

# Junior Parent Night



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## Upcoming Important Dates

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- **SAT School Day**

March 5- All Juniors will take

- **Miller Career Center Application**

Due February 27th

- **DUAL CREDIT Registration & Paperwork**

Due February 27th

- **KSAT (credit recovery summer school)**

[More information coming in April](#)

- **Legacy Virtual HS Courses** (formerly known as

KVS) and other instructional virtual courses

Registration through Course Selection with School Counselor. Must be submitted by the end of Course Verification on March 24<sup>th</sup>.



## 26 total credit are needed to graduate



- 4 English credits
- 4 Math credits (Algebra 2 is needed for Distinguished Level of Achievement and important for 4-year universities)
- 4 Science credits (Biology and Chemistry or Physics)
- 3 Social Studies (US History, US Government, and Economics required)
- 2 Foreign language credits
- 1 Fine Art credit
- 1 credit PE
- .5 credit Health
- 6.5 Elective Credits including a course with a speech component
  - Endorsements: Multidisciplinary, STEM, Arts and Humanities, Public Service, Business and Industry
  - All endorsements earned are awarded

Please see the course catalog in SchoolLinks for more details

## Competitive Applicants take the following:



- Courses that show college readiness: AP, KAP, Dual credit
  - Consider balance, future studies, strengths
  - Highly selective universities (Rice, Ivy League, UCLA, etc.) prefer AP
- Math all 4 years of high school regardless of number of credits
  - Precalculus or Statistics (AP or academic) recommended or required by many universities as 4th math
  - AP Calculus for calculus readiness (STEM)
- Language Other Than English
  - Computer Science may not be accepted
  - 3-4 years for more selective universities
- Science
  - Physics and Chemistry
- Social Studies
  - 4 years of social studies including World History

## AP, Dual Credit, CLEP

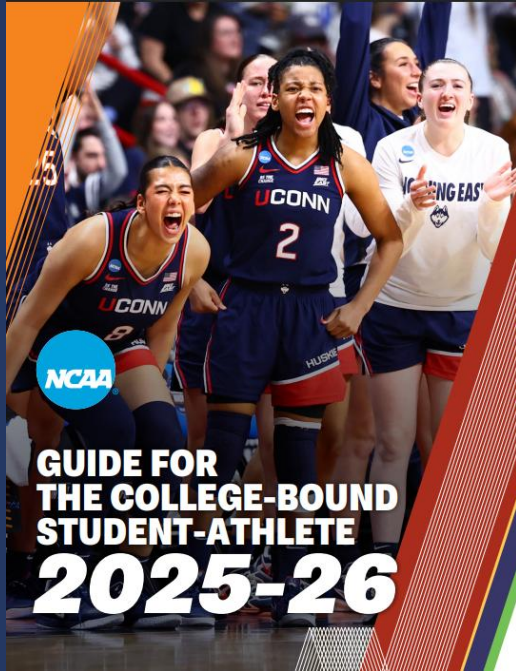


**Consider degree plan, core curriculum, college major, number of credits needed and level of preparation for future courses**

- **Advanced Placement (AP)**
  - Scores of 3, 4, or 5
  - Public vs. Private
  - Internationally recognized
- **Dual Credit (actual college credits)**
  - Houston City College
  - Out of State vs. Public vs. Private
  - Transfer Equivalency System →
  - As and Bs (College GPA)
- **College Level Examination Program (CLEP)**
  - CollegeBoard
  - VERY university-specific
  - <https://clep.collegeboard.org/>



