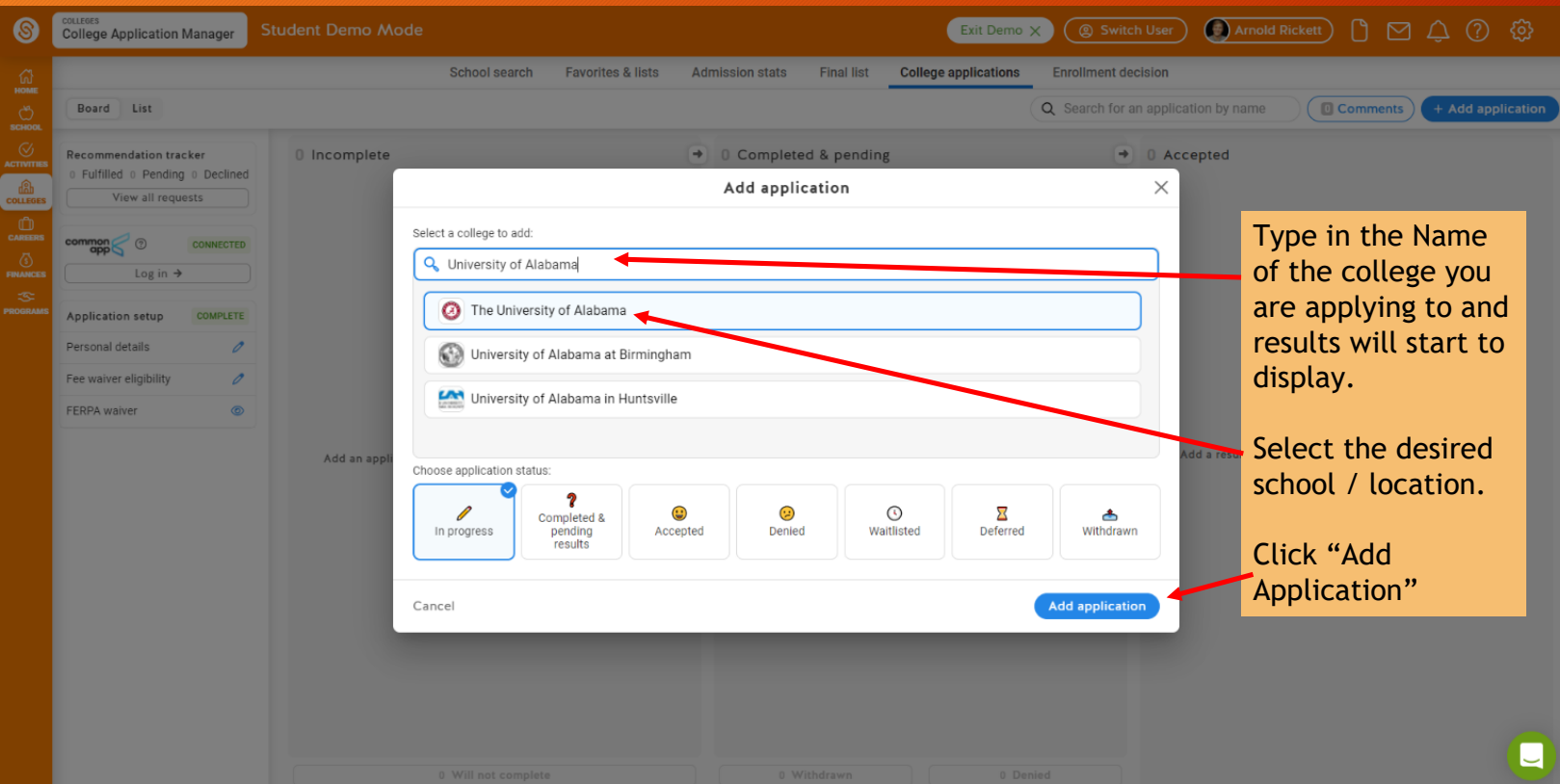
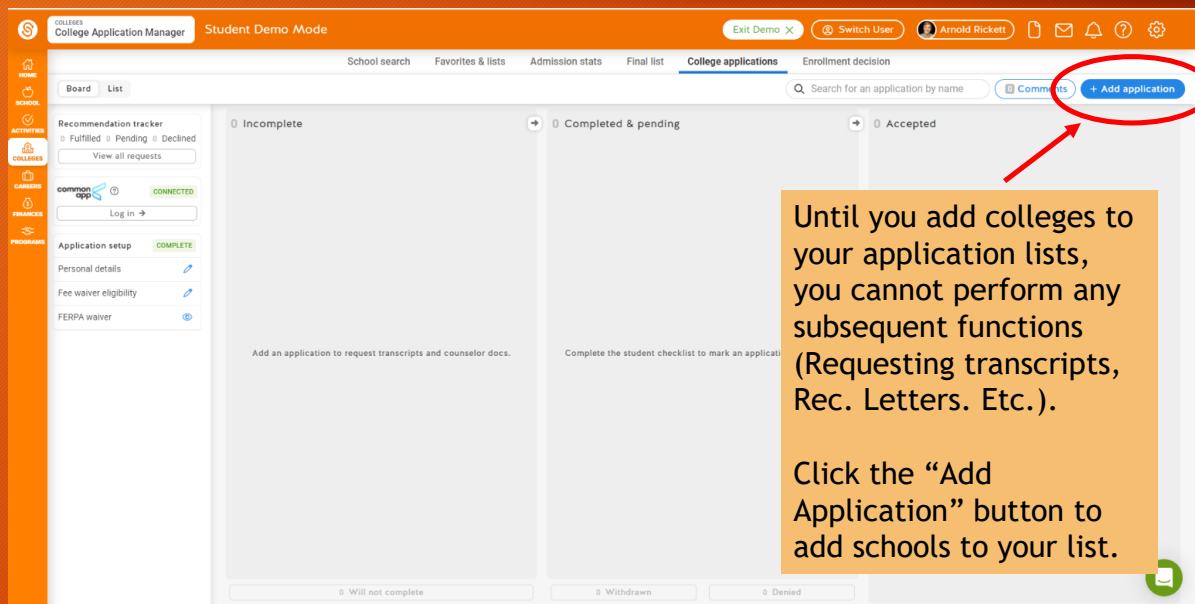
Indvl Rw= Individual Review; Auto admissions is for general admissions to the university, not for specific programs. Informa tion is for Class of 2022 and is subject to change without notice. For Texas public colleges students will be require to submit ACT/SAT/TSIA2 score to verify college level readiness .

