

What's your Flight Plan? Senior CCMR

College, Career, & Military Readiness



Post-secondary flight plan options



MILITARY

*Access recruiters by finding local recruitment offices or meet with those who visit during lunches

Students interested in joining the military have a total of FOUR military days that are excused for any activities related to enlistment

EMPLOYMENT

2-YEAR COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGES

- ★ Offer core courses that will transfer to a 4 year university or college
- ★ Offer certification and training programs
- ★ Good transition for students not wanting to start off at a large college or university

TRADE/TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

Offer intensive training in a particular area

Often help locate employment upon graduation

4-YEAR COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY

Employment/Workforce Flight Plan Resources

Workforce Solutions - helps individuals find employment, obtain financial assistance while looking for employment, resume and job interview assistance; [twc.texas.gov](https://twc.texas.gov/wrksolutions.com); wrksolutions.com

State Training Inventory (STI) - a compilation of Texas education and workforce training providers, their programs, contact information, enrollment and graduation data; lmi.twc.texas.gov/apps/STI/

Texas Internship Challenge - search and apply for paid internships; txinternshipchallenge.com

Jobs Y'all - find careers that match your interests and goals; jobsyall.com

Job Corps - nationwide residential career training program; dol.gov/agencies/eta/jobcorps



Military Flight Plan Options -

www.todaysmilitary.com



Army - main ground-force to protect and defend the U.S. and its interests; www.army.mil/

Air Force - defends the U.S. through exploitation of air and space; www.af.mil/

National Guard - Primary combat reserve for Army and Air Force responding to domestic emergencies under the governor's command; www.nationalguard.mil/

Navy - - maintain the freedom of the seas; www.navy.mil/

Marines - specializes in amphibious operations and ground-combat operations;
www.marines.mil/

Coast Guard - law enforcement, boating safety, sea resume, and illegal immigration control; can be transferred to the Department of the Navy in times of conflict; www.uscg.mil/

ASVAB:

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery
November 17, 2025 @ 8 am in Downstairs LGI
Click link below or scan QR code to request
registration

<https://forms.gle/thhsdh4i4cZEF3pM7>



- ❖ Career Assessment for those that would like to know more about different careers that match their personality, interests and abilities. It measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success.
- ❖ The ASVAB measures a person's aptitude in four domains: verbal, math, science and technical, and spatial.
- ❖ Scores can be used by all branches of the military to identify careers that may be a good fit for them if you choose to share them.
- ❖ Your scores will not be kept by the school or shared with any outside organizations, including military recruiters, unless you request in writing.



Trade/Technical/Vocational Schools Flight Plan

- Post-secondary institutions that provide practical, hands-on training and education for specific/specialized careers.
- Often shorter - May take a few months to complete.
- More affordable than traditional college programs and do not include general courses.
- Uses industry machines, tools, and equipment in the training process.
- Can help students enter the workforce quickly with marketable skills and certifications.
- Many offer Associates and Bachelors degrees, Certificates, and Diplomas.
- Average cost \$33,000.
- Scholarships and financial aid options are available - submit FAFSA/TASFA.

Types of Trades/Vocations



Energy, Manufacturing & Construction (Skilled Trades): electrician, welder, aviation technician, HVAC technician, plumber, auto/diesel mechanic, professional pilot, construction supervisors, machinist, land surveyors, process technicians, etc.

Healthcare: dental hygienist, medical assistant, respiratory therapist, sonographer, CT/MRI/radiology technician, nursing, EMS - technician and paramedic, pharmacy technician, veterinary technician, biotechnology, surgical technician, medical assisting, occupational/physical therapy assistants, phlebotomists, etc.

Public Safety & Human/Consumer Services: cosmetologists & aesthetics (hair, nail, skin, beauty services), emergency management, fire science, chemical dependency counseling, interpreting, massage therapy, etc.

Information Technology & Computer Science: programming, networking, cybersecurity, mobile/web applications, computer systems administrator, etc.