# Future College Athletes

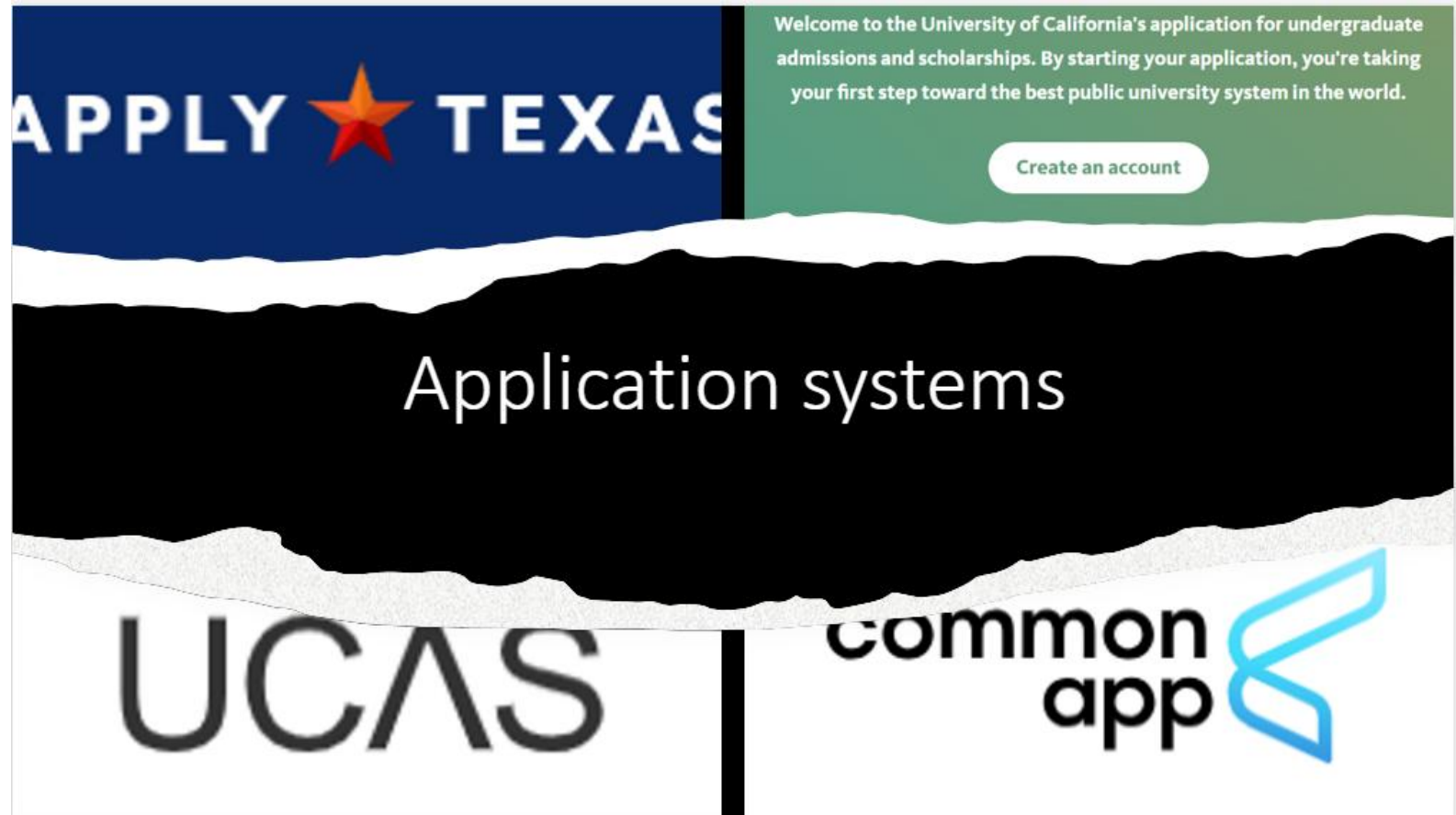


- For a future college athlete, there are even more important considerations for coursework to ensure student is meeting criteria for NCAA/NAIA eligibility.
- Core courses and core GPA requirements
- NCAA Division I and Division II (athletic scholarships)  
vs. Division III (non-athletic financial aid)

Calculate core



# Applying



## 3 Application Platforms

- **Applytexas.org**

Students that are applying to In-State public or private universities and community colleges in Texas.

- **CommonApp.org**

Students that are applying Out-of-State and/or Texas universities; accepted by more than 900 colleges.

- **Institutional**

Some universities use their own applications such as MIT.

