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McKinney Education Foundation's
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COLLEGE ADVISORS	SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SENIORS	TEACHER GRANTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides a college advisor on each high school campus in order to help students through the college application, scholarship and financial aid processes• Helped the Class of 2021 to find more than \$20 million in outside scholarships (does not include MEF scholarships)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides seniors in MISD with the opportunity to receive a scholarship• Last year we awarded \$560,800 in scholarships to the Class of 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides teachers in MISD with the opportunity to receive a classroom grant• In December we awarded over \$115,00 in grants to MISD teachers

THE COLLEGE PROCESS

- Explore College Options
 - 2-Year College vs. 4-Year College
 - Admission Factors
 - Visit College Campus
- Testing Requirements
 - SAT/ACT Information
- Get Organized
- Application Process
- Financial Aid / Scholarships

SELECTING A COLLEGE

Academic
Programs

Support
Services

Academic
/Social
Environment

Cost of
Attendance

School
Size

Athletics

Housing

Scholarships
and Financial
Aid Received

Location

Academic
/Social
Environment

Campus
Tours
2 excused absences
Jr. & Sr. Year

Parent's/
Guardian's
opinion

POST-SECONDARY DIFFERENCES

TECHNICAL/ VOCATIONAL	2 YEAR COLLEGES	4 YEAR COLLEGES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Time varies• Certificate Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student's earn an Associate's degrees• Students can transfer credits to 4 year college• Associate's of Applied Science—designed to get you into the workforce quickly• Examples of Colleges: Collin College, Dallas County Community Colleges, Tyler Jr. College	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students earn a Bachelor's degree• Example of Colleges: University of Texas, Texas A&M University, Baylor, Southern Methodist University, University of North Texas

WHAT 4-YEAR COLLEGES CONSIDER

PRIMARY FACTORS

- High School Course Rigor
- Rank
- GPA/Grades
- SAT/ACT test scores

ADDITIONAL FACTORS

- Essay(s)- answer the question.
(The best essays are often simple and personal)
- Extracurricular Activities
- Letters of Recommendation
- Demonstrated Interest

COLLEGE ADMISSION TESTING

- Test at the end of Junior year and beginning of Senior year
- ACT – www.actstudent.org - Cost \$60
- SAT – www.collegeboard.org - Cost \$55
 - ▶ FREE on SAT School Day - March 2, 2022
- Fee waivers available (free/reduced lunch students)
- Used for scholarships
- Not needed for community college (unless used as TSI replacement)
- Required for college or university admission (may require subject tests in addition to the regular SAT)

4-YEAR COLLEGE APPLICATION FILE

MANDATORY ITEMS	“OPTIONAL” ITEMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application (don't forget to submit!)• Official transcript• Application Fee (fee waivers available)• Official Test Scores—ACT or SAT*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Essay(s)• Resume• Letters of Recommendation• Portfolio/Audition• Interview

TOP 10% ADMISSION POLICY

- Attend a recognized public or private high school in **Texas**
- Rank in the top 10% of their graduating class, and
- Ensure all required credentials and applications are received by the freshman closing date
- ONLY UT Austin has a different Top 10% policy
 - Top 6% for the Class of 2023

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN BE ADMITTED

- Academic Admits – Class rank, SAT/ACT score, successfully taken all minimum required and recommended course work
 - Review Admits – Complete application file will be reviewed
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- Transfer Admission – Complete required coursework through 2 year college (Pre-Admission Agreements)

PROVISIONAL ADMISSIONS PROGRAMS

University of Texas System	Texas A&M System	Texas Tech
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CAP (Coordinated Admissions Policy)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• option offered at UT System Schools—earn 30 hours with 3.2 GPA• PACE<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Co-Enrollment with Austin Community College and UT, (2.0 UT GPA and 3.2 ACC GPA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PSA (Program System Admission)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attend a system school, earn 30 hrs, 3.2 GPA• Blinn TEAM<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Co-Enrollment with Blinn CC and Texas A&M, 3.0 GPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gateway Program<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete 6 hours with a 2.5 GPA during first summer session.• TTAP<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tech Transfer Acceleration Program, co-enrollment with South Plains.

NCAA

- Required for college athletic participation at Division I or II institutions
- Complete in the spring of your junior year
- Apply online – **www.eligibilitycenter.org**
- Use code **9999** when registering for the ACT/SAT

SCHOLARSHIPS

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS	MCKINNEY EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP	OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply to all the freshman scholarships at each college you are applying to• Some colleges have a separate scholarship application	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application will open January of senior year• EVERY senior in MISD is eligible	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Naviance has the most up to date list of scholarships• www.naviance.com

Be aware of your scholarship
DEADLINES and of Scholarship Scams

FINANCIAL AID

FAFSA	CSS Profile
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>F</u>ree <u>A</u>pplication for <u>F</u>ederal <u>S</u>tudent <u>A</u>id• Available on October 1st of senior year• Must have 2021 tax information to complete• Preferred submission date TBD• www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Available on October 1st of senior year• Usually February 1st for Regular Decision or November 1st for Early Decision deadlines• Not required to have current taxes completed• Not done in lieu of FAFSA, but in addition to

WHAT CAN I DO NOW?

- Visit colleges
- Sign up for the ACT or SAT test in May or June
- Familiarize yourself with the admission processes, requirements and priority deadlines at potential colleges/universities
- Create or Update Resume
- Apply for scholarships now!
- Attend the summer college fair at McKinney ISD Stadium events center - June 22 from 1-3pm.

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