



CY-FAIR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Today's Students – Tomorrow's Future

Senior Parent/Student Night 2024

HISTORY

- Cy-Fair Educational Foundation (“CFEF”) founded in 1970 by Cy-Fair business & community leaders as 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
- CFEF Board consists of approximately 65 volunteer Board trustees committed to assisting students with post high school educational pursuits
- Vision - Provide financial assistance to Cy-Fair Independent School District (“CFISD”) students wanting to attend college
- Mission - Singularly committed to fundraising & scholarships for students from CFISD
- Completely aligned with CFISD due to our financial assistance awarded ONLY to CFISD students



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CFEF IMPACT

- Celebrating 54 years - Awards total over \$13.4 Million to 3,000+ students
- Donated approximately \$4.4 million for CFISD staff development programs through the Salute to the Stars Event (which started in 1998)
- Awarded over \$980,000 to 154 CFISD 2025 graduating seniors
- Awards provided to students attending many colleges/universities including Lone Star College – Designated trade scholarships for Lone Star include Automotive and Welding
- Scholarship / Award amounts range from \$1000 - \$32,000 each
 - Minimum 3 awards per high school
- Provide financial assistance to CFISD students wanting to attend college
 - Very important that students complete the FAFSA (“Free Application for Federal Student Aid”) form to access financial resources like Federal Pell Grants and Texas Grants
 - Applying by Oct. 1 could provide a greater opportunity to access such resources
 - Certain public universities provide tuition assistance based on economic need but FAFSA is required

CFEF FUNDRAISERS

- BF Adam Golf Classic
- Salute to the Stars
- Salute to Our Heroes
- Houston Methodist Cy-Hoops Invitational
- CFEF Sporting Clay
- Donate to Educate
- Corporate Partners / Individual Donors / Endowment Partners



Important Dates

- November 24, 2025 – Online application will be available on CFEF website
- January 9, 2026 – Deadline for online application for certain CFEF awards
- January 23, 2026 Paperwork Due
- March 2026 – Online application for CFEF Schroeder application
 - Requires Lone Star College attendance
- April 2026 – Close CFEF Schroeder application
- June 2, 2026 – Awards Reception at Berry Center



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Road to College



COLLEGE PREP CHECKLIST

Focus on Grades

Build strong study habits and keep your GPA up—colleges look at all 4 years.

Prepare/Practice for SAT

All juniors will take SAT for free March 25th. Additional testing requires registration:

SAT- collegeboard.org ACT - act.org

Explore College & Career Interests

Research careers and majors that interest you, students can use Xello; visit college websites or attend fairs.

Get Involved in Clubs & Activities [2025-26 Club and Organization](#)

Join clubs, sports, or organizations that align with your interests.

COLLEGE PREP CHECKLIST

Seek Leadership Opportunities

Take on leadership roles in clubs, sports teams, or community groups.

Volunteer or Get a Job

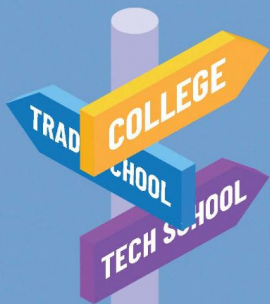
Build work experience and show responsibility through part-time jobs or volunteering.

Start a Resume or Activities List

Keep track of all extracurriculars, awards, jobs, and volunteer work.

Build Relationships with Teachers & Counselors

Recommendation letters needed for some colleges/scholarships, build connections early on.



College Night

OCT. 7 • 6-8 P.M.
BERRY CENTER

All secondary students and parents are invited to this free event. Wherever you are in the college search, explore your options here!

Students and parents should park in **Lots A & B** and enter through **Entrance 2**.

Free parking is available.

Concessions will be open.

No registration required.

Clear bag policy enforced.

