

Senior Year



Graduation Requirements

- **Check Credits**
 - ✓ 26 Credits for Distinguished Plan
 - ✓ Counselors are working with your student
- **Pass EOC's**
 - ✓ ELA 1 and 2
 - ✓ Algebra 1
 - ✓ Biology
 - ✓ U.S. History
- **FAFSA**
 - ✓ Date Change - Opens Fall/Winter 2024
 - ✓ Parent and Student must have FSA ID prior to completing
 - ✓ Taxes filed online can be linked directly to form.
- **Pass all their classes!**



Take care of anything that would prevent you from getting into college.

- Denied credits due to attendance
- Failed classes
- Behavior incidents
- Parents monitor your student's social media!
- Social Media- Colleges and potential employers are using Facebook, Instagram, twitter and other social media to check on your student. College admissions officers check them and can use positive or negative posts for acceptance or denials.

Simplifying the College Planning Process

- Our goal tonight is to help simplify the College Admissions Process with these main objectives:

I. Admissions Factors

II. Exploring College Options

III. The Application Process

IV. Available Resources

V. Timeline



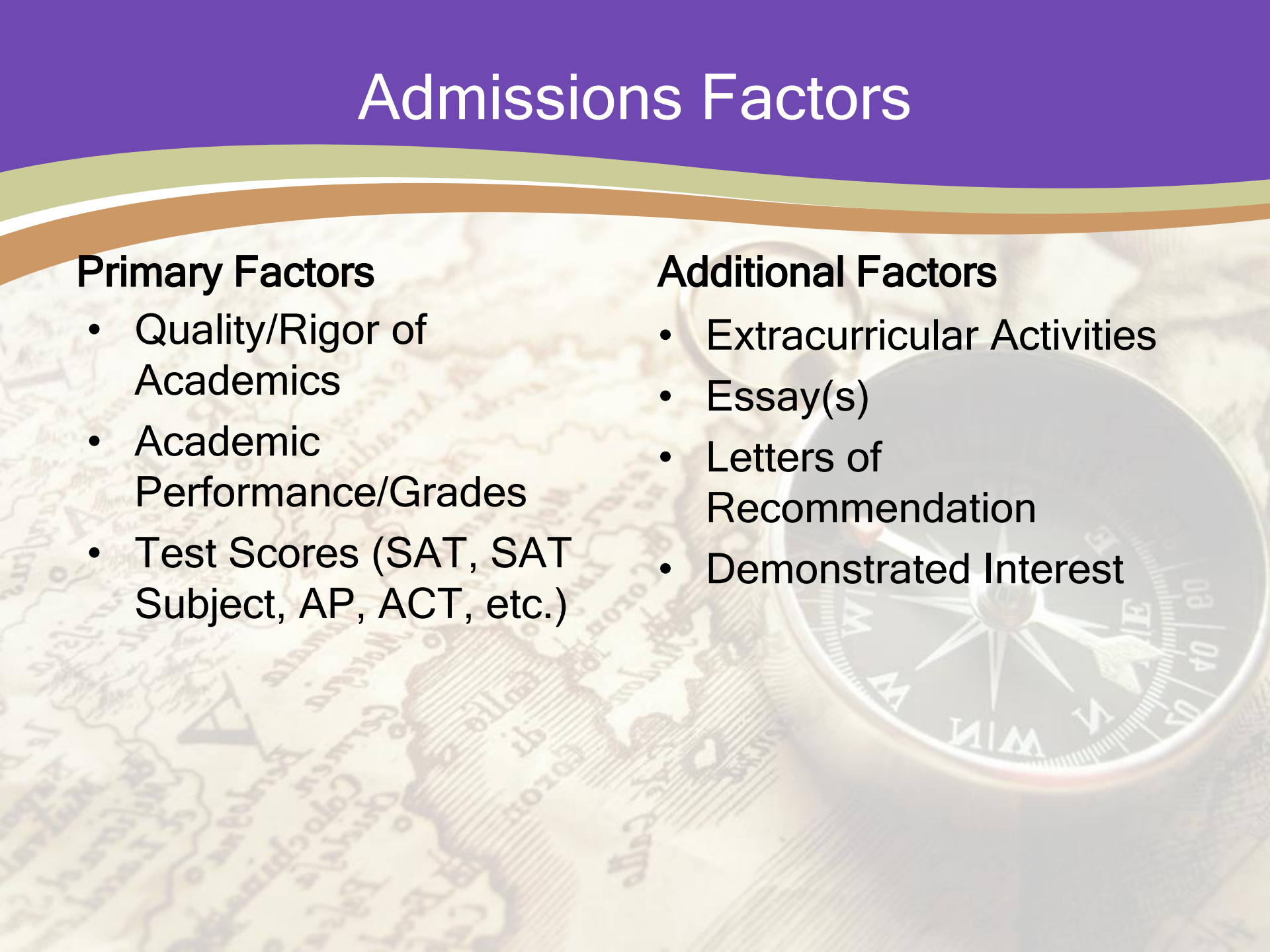
Admissions Factors

Primary Factors

- Quality/Rigor of Academics
- Academic Performance/Grades
- Test Scores (SAT, SAT Subject, AP, ACT, etc.)

Additional Factors

- Extracurricular Activities
- Essay(s)
- Letters of Recommendation
- Demonstrated Interest

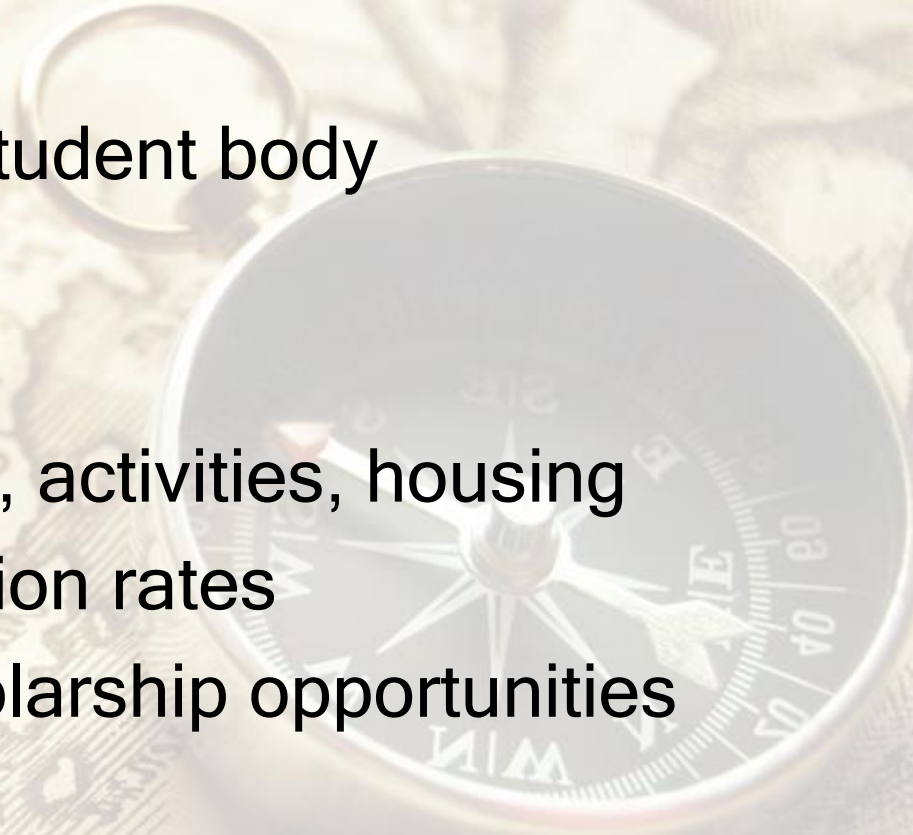


Other Considerations

- Positive recommendations from educators and mentors
- Personal statement and essay(s) demonstrating writing ability and self-expression
- A “demonstrated interest” that shows your enthusiasm in the colleges to which you’re applying
- Extracurricular activities, including participating in sports performing/visual arts, volunteering, etc.
- Community involvement, part-time work or internship
- Interview (if applicable)

College Exploration

- What to consider
 - Size and diversity of student body
 - Location
 - Academic programs
 - Campus life - athletics, activities, housing
 - Graduation and retention rates
 - Financial aid and scholarship opportunities