Most applications will open  
August 1st for FALL 2026





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FAFSA/TASFA ?

Not Filed

Update Status

common app ?

CONNECTED

Log in →

Unlink account

Incomplete

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Add an application to request transcripts and counselor docs.

Completed & pending

→

Complete the student checklist to mark an application completed.

Accepted

Add a result to a mark a completed application as accepted.

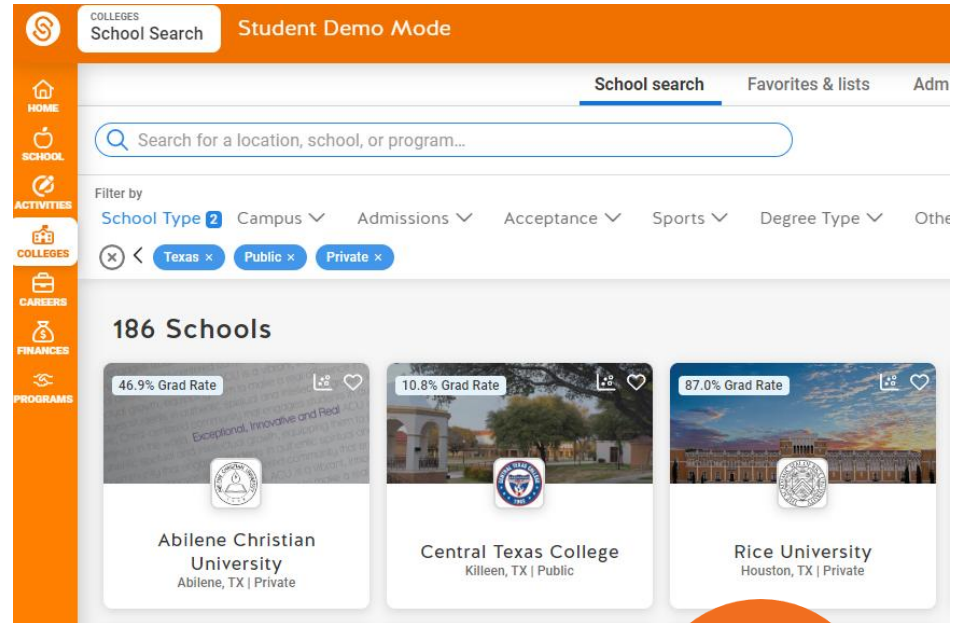
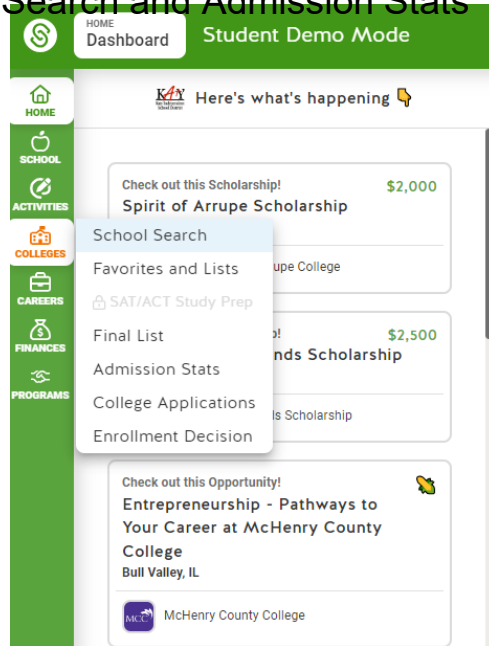


# Which university should my child apply to?

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- Recommend applying to 3-8
- Reach, match, safety
- SchoolLinks

## \*College Search and Admission Stats



# Scattergrams in SchoolLinks

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- Admissions statistics
- Can help see likelihood of acceptance
- National/District/School Data

The University of Texas at Austin  
Austin, Texas | Public

Overview

Current Student Videos

Campus Setting

Student Body

Academics & Programs

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Student Life

Cost & Financial Aid

**Admissions**

Application

Suggestions

Admissions

Acceptance Rate

44%

Average High School Weighted GPA

4.44

Average High School Unweighted GPA

3.79

Test Scores ⓘ

Students who were accepted typically had scores in these ranges.