Save time and impress reps by coming prepared with your Student Barcode Pass.

falltacrao.swoogo.com/Registration

Filter by Region - Houston 1

Cypress-Fairbanks ISD - Oct. 7th



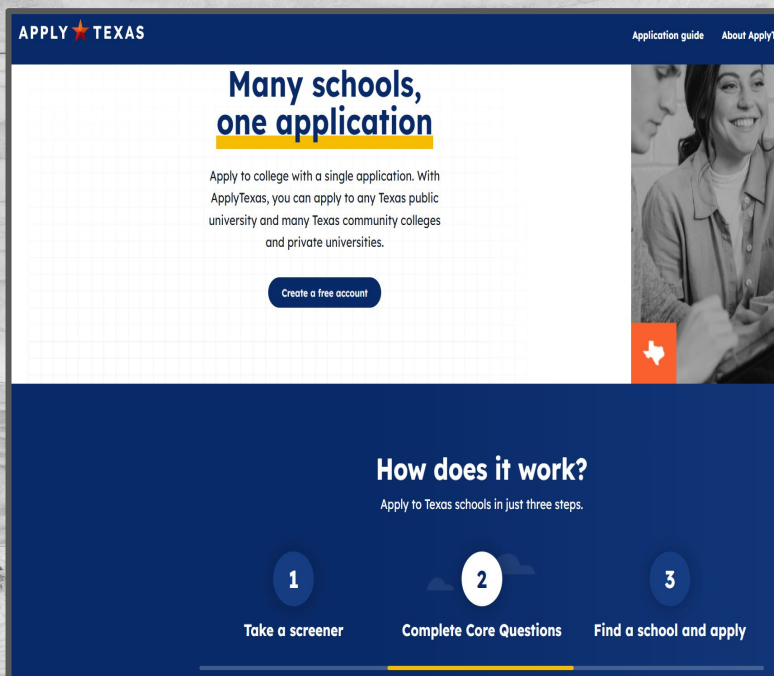
COLLEGE, TRADE SCHOOL, AND MILITARY VISITS



- 2 visits allowed junior and senior year
- Contact the college, school, or office you want to visit
- Forms can be found on the *Cy-Fair HS Website/Our School/Attendance Office*
- During the visit, an official will sign the form to validate (No business cards)
- Return completed form to the attendance office within 3 days of your visit
- No penalty towards exemptions

<https://cyfair.cfsd.net/our-school/about-us/attendance-office>

APPLICATION OPTIONS



APPLY TEXAS

Application guide About ApplyTexas

Many schools, one application

Apply to college with a single application. With ApplyTexas, you can apply to any Texas public university and many Texas community colleges and private universities.

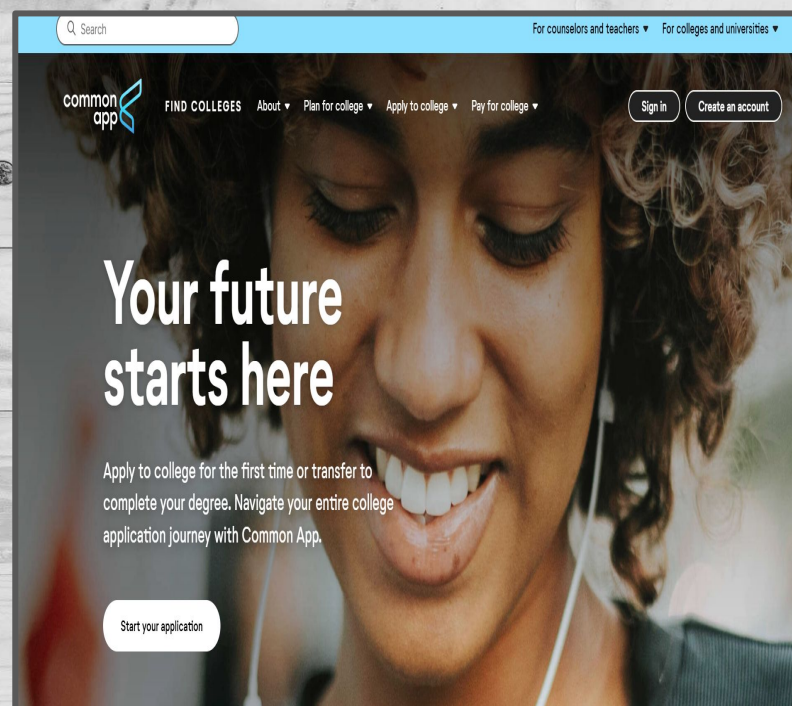
Create a free account

How does it work?

Apply to Texas schools in just three steps.