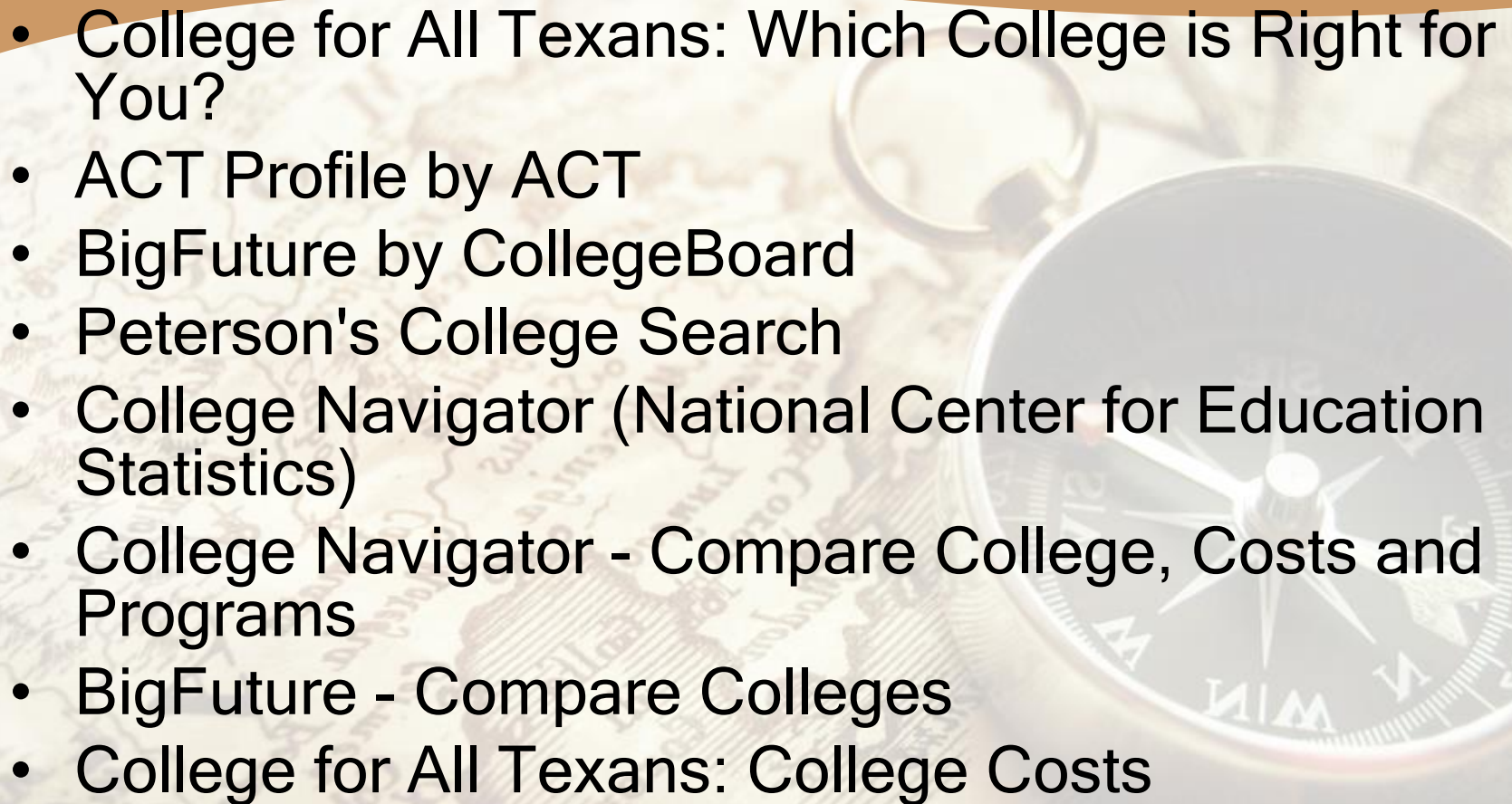
College Exploration

- **VISIT CAMPUSES**

- Take a campus tour
- Speak with an admissions counselor
- Ask about financial aid opportunities
- Sit in on a class of interest
- Talk to students and faculty.