SAT Evidence-Based Reading & Writing: 640-750

0800

SAT Math: 640-780

0800

ACT Science, Tech, Engineering & Math: 28-33

036

ACT English Language Arts: 26-31

036

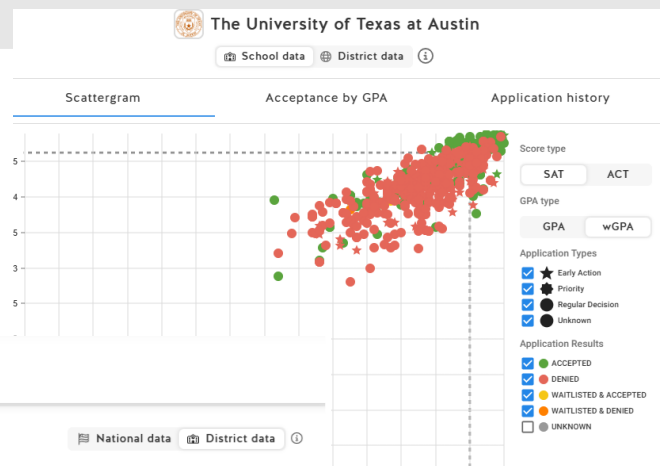
My Chances ⓘ

Want to see your chances at this school?

[Add test scores](#) to see how you match up.

See scattergram ↗

Admissions Office Website ↗



## What's needed?

(varies by institution)

- Application

May include Essay/s

May request Resume

- Transcript - Unofficial/Official

Initial

Midyear, if required

Final



- Colleges may require

SAT/ACT scores

TSIA2 scores (Texas)

TOEFL

Letters of Recommendation/s

Portfolio (art/design programs)

Most applications will open

August 1st for FALL 2026



# What is considered?

01 Well-written essay

02 Student & Community  
Involvement

03 Standardized test scores  
(SAT, ACT)

04 Rigorous curriculum

05 Strong academic  
standing/grades

### Holistic Review

The following items are considered for Holistic Review:

- \*Class Rank
- \*Academic Background
- \*Extracurricular Involvement
- \*Achievements, accomplishments, honors, and awards that your student has received.
- \*ESSAY Prompts
- \*Letters of Recommendation (if required)
- \*How competitive the MAJOR is that the student applied to

### Automatic Admission

\*If your student is within the TOP 10% of their class beginning their senior year, then they are automatically accepted into all state-funded universities within Texas.

\*Does not include private universities

\*The ONLY university in Texas that does NOT fall within the Top 10% rule is the University of Texas at Austin. Students need to be in the Top 6% of their class.

\*Students can also meet assured admissions via standardized test scores such as SAT/ACT.

# College Admissions - Holistic Review vs Automatic



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## University of Houston

### Admission Requirements

Texas Education Code (TEC) 51.803-51.809 requires all students meet college readiness standards to be eligible for admission at a Texas Institution. [Read about the Texas Uniform Admission Policy.](#)

On your application, you will select whether you want your application to be reviewed with a test score or without a test score. The admission requirements for each choice is below.

#### With Test Score

| Class Rank             | SAT or     | ACT        | Admission Type     |
|------------------------|------------|------------|--------------------|
| Top 10%                | No Minimum | No Minimum | Assured Admission  |
| 11 - 25%               | 1080       | 21         | Assured Admission  |
| 26 - 50%               | 1170       | 24         | Assured Admission  |
| 51% and Lower, No Rank | —          | —          | Individual Review* |

#### Without Test Score

| Class Rank | Calculated Unweighted GPA** | Admission Type     |
|------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Top 10%    | No Minimum                  | Assured Admission  |
| 11 - 25%   | 3.40 or higher              | Assured Admission  |
|            | lower than 3.40             | Individual Review* |
| 26 - 50%   | 3.45 or higher              | Assured Admission  |

