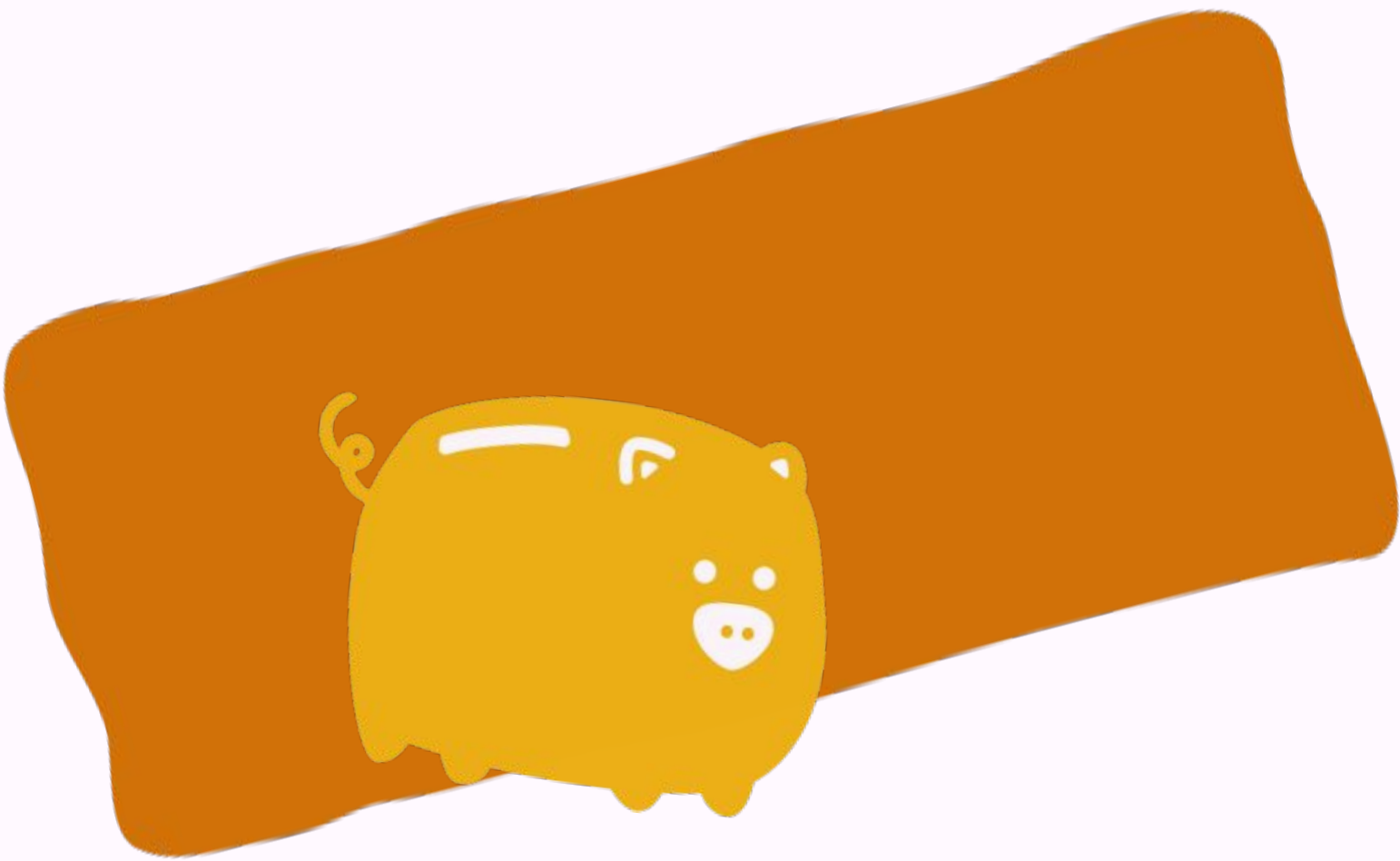




Financial Aid Presentation

“Make it Make Cents”

An illustration of a small green plant with two leaves in a yellow pot, and an open notebook with a pen resting on it. The notebook has some lines and a small orange bookmark.

How much does college cost?

Direct Costs: Tuition & Fees, Room & Board (if you live on campus)

Indirect Costs: Personal Expenses, Transportation, Books & Supplies, etc.

The combination is the **COST OF ATTENDANCE**

2025-2026 Tuition and Fees

- Two semesters (Fall & Spring)
- Full time
- 15 credit hours ~ 5 classes



1

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Collin College

Tuition & Fees: \$2,010

2

IN-STATE PUBLIC UNIVERSITY

University of North Texas

Tuition & Fees: \$12,308

3

PRIVATE UNIVERSITY

Baylor University

Tuition & Fees: \$58,100

An illustration on the left side of the slide. It features a small green plant with two leaves in a yellow pot. Below the pot is an open notebook with a yellow cover, showing lined pages and a yellow pencil resting on it. The background has abstract shapes in orange, green, and yellow.