Each senior gets 2 days for college visits. Forms can be picked up in the counselor's office.

Sites for College Exploration

- College for All Texans: Which College is Right for You?
 - ACT Profile by ACT
 - BigFuture by CollegeBoard
 - Peterson's College Search
 - College Navigator (National Center for Education Statistics)
 - College Navigator - Compare College, Costs and Programs
 - BigFuture - Compare Colleges
 - College for All Texans: College Costs
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APPLICATION PROCESS

First, get organized! Gather all documents & information before starting the online application.
Apply Texas – [Application Guide](#)

College Applications

- 1) Common Application** - Complete this application online at www.commonapp.org
- 2) Other Texas schools** – If you are applying to a Texas school, then apply through Apply Texas at www.applytexas.org
- 3) All other schools** - they will have their own application that will need to be completed.

Common Application (August 1) and Apply Texas (July 1) can be started this summer.

Keep a chart of all ID #'s & passwords assigned for quick access to Apply TX, Common App, College Board, ACT as well as ID #'s assigned by the college itself.

What completes an application?

- All four-year colleges require: **1)** an application, **2)** an official transcript sent from YHS, **3)** SAT or ACT scores sent from the testing agency (Some are still Test Optional) and **4)** Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR) if applicable.

Some colleges also require letters of recommendation

Online portion of the application requires:

- choice of major (if required - some schools request a 1st & 2nd choice major)
- biographical information
- educational background
- residency information
- extra-curricular activities
- volunteer, community service
- talents, awards, honors
- employment, internships, summer activities
- essays (if required)
- scholarship essays and short answer questions (if applying for general university scholarships)
- resume (if required)
- acknowledgement that applicant information is accurate
- fee for application to be processed (if required)

What completes an application? (continued)

2. Transcript

- Transcript can be requested to be sent by emailing your counselor. Be Sure to give the full name of the College.
- Allow up to 10 days for transcript to be sent.
- Final transcript will be sent to the college attending, students will provide information where to send transcripts at graduation practice.

3. SAT/ACT Scores (Check if Test Optional)

- Colleges require an official score report sent directly from the testing agency.
- Scores can be sent to 4 schools at no charge as part of test registration or an applicant can wait on scores and pay a fee to SAT/ACT to send scores.

* Plan early for requesting transcripts and test scores to be sent to meet deadlines.

* Dual Credit coursework: the college you attend will require a transcript from Temple College to determine if college credit has been earned. You must order this through Temple College Self Service section.

Regular Decision, Early Action, and Early Decision

Deadlines: Pay close attention to application deadlines!

- **Rolling Admission or Regular Decision:** The vast majority of students who apply to a given institution will do so through Regular Decision. While the application submission deadlines will vary between institutions, Regular Decision deadlines typically fall in early January, and offers of admission are sent out in late March or early April. These students will have until Spring to either accept or decline their offers.
- **Early Action:** Students will submit their applications before the regular deadline and will be informed of their admissions decision soon after (typically in January or February). Although the students apply and may be accepted, they are not committed to their Early Action school, and have until Spring to either accept or decline their offers of admission.
- **Early Decision:** Similar to Early Action, students will submit their applications before the Regular Decision deadline and receive their admissions decisions soon after. The most significant difference is that Early Decision is **binding**, which means that any student who applies and is admitted to a school through Early Decision is expected to enroll. Early Decision applicants typically require some type of signed form that indicates the intention to enroll upon admission.

2024-2025 SAT Test Dates

SAT Test Date*	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration**
Aug 24, 2024	Aug 9, 2024 Register	Aug 13, 2024
Oct 5, 2024	Sept 20, 2024 Register	Sept 24, 2024
Nov 2, 2024	Oct 18, 2024 Register	Oct 22, 2024
Dec 7, 2024	Nov 22, 2024 Register	Nov 26, 2024
Mar 8, 2025	Feb 21, 2025 Register	Feb 25, 2025
May 3, 2025	Apr 18, 2025 Register	April 22, 2025
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025 Register	May 27, 2025

SAT School Day:
October 2, 2024
March 18, 2025 (tentative)

- CISD will pay for student to take SAT one time during high school.
- Students can participate in SAT school day and self pay multiple times.