## Check Automatic Admission in Texas

## Stephen F. Austin University

### Standardized test requirements

| High school class rank | SAT                 | ACT                 |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Top 10%                | No minimum required | No minimum required |
| Top 11-25%             | No minimum required | No minimum required |
| 2nd Quarter            | 1030                | 20                  |
| 3rd Quarter            | 1170                | 24                  |
| 4th Quarter            | File Review         | File Review         |

#### Test-optional for 2024-25 terms

SFA will admit students in the top 25% automatically. Applicants not in the top 25% will be reviewed for admission based on available information. Test scores are not required, but students are encouraged to submit new or existing scores as they are required for some scholarships. Test scores will never disadvantage a student for admission.

### SAT

NEW\*\* Digital ONLY

\*2 hours and 14 minutes

2 sections : Reading & Writing / Math

\*Reading & Writing - 54 questions (64 min.)

\*Math - 44 questions (70 min.)

\*No essay

\*scaled scored 400 - 1600



### ACT

\*2 hours and 45 minutes

\*English (40/50 questions scored) 35 min

\*Mathematics (41/45 questions scored) 50 min

\*Reading (27/36 questions scored) 40 min

\*Science (optional - 34/40 questions scored) 40 min

\*Writing (optional - 1 essay 40 min

\*scaled scored 1 - 36

## 2026 Remaining SAT/ACT Dates

### SA

| SAT Test Date* | Registration Deadline                     | Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration** |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| March 14, 2026 | Feb. 27, 2026<br><a href="#">Register</a> | March 3, 2026                                                       |
| May 2, 2026    | Apr. 17, 2026<br><a href="#">Register</a> | April 21, 2026                                                      |
| June 6, 2026   | May 22, 2026<br><a href="#">Register</a>  | May 26, 2026                                                        |

### ACT

#### 2026 National Test Dates Schedule

| Test Date         | Regular Registration Deadline<br>(Late fee applies after this date.) | Late Registration Deadline | Photo Upload/ Standby Deadline | Initial Score Release Date |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| December 13, 2025 | November 7                                                           | November 24                | December 5                     | December 30                |
| February 14, 2026 | January 9                                                            | January 27                 | February 9                     | March 3                    |
| April 11, 2026    | March 6                                                              | March 24                   | April 6                        | April 21                   |
| June 13, 2026     | May 8                                                                | May 29                     | June 8                         | June 23                    |
| July 11, 2026*    | June 5                                                               | June 24                    | July 6                         | July 21                    |

\*No test centers are scheduled in New York for the July test date.

Digital: ELAR + Essay, Math

In order to take college level/credit bearing classes, you have show that you are “college ready”

College readiness standards can be met in several ways - through SAT and ACT or TSI

SAT - Reading 480+ - Math 530+

ACT - Reading 18 - Math 22 - Science - 23

SAT/ACT vs TSI

When will it be offered?

# STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

## Regular Decision

### DEFINITION:

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

### COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

## Rolling Admission

### DEFINITION:

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

### COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

## Early Action (EA)

### DEFINITION:

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

### COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

## Early Decision (ED)

### DEFINITION:

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll and withdraw all other applications. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

### COMMITMENT:

BINDING

## Restrictive Early Action (REA)

### DEFINITION:

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.

### COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.

## Where are our SPARTANS going?

| name                                       | state_name   | submit | accept | reject | waitlist | withdra | will_no | enrollir | guaran | likely_c | target_c | reach_c | far_rea |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|----------|---------|---------|----------|--------|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| University of Houston                      | Texas        | 223    | 103    | 8      | 3        | 1       | 12      | 3        | 283    | 127      | 91       | 0       | 0       |
| Texas A & M University-College Station     | Texas        | 361    | 82     | 5      | 8        | 1       | 13      | 3        | 96     | 325      | 196      | 0       | 0       |
| The University of Texas at Dallas          | Texas        | 148    | 49     | 3      | 1        | 0       | 5       | 0        | 38     | 236      | 61       | 0       | 0       |
| The University of Texas at San Antonio     | Texas        | 106    | 48     | 0      | 0        | 1       | 3       | 1        | 117    | 139      | 0        | 0       | 0       |
| Texas Tech University                      | Texas        | 107    | 48     | 0      | 0        | 0       | 14      | 2        | 144    | 117      | 30       | 0       | 0       |
| Texas State University                     | Texas        | 110    | 40     | 1      | 0        | 0       | 5       | 2        | 108    | 119      | 0        | 0       | 0       |
| University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus       | Oklahoma     | 69     | 25     | 0      | 0        | 0       | 5       | 1        | 0      | 74       | 32       | 0       | 0       |
| The University of Texas at Austin          | Texas        | 320    | 19     | 19     | 5        | 1       | 7       | 2        | 53     | 20       | 202      | 270     | 0       |
| Baylor University                          | Texas        | 111    | 19     | 1      | 1        | 1       | 5       | 1        | 0      | 161      | 56       | 0       | 0       |
| Louisiana State University                 | Louisiana    | 54     | 19     | 0      | 1        | 0       | 3       | 3        | 0      | 68       | 14       | 2       | 0       |
| University of North Texas                  | Texas        | 39     | 14     | 0      | 0        | 0       | 2       | 1        | 61     | 8        | 3        | 0       | 0       |
| Arizona State University-Tempe             | Arizona      | 34     | 14     | 0      | 0        | 0       | 2       | 0        | 0      | 66       | 0        | 0       | 0       |
| University of Mississippi                  | Mississippi  | 27     | 13     | 0      | 0        | 0       | 0       | 0        | 0      | 39       | 0        | 0       | 0       |
| Sam Houston State University               | Texas        | 56     | 12     | 0      | 0        | 0       | 3       | 0        | 83     | 9        | 0        | 0       | 0       |
| University of Arkansas                     | Arkansas     | 35     | 12     | 0      | 0        | 0       | 2       | 0        | 0      | 37       | 15       | 0       | 0       |
| Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus  | Pennsylvania | 41     | 12     | 0      | 0        | 0       | 3       | 0        | 0      | 71       | 12       | 2       | 0       |
| The University of Alabama                  | Alabama      | 19     | 11     | 0      | 0        | 0       | 0       | 1        | 0      | 29       | 13       | 0       | 0       |
| Purdue University-Main Campus              | Indiana      | 62     | 9      | 2      | 0        | 1       | 6       | 0        | 0      | 91       | 74       | 0       | 0       |
| The University of Texas at Arlington       | Texas        | 27     | 8      | 0      | 0        | 1       | 3       | 0        | 61     | 26       | 6        | 0       | 0       |
| Stephen F Austin State University          | Texas        | 24     | 8      | 0      | 0        | 0       | 0       | 0        | 24     | 25       | 0        | 0       | 0       |
| University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign | Illinois     | 46     | 7      | 4      | 0        | 0       | 5       | 0        | 0      | 2        | 46       | 71      | 0       |
| University of Minnesota-Twin Cities        | Minnesota    | 13     | 7      | 1      | 0        | 0       | 1       | 0        | 0      | 26       | 6        | 0       | 0       |
| Oklahoma State University-Main Campus      | Oklahoma     | 25     | 6      | 0      | 0        | 0       | 2       | 0        | 0      | 31       | 12       | 0       | 0       |
| Houston Christian University               | Texas        | 31     | 6      | 0      | 0        | 0       | 3       | 1        | 0      | 66       | 0        | 0       | 0       |