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Starting Point: Home Screen



Step One: Adding Colleges to your Application list



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Admissions Application Info Financial Aid

Application status: **In Progress** Comments

We've added the application method, application type and document destination available for this college. If you can't find the option you're looking for, let us know in the chat.

Application Method

common app School-specific online app

Application Type

Regular Decision May 1 Rolling Jul 29

Application deadline Select month and day

Doc Destination

This college is In-Network. We'll make sure your materials are sent electronically where they need to go.

Program Name (Optional)

Fill this in if you're applying to a program that requires a different application.

Program name

Now, an options box appears where you will be asked specific questions about your application.

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Program name

Application Method:

Will you be using a Common App. or the School system? If a school uses more systems they will also appear as options.

(FYI...An advantage to using Common App is that you can use this method for multiple schools.)

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Early Action / Decision

Regular Decision (Most common)

Rolling Decision

(Remember...Early decision is a legally binding contract!)

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Program name

Student requirements

Select any of the following that apply to this application. You can always add or remove from the student checklist later if you change your mind.

Financial aid

☐ I will be submitting a school-specific Financial Aid Application to this institution.

☐ I will be completing the FAFSA form and will need to designate this institution to receive my information in the FAFSA portal.

Scores and performance

☒ I will be submitting test scores along with my application to this institution. Required

☐ I will be submitting a Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR) along with my application to this institution. Optional

Save Application

Unless you know that this pertains to your application, most people won't use this option.

In most cases a student would be using a FAFSA application for this.

For an academic self report, you will need an unofficial transcript. Go by the Registrar's Office in the front of "B" Building.

SAT / ACT scores are sent from those organizations. You will need to log into your account on their websites to have these scores sent.

When you are finished...Click Save Application.

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Now, you have entered this school in your application list.

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Admissions Application Info Financial Aid

Application status: In Progress Comments

| Method | Type | Deadline |
|------------|------------------|----------|
| Common App | Regular Decision | May 01 |

STUDENT CHECKLIST

- Test Scores
 - The University of Alabama will not require standardized ACT or SAT scores from students applying through the Fall 2023 Semester. The presence of a score will not create an unfair advantage or disadvantage to students applying for admission. If you are unsure whether or not to submit a standardized test score, contact your high school counselor or UA recruiter.
- FAFSA Submission
 - Complete your FAFSA and set up this school to receive your application on the School Selection Page.
- Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR)
 - Applicants create the SRAR using their official high school transcript, listing courses and associated grades that have been completed or will be completed for high school and/or college credit.
- Submit Application on Common App
 - Complete on Common App →

TEACHER EVALUATIONS

This college does not accept teacher evaluations.

COUNSELOR DOCUMENTS

All required documents are determined by Common App and automatically requested from counselors. Students must contact their counselor to request inclusion of optional documents.

- School Report
 - Added 08/16/2022 as preset
- Counselor Recommendation
 - Not needed
- Mid Year Report
 - Not needed

Request Counselor Document

Schoollinks gives you a check list that is reflective of how you answered the questions on the previous screen. These are tasks that you need to complete so your application moves to "Final" status.

This section gives you a summary of your application including: Method, Type, & Deadline.

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In this example, this school does require letters of recommendation.

Rice University >

Admissions Application Info Financial Aid

Application status: In Progress Comments

| Method | Type | Deadline |
|------------|------------------|----------|
| Common App | Regular Decision | Jan 04 |

STUDENT CHECKLIST

- Test Scores
 - Rice will allow first-year and transfer student applicants to undergraduate degree-seeking programs for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 application cycles to submit SAT or ACT test scores if they choose. Students who are unable to submit test scores or prefer not to submit test scores will be given full consideration in the admission selection process.
- FAFSA Submission
 - Complete your FAFSA and set up this school to receive your application on the School Selection Page.

TEACHER EVALUATIONS

Remember to update your student profile and communicate with your teachers before adding them as a recommender on SchoolLinks.

2 Required

- + Add Recommender Required
- + Add Recommender Required

Request Teacher Evaluation

COUNSELOR DOCUMENTS

If the school requires Teacher Recommendations, these will show up in this area. One you click on the "Add Recommender" you will select a teacher name from the drop down box.

Remember, always go by and speak with a teacher about this BEFORE sending them a request for a rec. letter!

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Rice University

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Application status: In Progress

Comments

Method
Common App

Type
Regular Decision

Deadline
Jan 04

Remember, these tasks must be completed to Finalize your application!

STUDENT CHECKLIST

Test Scores

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FAFSA Submission

Complete your FAFSA and set up this school to receive your application on the School Selection Page.

Submit Application on Common App

Complete on Common App →

Submit Common App Writing Supplement

Complete on Common App →

New Student Requirement

TEACHER EVALUATIONS

Remember to update your student profile and communicate with your teachers before adding them as a recommender on SchoolLinks.