- 1 Take a screener
- 2 Complete Core Questions
- 3 Find a school and apply

APPLYTEXAS.ORG



Search

For counselors and teachers For colleges and universities

common app

FIND COLLEGES About Plan for college Apply to college Pay for college

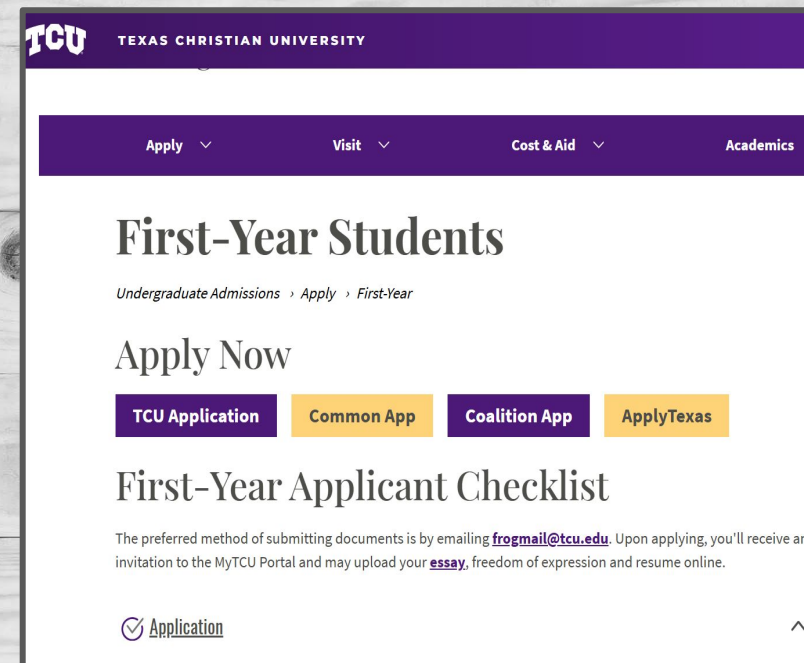
Sign in Create an account

Your future starts here

Apply to college for the first time or transfer to complete your degree. Navigate your entire college application journey with Common App.

Start your application

COMMONAPP.ORG



TCU TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Apply Visit Cost & Aid Academics

First-Year Students

Undergraduate Admissions Apply First-Year

Apply Now

TCU Application Common App Coalition App ApplyTexas

First-Year Applicant Checklist

The preferred method of submitting documents is by emailing frogmail@tcu.edu. Upon applying, you'll receive an invitation to the MyTCU Portal and may upload your [essay](#), freedom of expression and resume online.

Application

COLLEGE SPECIFIC

FREE COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK

When is it?

- For the first year, Free College Application Week is **October 13-19, 2025**.
- Applications must be submitted through ApplyTexas by **11:59 p.m. CST on the last day** of Free College Application Week to qualify. Applications that are started but not submitted will not be eligible.

Who can participate?

- All Texas residents applying for undergraduate admission at Texas public institutions through ApplyTexas may participate. (Seniors Only)



COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTS

Test Optional? Which One? When should I take them?

SAT

Component	Number of Questions	Time Allotted
<u>Reading and Writing</u>	54	64 (two 32-minute modules)
<u>Math</u>	44	70 (two 35-minute modules)
Total	98	134
Cost: \$68.00		

ACT

<u>English</u>	50 questions	35 minutes
<u>Mathematics</u>	45 questions	50 minutes
<u>Reading</u>	36 questions	40 minutes
<u>Optional Science</u>	40 questions	40 minutes
<u>Optional Writing Test</u>	1 prompt	30 minutes
Cost: \$68.00 (Writing + \$25; Science +\$4)		

Annual Cost of College, Public		
Institution Type	Cost of Tuition	Cost of Attendance**
4-Year In-State	\$9,750	\$27,146
4-Year Out-of-State†	\$28,386	\$45,708
2-Year In-District	\$3,598	\$17,439

***CoA does not account for potential lost income, student loan interest, nor moving expenses.*

†Out-of-state tuition estimate based on the previous year's cost and the annual growth rate.