Arts, Humanities, Communication, & Design: game design & simulation developer/programmer, live entertainment technology, visual communication - 3D animation, graphic design, motion graphics, multimedia design, video & postproduction, web design, etc.

Business & Professional Services: accounting, administrative services, AI and machine learning, business administration, data analytics, medical administration, paralegal, etc.

Community Colleges and 2-Year Colleges Flight Plan (Junior Colleges)

- Offer associates degrees, certifications, and vocational training
- Limited bachelors degree programs may be available
- Affordable - financial aid and scholarships available - submit FAFSA/TASFA
- Accessible - community colleges have guaranteed admission
- May offer flexible scheduling or online options
- 2-year colleges may offer on-campus housing and athletic options
- Programs focused on preparing students for direct entry to the workforce
- Most academic coursework/credits can be transferred to a 4-year university to pursue a bachelor degree



4-Year Colleges & Universities Flight Plan



1. Research Admission Requirements on college websites
2. Take SAT/ACT (if required) – www.collegeboard.org; www.act.org fee waivers available for students on free/reduced lunch; send scores reports to schools if required; some schools are test optional, but may require scores for scholarships
3. Complete applications early (No pie ‘til you apply!) Be sure you fill out carefully and thoroughly. www.applytexas.org ; www.commonapp.org Early, Priority, or regular deadlines
4. Have transcripts sent to each school – request in person from the registrar’s office (free for TRex) or online cypressfairbanksk12.scribborder.com (\$6)
LONESTAR transcripts come from <https://tsorder.studentclearinghouse.org/school/select>
5. Write essays (if required) – have them proofread by someone; DON’T USE AI!!!
6. Letters of Recommendation (if necessary) – complete Falcon Resume for requested letters and give at least 3 weeks <https://tinyurl.com/JVFalconResume>
7. Apply for financial aid - FAFSA or TASFA <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> ;
<https://www.highered.texas.gov/students-families/tasfa/> Priority deadline - Jan. 15
8. Apply for housing (if needed)

College Applications



WWW.APPLYTEXAS.ORG

- Most Texas institutions will accept the ApplyTexas application. While you only have to complete the application once, different schools may have different supplementary requirements to complete your application such as essays, letters of recommendation and resumes.
- Online application includes application, deadlines, fees, and essay topics for each university.
- Free application week Oct. 13-19

WWW.COMMONAPP.ORG

- Accepted by over 500 schools globally including selective universities and out of state schools. While you only have to complete the application once, different school will have individual supplementary requirements, details and deadlines.
- Online application includes application, deadlines, fees, and essay topics for each university.

- Automatic Admission to Texas State public colleges is available for students in the top 10% with distinguished level of achievement with the exception of the top 5% for the University of Texas at Austin
- Applications and supporting material must be completed and submitted by each university's deadline.
- Fee waivers available for those on free or reduced school lunch

College application categories



DEADLINE

Early Application Deadlines

Early Decision (ED): This is a binding commitment, meaning if you are accepted, you are required to attend that college. The application deadline is typically in early to mid-November, with a decision expected by mid-December.

Early Action (EA): Similar to Early Decision, EA has a November deadline and a December decision timeline, but it is non-binding. Students can apply to multiple EA schools, but sometimes there are restrictions, such as Restrictive Early Action (REA), which limits early applications to private institutions.

Standard Application Deadlines

Regular Decision (RD): This is the most common application type, with deadlines usually in early January but ranging until mid-February. Students can expect to hear back by early April.

Ongoing Application Deadlines

Rolling Admission: Instead of a strict deadline, schools with rolling admission review applications as they are received. This means decisions can be made much faster, often within 4–6 weeks, and there isn't a universal deadline, as applications are accepted until all spots are filled.

College Visits schedule in advance on school admissions websites



Available for Juniors and Seniors

- Two days given for college visits each year. They do not carry over. Can use one for a travel day and the other for the actual visit.
- Approved college days do not count against students' opportunity to exempt.
- Contact the college admissions office or website to schedule an appointment for an admissions presentation and campus tour.
- Pick up college visit form in attendance office before you go to your appointment..
- When you visit the college of your choice, make sure you get them to stamp the college visit form in the admissions office.
- Return the college visit form to the attendance office when you return to school.