## Where are our SPARTANS going?

|                                            |               |     |   |   |   |   |    |   |    |    |    |     |   |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------|-----|---|---|---|---|----|---|----|----|----|-----|---|
| The University of Texas at Tyler           | Texas         | 8   | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 1 | 15 | 1  | 0  | 0   | 0 |
| Auburn University                          | Alabama       | 26  | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1  | 0 | 0  | 27 | 29 | 0   | 0 |
| University of the Incarnate Word           | Texas         | 8   | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1  | 0 | 0  | 12 | 0  | 0   | 0 |
| University of South Florida-Main Campus    | Florida       | 9   | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1  | 0 | 0  | 14 | 9  | 0   | 0 |
| University of Colorado Boulder             | Colorado      | 33  | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2  | 0 | 0  | 50 | 19 | 1   | 0 |
| Rutgers University-New Brunswick           | New Jersey    | 13  | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0  | 0 | 0  | 26 | 5  | 0   | 0 |
| University of Florida                      | Florida       | 35  | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 7  | 0 | 0  | 0  | 22 | 80  | 0 |
| Hawaii Pacific University                  | Hawaii        | 9   | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1  | 0 | 0  | 8  | 2  | 0   | 0 |
| Tarleton State University                  | Texas         | 7   | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1  | 0 | 2  | 12 | 0  | 0   | 0 |
| Houston City College                       | Texas         | 6   | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0 | 30 | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0 |
| Abilene Christian University               | Texas         | 10  | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1  | 0 | 0  | 17 | 4  | 0   | 0 |
| University of Michigan-Ann Arbor           | Michigan      | 60  | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0  | 38 | 104 | 0 |
| Colorado State University-Fort Collins     | Colorado      | 11  | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2  | 0 | 0  | 21 | 0  | 0   | 0 |
| Texas A & M University-Kingsville          | Texas         | 5   | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0 | 6  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0 |
| Louisiana Tech University                  | Louisiana     | 3   | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0 | 0  | 4  | 0  | 0   | 0 |
| Northeastern University                    | Massachusetts | 42  | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3  | 0 | 0  | 0  | 2  | 66  | 0 |
| Texas A & M University-Corpus Christi      | Texas         | 8   | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0 | 6  | 13 | 0  | 0   | 0 |
| Indiana University-Bloomington             | Indiana       | 31  | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0 | 0  | 34 | 7  | 0   | 0 |
| The University of Tampa                    | Florida       | 7   | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0 | 0  | 6  | 4  | 0   | 0 |
| Oral Roberts University                    | Oklahoma      | 3   | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 1 | 0  | 3  | 0  | 0   | 0 |
| University of Mary Hardin-Baylor           | Texas         | 3   | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0 | 0  | 6  | 0  | 0   | 0 |
| Prairie View A & M University              | Texas         | 8   | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0  | 0 | 16 | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0 |
| Southwestern University                    | Texas         | 12  | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4  | 0 | 0  | 18 | 7  | 0   | 0 |
| Blinn College                              | Texas         | 8   | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 2 | 16 | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0 |
| Rice University                            | Texas         | 118 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 2 | 0  | 2  | 1  | 262 | 0 |
| University of Missouri-Columbia            | Missouri      | 3   | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1  | 0 | 0  | 5  | 1  | 0   | 0 |
| SUNY at Binghamton                         | New York      | 3   | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0 | 0  | 4  | 1  | 0   | 0 |
| University of Massachusetts-Amherst        | Massachusetts | 15  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1  | 0 | 0  | 10 | 14 | 0   | 0 |
| Fordham University                         | New York      | 7   | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0 | 0  | 11 | 8  | 0   | 0 |
| Iowa State University                      | Iowa          | 3   | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0 | 0  | 8  | 0  | 0   | 0 |
| Vanderbilt University                      | Tennessee     | 16  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3  | 2 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 70  | 0 |
| University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus | Pennsylvania  | 9   | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0 | 0  | 16 | 5  | 0   | 0 |
| University of Kentucky                     | Kentucky      | 4   | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0 | 0  | 7  | 0  | 0   | 0 |
| University of Central Florida              | Florida       | 3   | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1  | 0 | 0  | 2  | 9  | 0   | 0 |
| Rutgers University-Newark                  | New Jersey    | 2   | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0 | 0  | 3  | 1  | 0   | 0 |
| Brigham Young University-Provo             | Utah          | 2   | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 2 | 0  | 2  | 0  | 0   | 0 |

# Alternative Options to 4-year University

- Junior College/Community College

- Can move to 4-year university as a transfer student.