Annual Cost of College, Private		
Institution Type	Cost of Tuition	Cost of Attendance
4-Year	\$38,421	\$56,628
2-Year	\$20,019	\$36,026

TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

Aid type	What it is	Source	How to apply
<u>Scholarship</u>	Gift of money that doesn't have to be repaid	Colleges, organizations, states	Apply to donor school or organization
<u>Grant</u>	Money for college based on financial need; doesn't have to be repaid generally, unless student withdraws from school	Federal government, states, colleges	Complete the FAFSA * Schools may require a separate application Free Application for Federal Student Aid
<u>Work-Study</u>	Jobs on or off campus offered to students based on need and availability	Federal government, states	Complete the FAFSA
<u>Federal loan</u>	Borrowed money that must be repaid	Federal government	Complete the FAFSA
<u>State loan</u>	Borrowed money that must be repaid	State government	Complete the appropriate application

FAFSA – Important Information & Tips

For the **2026 - 2027** academic year, the FAFSA may be filed beginning **October 1st 2025** Helpful hints...

Select the Correct FAFSA APPLICATION! The Fall you will begin college

When should I complete the FAFSA?

- ASAP. Using your 2024 Income Tax return
- Answer the FAFSA accurately!
For example: If the question ask for parents' demographic information and income... do not guess!
- Make sure names on FAFSA match names on tax returns.

**Graduation
Requirement**

<https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>

CREATE FSA ID ACCOUNT for....

1. Student
2. Parent

An official website of the United States government.

Federal StudentAid
an official of the U.S. Department of Education

FAFSA® Forms ▾ Loans and Grants ▾ Loan Repayment ▾ Loan Forgiveness ▾

Log In | Create Account

Help • Can my parent and I share the same StudentAid.gov account?

GETTING STARTED | COMPLETING THE FAFSA FORM

Can my parent and I share the same StudentAid.gov account?

You and your parent can't share the same StudentAid.gov account.

You'll need a StudentAid.gov account, and one of your parents will need their own separate account.

Your account is linked to your Social Security number. Your account username and password (FSA ID) is your unique identifier. It serves as your legal digital signature and should only be used by you.

Create a StudentAid.gov account if you don't already have one.

An official website of the United States government.

Federal StudentAid
an official of the U.S. Department of Education

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Create an Account

Whether you're a student, parent, or borrower, you'll need to create your own account to manage the student loan journey.

[Get Started](#)

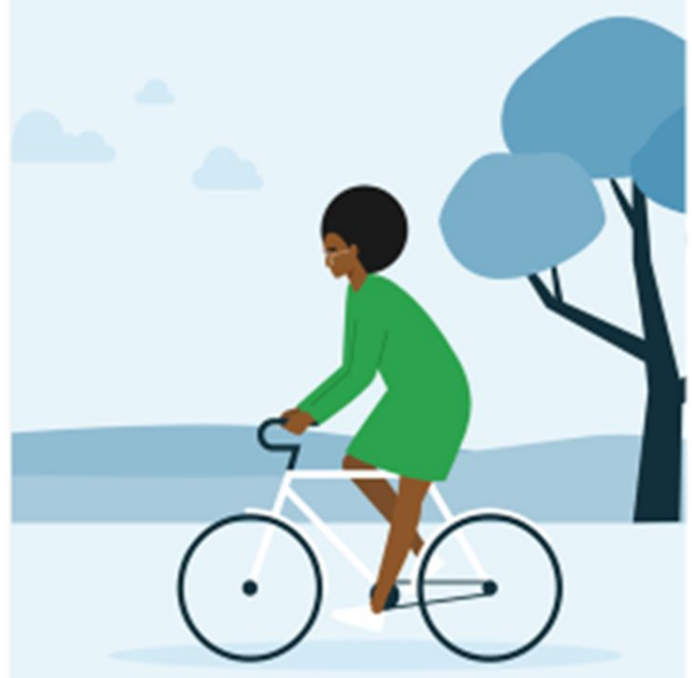
Already have an account? [Log In](#)

What You Can Use Your Account For

- Filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form
- Signing your Master Promissory Note (MPN)
- Applying for repayment plans
- Completing loan counseling
- Using the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Help Tool

What You'll Need

- Social Security number
- Your own mobile phone number and/or email address



Need FAFSA/TASFA Assistance?