Letters of Recommendation

- Recommendation letters are not necessary for most colleges, but may be needed for scholarships
- Choose someone who knows you well – teacher, employer, club sponsor, etc.
- Provide the recommender with a completed Falcon Resume <https://tinyurl.com/JVFalconResume>
- Allow at least 3 weeks before deadline
- Write a thank you note to the recommender



Financial Aid - ways to help pay for school

- **merit based aid:** scholarships earned by the student either performance based or talent based
- **need based aid:** grants, loans, and work-study awarded using a family's ability to pay



TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

- **Grants & Scholarships:** Funds are given which do not have to be repaid
- **Loans:** Funds have to be repaid with interest
 - Subsidized Loans: interest paid by the government until student is done with school
 - Unsubsidized Loans: Interest accrues while student is in school
 - Parent PLUS Loans
- **Work Study:** Funds earned on an hourly basis for campus jobs

Finding Scholarships



District website:

www.cfid.net/scholarships

Parents' Employers/Major Corporations

Local Scholarships - Schoology posts

Schoology Access Code: 7PXM-S82N-M2C4T

Search engines:

www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org

www.fastweb.com

www.scholarships.com

www.goingmerry.com

www.scholarships360.org

www.bold.org

www.niche.com

www.salliemae.com

www.apply.com

www.finaid.org

Individual College/Universities or

Departmental Scholarships

<https://www.texasgearup.com/public/files/Scholarships.pdf>

Financial Aid - \$\$\$\$



- **FAFSA:** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Financial aid application must be completed each year to receive federal aid (grants and loans)
 - www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - Opens Oct. 1 for the 2026-2027 application
 - Asks for information about you and your family's finances, including tax returns, so you'll need your parents' help to complete
 - Parents & students can create their FSA IDs now, before the application opens (see handout)
- **TASFA:** (Texas Application for State Financial Aid) 2026-2027 Financial aid application for students who are state residents but not US citizens, and went to high school for at least 3 years in the state. This includes, but is not limited to, foreign nationals, legal permanent residents, and eligible non-citizens.
 - <https://www.highered.texas.gov/students-families/tasfa/>
- **CSS Profile:** (College Scholarship Service) College Board's online application that collects information used by almost 400 colleges, universities, professional schools, and scholarship programs to award financial aid from sources outside the federal government. You will only fill this out if a school you apply to requires it as part of the application process. After it is submitted, the College Board sends it to the colleges and scholarship programs you have chosen.
 - <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>

***Proof of FAFSA/TASFA submission or an opt out agreement is now a graduation requirement

Graduation Requirement: Proof of FAFSA/TASFA or opt out form submission

Once you and your parent(s) have completed the financial aid application you are eligible for, you will get a confirmation email stating that your application has been submitted and your account will show completion on the confirmation page.

If you and your family choose not to submit FAFSA or TASFA before graduation for whatever reason, you will be required to submit an opt out form instead. This opt out form does not prevent you from completing FAFSA or TASFA at a later date.

A screenshot of the confirmation email from either application, the confirmation page of your account, or the opt out form serves as your proof of submission and will need to be uploaded to the campus google doc for your financial aid graduation requirement to be met. The screenshot must clearly show each of the following items:

- Your full name
- The correct application year (2026-2027)
- Completion date or verification of successful completion/submission
- Opt out form requires appropriate signatures based on your age

Submit the screenshot of your confirmation of completion to

FAFSA/TASFA confirmation: <https://forms.gle/LqywP3tvYU6xShVG6>



Parent meeting - Oct. 6 @ 6pm in Downstairs LGI

Information will be shared about

- college applications
- financial aid
- SAT/ACT
- ASVAB
- Lonestar representatives
- College Fairs
- College visits