- Usually the university has a credit hour requirement (24 credits+) to apply as a transfer student.

- Important to check on transferability to future university

- Trade School

- Workforce Training Programs

- Military

- ASVAB

- Gap Year or enter workforce



# Financial Aid

# House Bill 3

## Overview

- Texas House Bill 3 (HB 3), passed in 2019 and effective for the 2021-2022 school year, requires high school seniors to complete a financial aid application—either the [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) or the [TASFA](#) (Texas Application for State Financial Aid)—to graduate.



# FAFSA vs TASFA

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- Financial aid application that colleges, universities, trades or technical schools request in order to award financial aid to eligible students to help pay for their college expenses.
- FAFSA vs TASFA
  - FAFSA - U.S. Citizens, permanent residents, or hold a visa on asylee status or refugee status. More information available in [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov)
  - TASFA - non-citizen students AND Texas residents; meaning the student has lived in TX for the last 36 months or 3 years.
- Financial Aid Opt-Out Form



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The Texas Gas Association (TGA)

Feb 27

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Cirkled In

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Hagan Scholarship

Hagan Scholarship Foundation

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Posted by your district

Houston Hispanic Architects & ...

Mar 31

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TGA Scholarship Program

The Texas Gas Association (TGA)

FAVORITE

MARK AS APPLIED

Apply

Deadline

February 27, 2026

Amount

Not specified

Annual Winners

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Eligibility

12th Grade

Description

The Texas Gas Association Scholarship Fund (TGASF) offers multiple scholarship opportunities to support both emerging talent and industry professionals. Since the early 1990s, they have been investing in education to shape the future of the natural gas

This scholarship was added by your district and has not been verified by Schoolinks. Schoolinks does not guarantee the accuracy of the information provided.

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**2026 Houston Hispanic Architects & Engineers Scholarship**  
All Sections  
Hello Spartans, HHAE invites graduating high school seniors from the ...  
Posted on:  
Feb 10, 2026, 8:19 AM

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EA

**2026 Indian Doctor's Association (IDA) Scholarship**  
All Sections  
Hello Spartans! The IDA is awarding three to five \$2,500 scholarships ...  
Posted on:  
Feb 3, 2026, 7:43 AM

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EA

**Smilin' Rylen Scholarship**  
All Sections  
Hello Spartans!The Smilin' Rylen Scholarship was created and sponsor...  
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# Timeline

# Junior/Senior Timeline

## Summer 2026

- \*Begin Essay
- \*Update Resume
- \*Take or Retake SAT/ACT
- \*Explore SchoolLinks (college search)

## FALL 2026

- \*Apply to colleges
- \*Send official transcripts
- \*Apply for Scholarships
- \*Start FAFSA (Opens October, hopefully)

## SPRING 2027

- \*Scholarships - Apply, apply, apply
- \*Mid-Year reports (if required - automatically)
- \*Financial Summary
- \*Make college decision
- \*Final transcript (**Senior Survey**)

## SchooLinks

\*If you are applying via CommonApp, you will need to go into SchooLinks to add the school to your account and sign your FERPA Waiver.

This is the only way counselors can send documents including letters of recommendation and transcripts.

\*Students will learn more about this in their Junior Meeting with their counselor/CCF

\*They Must sign in through their Katy Cloud

What does a counselor need in order to write a letter of recommendation?

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## Counselors Need:

\*At least 21 business days advanced notice of the institution's deadline. This does NOT include weekends.

Counselors start writing letters of recommendation on September 1st.

\*Filled out Personal Data Sheet and Letter of Rec Request Form.

\*Invitation from Common App, email invite from the University, OR information on how to get the letter to the specific university (email addresses, forms, etc.)

\*Please check with your Texas schools to see if they really need a Counselor letter of rec.



- Students will receive a REMIND announcement
- CCF and Counselors will walk students through the application process and answer questions.

# Junior to Senior Year Checklist

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# College, Career and Military REMIND

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SAVE THE DATE

April 13, 2026

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# Thank You!



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