How can I get help paying for college?

Apply for Financial Aid!

It is FREE to apply and you may be able to reduce your college costs considerably.

85% of students receive some form of Financial Aid

2 year colleges, 4 year universities and even career/trade schools can accept Financial Aid

What are the types of Financial Aid?



Any money you receive from outside sources that helps to cover the costs of your college expenses.

Work Study

Part time job on campus to help with personal expenses



Loans

Borrowed money that has to be repaid once you are not in school



(Federal Direct Loans)

Scholarships

Awarded based on achievement criteria and does not have to be repaid.



Grants

Awarded based on family income and do not have to be repaid.



(Pell Grant)

How do I apply for Financial Aid?

COMPLETE THE FAFSA!

Completing the FAFSA can help determine what type of financial aid you qualify for and the amount.

Some colleges and universities require students to have a FAFSA on file in order to receive any financial aid, including scholarships.

2026–27 FAFSA® Form Now Available!

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college, career school, or graduate school.

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How do I find Scholarships?

Scholarships can either be merit-based (determined by grades, test scores or other achievements), need-based (determined by your family's economic status) or a combination of both.

Where can I find Scholarships?

- PWSH Scholarship List at <https://tinyurl.com/yxd8frty> and on the PWSH website under counseling
- Log into SchoolLinks and select "College" and "Scholarship Matching"
- Visit the Financial Aid & Scholarships page on the website of the colleges you're interested in

Don't overlook those smaller scholarships! They sometimes go unclaimed and can add up if you win multiple.



What happens next?

Each school will send you a Financial Aid Award Letter in the spring. It will include:

- Cost of Attendance (Direct & Indirect costs)
- Scholarships awarded
- Grants you may qualify for
- Work Study opportunities
- Student Loan Offers (you can accept or decline!)



FAFSA for Graduation

Completing the FAFSA or TASFA is a graduation requirement for all seniors in Texas.

Students can upload proof of completion to SchoolLinks by logging in, selecting "College" and then "College Financing" and then clicking on "Update Status."

Those who choose not to complete the FAFSA can submit an opt-out form to SchoolLinks. Opt out form is in the counseling office or on the website





MY TEXAS FUTURE & DIRECT ADMISSIONS



Your Future. Your Choice. Your Next Step.



WHAT IS MY TEXAS FUTURE?

My Texas Future is a free online tool that helps you explore careers, programs, colleges, and pay for college.

It also includes **Direct Admissions**, which shows participating Texas colleges and universities where you may meet general admission requirements.

WHAT IS DIRECT ADMISSIONS?

Direct Admissions compares your academic information with the **general admission criteria** of participating Texas colleges and shows you where you may already qualify!

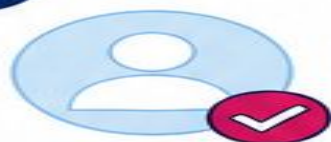


Over 30 Texas universities!



HOW DIRECT ADMISSIONS WORKS

1



OPT IN.

Create a My Texas Future profile to opt in to Direct Admissions.

2



ENTER INFO.

Self-report your academic information into your profile.

3



OFFERS RECEIVED!

You will immediately see your college acceptances.

4



SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION.

Make it official and submit your applications using ApplyTexas for majors of choice and financial aid.



NEW GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

Beginning in 2026–2027, Texas seniors must complete **ONE** of the following:



OPT IN

Choose to share your academic information for Direct Admissions through My Texas Future.

OR



OPT OUT

Complete the TEA opt-out form.

Either option meets your graduation requirement!

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW



DIRECT ADMISSIONS IS NOT A COLLEGE APPLICATION.

You must still submit an application to the college or university.



A DIRECT ADMISSIONS MATCH DOES NOT GUARANTEE ADMISSION TO YOUR MAJOR.

Some majors or programs may have additional requirements.



DON'T SEE YOUR DREAM SCHOOL?

You can still apply! A school not appearing on your list does not mean you can't be admitted through its regular admission process.



Get started today!

VISIT MYTEXASFUTURE.ORG

Talk with your counselor if you have questions or need help.



Your future is full of possibilities. We're here to help you get there.

*Plan today.
Apply tomorrow.
Achieve your future!*



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COUNSELING SERVICES

**FAFSA/TASFA
PRESENTATION AND
WORKSHOP**

**WHEN: THURSDAY, OCT.
8- AT 6:00PM - 7:30PM**

WHERE: CAFETERIA



CHECKLIST



Financial Aid FAQs

We are here to help
you understand how
all this works!