- 1. FAFSA Information**
studentaid.gov
- 2. FAFSA – 1-800-433-3243**
TASFA – 1-888-311-8881



SCHOLARSHIPS

CFISD.NET

1

Our District

Parents & Students

Parents & Student Resources

Code of Conduct

Resources

Athletics

Guidance & Counseling

2

Guidance & Counseling

Guidance Programs

Elementary Guidance Program

Secondary Guidance Program

8th Grade Guidance

Trade Schools in Texas

Scholarships

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Scholarships

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

- [Tuition Exemptions / Scholarships](#) - (Adopted Students, Blind Students, Deaf Students, Foster Care)
- [Let's Talk Scholarships: Application Tips](#)
- [Free Scholarship Searches](#)
- [Discover Scholarships that really hit the mark](#)

CLASS RANK

CFHS CLASS OF 2026

CLASS SIZE - 774

6 SEMESTERS (FALL 2022 - SPRING 2025)

Top 10% (1-77)	6.8696 to 6.5854
1st Quarter 1-191	6.8696 to 6.1905
2nd Quarter 196 to 385	6.1750 to 5.5476
3rd Quarter 389 to 580	5.5238 to 4.4634
4th Quarter 581 to 774	4.4524 to 1.4324

Seniors will have new GPA and rank Mid-January

6.0 Weighted Scale

CLASS RANK

GPA/Class Rank

- GPA is calculated through the end of the year!
- Some colleges require mid-year and end of year reports. Students will need to request all transcripts.

Honor Graduates

- 6.50 + Summa Cum Laude
- 6.25-6.49 Magna Cum Laude
- 6.00-6.24 Cum Laude

- ☐ Honor rankings for the graduation ceremony are determined after the 3rd nine weeks report card
- ☐ Grade point averages are never “rounded up”. For example, a 5.999999 GPA does not qualify for Cum Laude

Performance Acknowledgments

A student may earn a performance acknowledgement for outstanding performance in the areas of . . .

- **Dual Credit;**
- **Bilingual/Bi-literacy;**
- **College Board Advanced Placement (AP) exams;**
- **PSAT, ACT ASPIRE, SAT or ACT performance; or**
- **Nationally or Internationally Recognized Business or Industry Certificate or License**