2 Required

Aaron Adams

Requested 08/19/2022 by Arnold Mayhill

Remove

Abigail Downs

Requested 08/19/2022 by Arnold Mayhill

Remove

COUNSELOR DOCUMENTS

All required documents are determined by Common App and automatically requested from counselors. Students must contact their counselor to request inclusion of optional documents.

School Report

Added 08/19/2022 as preset

Counselor Recommendation

Added 08/19/2022 as preset

Mid Year Report

Added 08/19/2022 as preset

Request Counselor Document

Once you have selected your Recommenders, Your counselor will be sent a request for their documents to be submitted.

If a Counselor Recommendation is required, go by and speak with your counselor ASAP!

FINISH THE FAFSA IN FIVE STEPS

1

GATHER MATERIALS

- ▶ Social Security card.
- ▶ Driver's license.
- ▶ W-2 forms and tax returns specified on the FAFSA.
- ▶ Current balance of cash, checking and savings accounts.
- ▶ Determine your dependency status with our [Dependency Questionnaire](#).
- ▶ If you're a dependent student, you'll also need your parents' financial information.

2

CREATE AN FSA ID

- ▶ The FSA ID is your username and password.
- ▶ Use your FSA ID to electronically sign your FAFSA and your student loan applications, make corrections to your FAFSA and more.
- ▶ Go to [StudentAid.gov](#) to sign up.
- ▶ Save your FSA ID to use again next year.
- ▶ If you're a dependent student, one of your parents will also need an FSA ID. Utilize the FSA ID worksheet at [UCanGo2.org](#).

3

FILL IT OUT

- ▶ Apply online at [StudentAid.gov](#) for quicker processing time and to save your information for next year.
- ▶ Enter student and parent names as shown on Social Security cards.
- ▶ Send your FAFSA results to up to 10 campuses.
- ▶ Read about the IRS Data Retrieval Tool at [StudentAid.gov](#) to learn how to automatically transfer tax data to your FAFSA.

4

SIGN & SUBMIT

- ▶ Print a copy of your answers from the Summary page and review for errors.
- ▶ If you didn't use your FSA ID to start or complete your FAFSA, you'll need to use it to sign at the end. Don't forget to click SUBMIT at the bottom of the screen.
- ▶ Review your confirmation page for information about the campuses you've selected and an estimate of your federal aid eligibility.

5

FOLLOW UP

- ▶ Watch your email for a Student Aid Report (SAR) and information from the institutions that received your FAFSA results.
- ▶ Provide any other necessary documentation that may be required by your institution, such as your accepted financial aid offer, and be sure to follow up with your college financial aid office if you have additional questions.

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RESOURCES

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Visit [UCanGo2.org](#) or [StartWithFAFSA.org](#) for helpful tools and information about planning and paying for education after high school. Contact us at UCanGo2@ocap.org or 866.443.7420.

StudentAid.gov

Complete and submit the FAFSA.

StudentAid.gov

Create a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) once and reuse it each year to complete the FAFSA online. Students can start here to create the FSA ID with more information and it saves clicking the Create Account button from the FSAID.ed.gov page. They can also login from this page if they already have an account.

ReadySetRepay.org

Learn about making smart borrowing decisions and strategies for successful student loan repayment.

OKcollegestart.org

Find useful financial aid planning information and tools to calculate college costs and build your financial aid plan.

OklahomaMoneyMatters.org


Find helpful tools and resources to empower you to make positive financial choices.

Financial Aid Office

Contact your college's financial aid office if you have questions or need to follow up after you've submitted the FAFSA.

FAFSA FACTS

A college education is an investment in your future, and financial aid is available to help manage the cost. One of the most important steps you can take to find grants, scholarships and low-cost loans is completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). We have some handy tips that will help you complete the FAFSA and start down the road to success!