Callaway –
SAT scores must be received
by December.**

School Code: 441-091

2024-2025 ACT Test Dates

ACT Test Dates 2024-2025

Test Dates	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
September 14, 2024	August 9, 2024	August 25, 2024
October 26, 2024	September 20, 2024	October 7, 2024
December 14, 2024	November 8, 2024	November 22, 2024
February 8, 2025	January 3, 2025	January 20, 2025
April 5, 2025	February 28, 2025	March 16, 2025
June 14, 2025	May 9, 2025	May 26, 2025
July 12, 2025	June 6, 2025	June 20, 2025

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STANDARDIZED TESTING



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NEW SAT VS ACT

SAT

ACT

Digital only	Digital or Paper Pencil
Total Possible Score: 1600	Total Possible Score: 36
2 hours 14 minutes	2 hours, 55 minutes
Test structure: math & reading/writing	Test structure: reading, math, english, science
Reading & Writing: 2 sections; 64 minutes with 54 questions Math: 2 sections; 70 minutes with 44 questions	Reading & Science: 35 minutes with 40 questions English: 45 minutes with 75 questions Math: 60 minutes with 60 questions
Reading & Writing: 1 minute 11 seconds per question Math: 1 minute 35 seconds per question	Reading & Science: 52 seconds per question English: 36 seconds per question Math: 1 minute per question

What is SRAR

- This is a Self Reported Academic Record
- Only required by a few schools
- DO NOT go off memory or guess when entering this information - USE YOUR TRANSCRIPT

Some schools that require or highly recommend SRAR:

Baylor

Texas A&M

Texas Tech

University of Houston

University of Texas

Letters of Recommendation

Counselor Letters of Recommendation

- Counselors write a letter of recommendation for any school that requires it
 - *Common Application schools often require letter(s).*
- Larger public institutions usually do not require a letter. Acceptance at these institutions is based upon the student's application which includes their essay(s), ACT/SAT test scores and the student's transcript which shows strength of schedule and grades earned. Student should check the college website to see if they will need a letter of recommendation.
- If you are applying to a school or for a scholarship that requires a counselor letter of recommendation, students must provide a resume to the counselor at least three weeks prior to your first deadline .

Recommendation Letter

- **If your school requires a recommendation letter:**
 - Choose someone who knows you well enough to write the letter for you. This may be a teacher, coach, employer or friend of the family.
 - If your school specifically asks for the school counselor to write the letter, you will need to fill out the recommendation packet which you pick up from the counseling office.
 - Please allow 2 weeks from the date you turn in the profile for the letter to be completed.
 - Recommendation letters are mailed directly to the school.

If the letter is not required, it will not be considered for acceptance.

Application Overview

In order to apply, you will need the following items:

- Application
- Application Fee
- Official Transcript
- SAT/ACT Scores
- Essays

Some colleges will also want:

- Recommendation Letters



Apply: Essays

- ◎ Some schools will require that you write certain essays. For example, Apply Texas has Essay “A,” Essay “B,” and Essay “C.” Some schools will require 2 of the 3 or require A and B, and so on.
- ◎ If a school “suggests” doing an extra essay DO IT!! Don’t even THINK about NOT doing it.
- ◎ REVIEW your essays before you send them in.
- ◎ Have it proofread, English teachers are happy to help you.
- ◎ Admissions personnel want to see individuality and want something that stands out.
- ◎ If you have overcome adversity or have a special situation, tell them about it!
- ◎ If you are writing about someone who is your role model talk about how you are like them, not just about the person - they will want to admit that person and not you.

Apply: Application Fee

- Each university will require a one-time application fee ranging from \$25 to \$75 (many are about \$40).
- Fee waivers are available for ACT/SAT/Applications, if meet requirement or extenuating circumstance.
(see your counselor)



Update Personal File/Resumé

- Be sure to update your personal file/resumé with any activities, community service and awards you have received.
- If you have NOT started a resumé, there's no time like the present! A resumé will make it easier to fill out applications and will help your teachers, coaches and your counselor write correct recommendation letters for you.
- You may list your awards by year or by activity. Many applications want items listed by type (sport, extra-curricular, etc.) and then by year.

Get Organized!