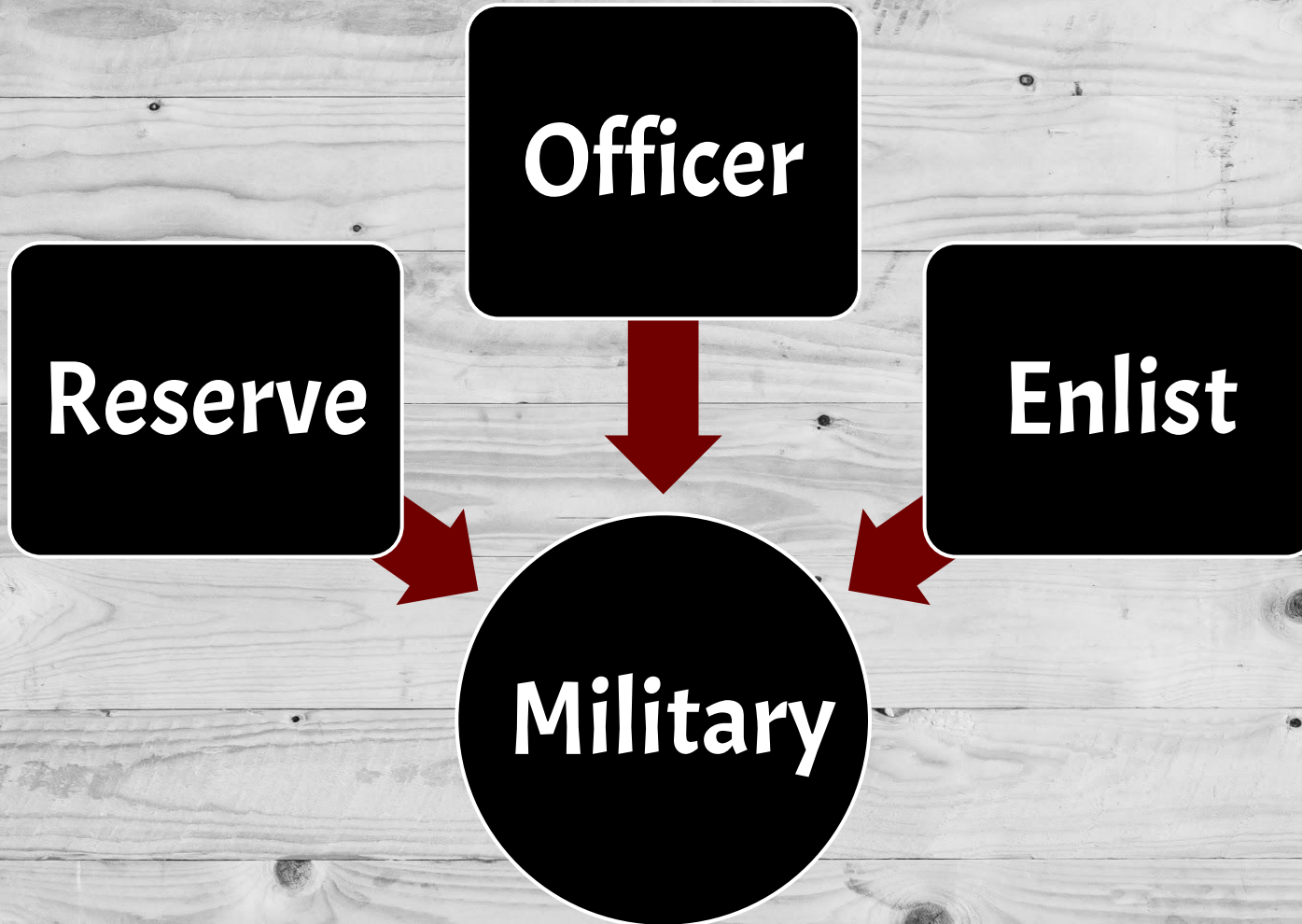
Course Description Book p.25

CERTIFICATIONS

CFISD CTE courses (Career and Technology) – offers students the opportunity to earn industry certifications while in high school at prices much lower than you would pay in the “real world”.

- **Sets your resume apart from others**
- **Performance Acknowledgement shown on your transcript**
- **Advantage over other college and job applicants**
- **Shows mastery of job skills**
- **Take the exam - you are already preparing for the certification exam in your CTE class**
- **State of Texas pays for your first certification**
- **State of Texas wants every student to graduate with a diploma and a certification**

MILITARY OPTIONS



- Student-initiated contact
- Take the ASVAB test
- Go online and research the different branches
- Talk to our recruiters when they visit
- Recognize that there are many jobs in the military – again – talk to the recruiters.
- Many benefits (medical, education, housing)

ASVAB

What is the ASVAB Career Exploration Program?

ASVAB is a vocational and aptitude test. Information from the test empowers students to discover their strengths and interest then map out post-secondary plans that work.

The ASVAB is for all students, not just for those interested in the military.

Who is eligible to test: 10th - 12th grade students

When: November 18, 2025 (during the school day)

Cost: Free to CFISD students

Registration: Visit Counselor's Corner during lunch for a sign-up form or pick up an application after this meeting.

Preparation:

ASVAB Study tips: <https://www.military.com/join-armed-forces/asvab/asvab-study-tips.html>

ASVAB Career Exploration Guide: <https://www.asvabprogram.com/>

2yr and 4yr Colleges

Community/Junior
College

Workforce
Certifications

Associate
Degree

Earn credits
to transfer

Undergraduate
College/University

Bachelor
Degree

Options for
Graduate
Degrees



MAKE A COLLEGE LIST



DREAM



SAFETY



**GOOD
FIT**

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>

ORDERING YOUR TRANSCRIPT



Registrar's Office

- Order forms must be submitted for each college and scholarship application, up to three colleges per request form
- Allow **three days** for transcripts to be sent
- If using Common App, only order one transcript. If using Common App to apply to UT Austin or TAMU, check to see how they want to receive your transcript

ORDERING YOUR TRANSCRIPT

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

In-person Pricing:

- \$2 for official transcripts to be mailed, most out of state colleges require transcript to be mailed
- Free for in-state public schools
- Unofficial transcripts cost \$1, order then pick up the following day at lunch

Online Pricing:

- \$5 for the first copy + \$1 per each additional request in the same order

<https://cypressfairbanks12.scriborder.com/>

LONE STAR COLLEGE

If you have dual credit courses, you will need to order an official transcript from LSC to send to your college