- ▶ Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after **Oct. 1** every year to meet college and state deadlines.
- ▶ Never pay to complete the FAFSA — the first letter in FAFSA stands for FREE!
- ▶ Set up your Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) at [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) before you complete the FAFSA. Use the FSA ID worksheet to keep track of your information. Find it at [UCanGo2.org/publications](https://ucango2.org/publications).
- ▶ Visit [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) to complete the application online to complete the FAFSA on your phone or tablet, and receive step-by-step instructions. You can also download and print a paper copy. Instructions are available at [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov).
- ▶ Hit the “**Save**” button often. Always use the “**Next**” and “**Previous**” buttons on the site. Never use the “Back” button on your browser or you may lose your information.
- ▶ If you have a question while completing the FAFSA online, you can check out “**Tool Tips**” (look for this icon:  for detailed information on each item.
- ▶ Because [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) is a secure site, your information is encrypted for privacy.
- ▶ IRS tax data can be electronically transferred directly to your online FAFSA.
- ▶ Dependent students will need to include information about their parents’ income and assets when completing the FAFSA. If you have a special situation, you should contact your campus’s financial aid office.
- ▶ If you answer “yes” to any dependency status question, you’ll be considered an independent student.
- ▶ You should receive a copy of the SAR (Student Aid Report) after submitting your FAFSA. Remember to review the SAR for accuracy.
- ▶ Males are no longer required to register with Selective Service before receiving federal financial aid. However, according to federal law, males age 18-25 are still required to register. To learn more about the Selective Service, visit sss.gov.
- ▶ Even if you think you won’t qualify for aid, fill out the FAFSA anyway! Income is only one of the factors considered and nearly everyone qualifies for some type of financial aid.
- ▶ Visit [StartWithFAFSA.org](https://startwithfafsa.org) to find FAFSA completion video tutorials available in English and Spanish.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be completed every year you need financial aid for college. The FAFSA should be completed as soon as possible after **Oct. 1** to meet state and federal deadlines for the upcoming academic year. Don’t wait! Although you may qualify for several types of aid, if you wait too long, some funds may be exhausted.

TASFA CHECKLIST

TASFA is a free application for financial aid for undocumented students funded by the state of Texas. The new application opens October 1st. The TASFA also requires a number of other documents in order to process your application.

Please use this checklist to help keep up with your progress.

To start, you will need:

1. Parent's current marital status and date of marriage/divorce/separation, etc.
2. Basic parent info: name, date of birth, DACA # (if applicable), phone number, email address, highest level of education
3. Student & parent tax information (if your parents didn't file taxes they will need to fill out a 4506-T)

Check once completed:

- ☐ Paper TASFA packet <http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/>
- ☐ Affidavit of residency (must be notarized)
- ☐ Copy of 1040, W-2, and 1099 from 2020 for student (if the student worked)
- ☐ Copy of 1040, W-2, and 1099 from 2020 for parent
- ☐ Tax transcript (order by mail from IRS)

<https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript>

- ☐ MALES: selective service registration & confirmation card

Scholarships

<https://www.fastweb.com/>

<https://scholarshipamerica.org/>

<https://www.scholarships.com/>

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/bigfuture-scholarships>

<https://finaid.org/>

<https://www.raise.me/>

<https://www.schoollinks.com/> (you will find PFISD scholarships in Schoolinks)

University Scholarships- Check each university website

<https://www.pfisd.net/Page/3826> (PFISD Scholarships)

<https://comptroller.texas.gov/programs/education/funding/aid/faidalpha.php>

<https://www.hsf.net/scholarship>

<https://scholarships.uncf.org/>

<https://www.cappex.com/>

<https://studentscholarships.org/>

<https://www.aie.org/>

<https://www.goingmerry.com/>

<https://tuitionfit.org/>

<http://hhscollegeandcareercenter.weebly.com/uploads/3/7/6/4/37648011/scholarshipsearchupdated.pdf>

<https://www.standoutcollegeprep.com/texas-scholarships/>

<https://students.austincc.edu/scholarships/>

<https://www.tstc.edu/admissions/financial-aid/scholarships/>