- ◎ Keep all of your college information together!
 - ✓ A great idea is to get a crate, a folder, a bin, a desk drawer and dedicate it to college stuff! Keep it in the same place in your house so you can find it easily!
- ◎ Remember to keep all of your emails from the college - they may have important messages or phone numbers you may need.
- ◎ Be sure to CHECK your email/college portal - this is how they will communicate with you! Make sure your email is appropriate!

Acceptances

- As soon as you have made a decision on which school you will attend, send a deposit right away.
- Inform the schools whose offers you are declining.
- This helps for admission of waitlisted students sooner.
- Turn your acceptance letters and scholarship \$ to your counselor!

APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

- ◎ Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov for the application. **YOU MUST FILL THIS OUT TO RECEIVE ANY FINANCIAL AID FROM ANY UNIVERSITY.**
- ◎ Be sure to have this document sent to the university of your choice.
- ◎ **FINANCIAL AID IS FIRST COME FIRST SERVED, SO TURN IN YOUR APPLICATION AS SOON AS YOU CAN!**
- ◎ **FAFSA NIGHT @ YHS - Will be announced**

Cameron ISD Foundation Scholarship

Cameron ISD Scholarship Foundation

Criteria

- Application (YHS Website)
- Written Essay (Personal Narrative)
- Transcript
- Any other documents requested

Available to ALL students attending post secondary education

Can be awarded six semesters after initial award.

CALLAWAY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

General Funds Allocation

- Legacy Scholarship (\$60,000)
- Distinguished Scholarship (\$60,000)
- Vocational Scholarship (\$10,000/year for 2 years)
- Quintile Based

Callaway Endowed Scholarships 2024-2025

St. Edwards University

University of Mary Hardin Baylor

Temple College

Additional Funds

Perfect Attendance

U.I.L. Academic Excellence

Extracurricular Activities - Maximum \$225/year

*** Specific Details,
Requirements, and
notes available on
[YHS Website](#)**

CALLAWAY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility Guidelines

- Must live within the district and have attended C.H. Yoe High School for at least 2 years.
- Must be graduating in the Spring of the current year.
- Must provide a brief written statement as to how any funds received will be utilized to enhance their future, with their application.
- Must meet at least a 90% attendance for each year in high school. We define attendance as in-person attendance. The following does **NOT** count for attendance: virtual check-ins or excused absences. School-related absences do count as attendance.

CALLAWAY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

- Must have no serious disciplinary referrals. Examples include violence, vandalism, and possession of illegal substances.
- Must be a good citizen. Convictions of crimes deemed serious by the Foundation will result in your exclusion from scholarship consideration. You cannot apply for this scholarship if you have felony or misdemeanor charges. If charges are pending but you have pleaded guilty, you cannot apply for this scholarship. If you have been charged but have not admitted guilt, you can apply for this scholarship. However, the Foundation will withhold scholarship funds until court proceedings are final and you have been cleared of all charges.

CALLAWAY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

- Must provide documentation of **20** hours of approved community service completed in Cameron, Texas. **Ten hours** must be completed and turned in before Christmas break, and an additional 10 hours completed and turned in by the Tuesday after spring break.
- **Pre-Approved Activities (WHITE FORM)**
 - Listed on WHITE FORM and sent out Remind app
- **Approval Required (GREEN FORM)**
 - Activities not on the white form that benefit the Cameron Community.
 - **MUST** be approved by Mrs. Vaculin **PRIOR** to service being served.

★ Do Not wait until the day before to get hours approved ★

Scholarships

- ◎ Reputable scholarships are listed on:
 - ◎ FastWeb: www.fastweb.com
 - ◎ Scholarships.com: www.scholarships.com
 - ◎ College Board's scholarship search: bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search
 - ◎ Texas Comptroller: <https://comptroller.texas.gov/programs/education/>
 - ◎ YHS Webpage: YHS Webpage
- ◎ Most of the big scholarships come from the university you attend.
- ◎ Remember, you can still get scholarships WHILE attending college, don't forget to keep applying..
- ◎ Most scholarship awards will be sent directly to the college - make sure they know where to send the money! Information for scholarship will be in your award folder on Scholarship Night.
- ◎ Write THANK YOU NOTES!

Questions?