COLLEGE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

1. Complete college applications*
 - Apply Texas opens July 1st
 - Common App opens August 1st
2. Send test scores (may be optional)
3. Send official transcripts (6 semesters)
4. If required, request recommendation letters
5. Check status often
6. Accept your offer

**Some applications require a fee; your application will not be processed until the fee is paid. Some waivers are available if you qualify. See your assigned counselor.*

Parents/Guardians of 12th grade students:

Each spring semester, the Guidance and Counseling Department gathers information from the graduating class via the senior survey. The purpose of the senior survey is to gather valuable information about our graduating seniors' educational experiences, scholarships, and post-secondary plans, including the request of your child's final transcript. The data collected will be used by Cypress-Fairbanks ISD and its campuses for planning and reporting purposes as well as sending your senior's final transcript to post-secondary schools. To administer the senior survey to the graduating class, we must obtain your consent. A thorough explanation about parental consent for surveys is listed below along with a QR code to access all questions that appear on the senior survey.

To participate in the Senior Survey, parents must opt-in their students via the parent portal or by signing and returning this form to the high school. **The parent portal will be accessible from September 22 – March 31 and will be accessible at <https://launchpad.classlink.com/cfisdparents>.**

CFISD Board Policy FA (LOCAL) notes the following regarding parental consent for surveys:

- District staff will not survey students without affirmative parental consent.
- Upon request, any survey proposed for student completion must be provided to a student's parent or guardian for review prior to administration to a student.
- A completed survey by a student must be made available to the student's parent or guardian upon request. The district adheres to this policy by:
 - Sending this consent letter home to request parental consent for your child to participate in the Senior Survey.
 - Providing parents access to preview the Senior Survey questions.
 - Scan the QR Code or type in the link below to preview the survey:



tinyurl.com/CFISDseniorsurvey

- Providing parents information to request viewing of your child's responses to the Senior Survey:
 - If you would like to review your child's responses to the Senior Survey, please email your child's first name, last name, campus, and date of birth to cfidsurveys@cfisd.net and request the responses be emailed to you.

Campuses will communicate their specific timeline for students to complete the Senior Survey. If you have any questions, please contact your student's guidance counselor.

If you do not have access to the parent portal, please complete this form and return it to your student's counselor by March 31, 2026.

I, as a parent/guardian of [Student Name] _____, [Student ID] _____, permit my son/daughter to participate in the Senior Survey.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

_____ Date

SENIOR SURVEY

- Seniors received a permission form during classroom visits on 9/23
 - Return to English IV teacher
- Free final transcript submitted to college indicated in survey



Resources/Helpful Links



CLASS OF 2026 SENIOR CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Graduation Requirements

- STAAR End-of-Course Exams
- Credits/endorsement
- FAFSA/TAFSA



FAFSA

- Decide between FAFSA or TAFSA
- Save e-mail confirmation that your FAFSA application has been received
- Students/parents may choose to opt-out. Talk with your counselor.



Colleges

- Choosing a College
- Where do I apply to schools and colleges?
- SAT/ACT
- How do I prepare for freshman year at college?



Technical or Trade School/Careers/Employment

- Contemplating Careers
- Technical/Trade School Options



Military

- Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)
- Information on Joining the Military



Scholarships



Scan or Click QR Codes for Links/Helpful Resources/More
Information

www.collegeforalltexans.com

This section of the site lists the State and Federal Grants and Scholarship programs available to students at Texas colleges and universities.

[Education and Training Vouchers for Youths Aging Out of Foster Care](#)

[Engineering Scholarship Program \(*** FUNDING DISCONTINUED *** last updated May 2012\)](#)

[Federal PELL Grant](#)

[Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant](#)

[Federal Teacher Quality Enhancement Scholarships from the U.S. Department of Education](#)

[Fifth Year Accounting Student Scholarship Program](#)

[Kenneth H. Ashworth Fellowship Program](#)

[Tuition Equalization Grant Program](#)

[Marine Corps Foundation Scholarship](#)

[National Health Service Corps \(NHSC\) Scholarship](#)

[Professional Nursing Scholarships \(*** FUNDING DISCONTINUED *** last updated May 2012\)](#)

[Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program](#)

[Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program \(TEOG\)](#)

[TEXAS Grant](#)

[Texas Public Educational Grant](#)

[Top 10 Percent Scholarship](#)