

"The greatest
adventure is what
lies ahead!"

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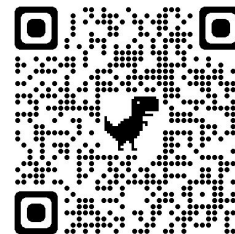




CCMR: College, Career & Military Readiness

All students should graduate from high school ready for college, careers, the military, or any future they choose in life. Our goal is to prepare our graduates to pursue a future of their choosing and successfully enter our global society.





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Keller ISD is committed to focusing on cutting-edge, rigorous, and relevant education that prepares our students for post-secondary learning as well as a wide range of high-wage, high-demand careers. We offer sixty-one programs of study, thirty of which are Career and Technical Education, or CTE, programs. Throughout the progression of each program, students learn relevant skills that may lead to a future

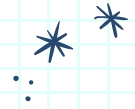
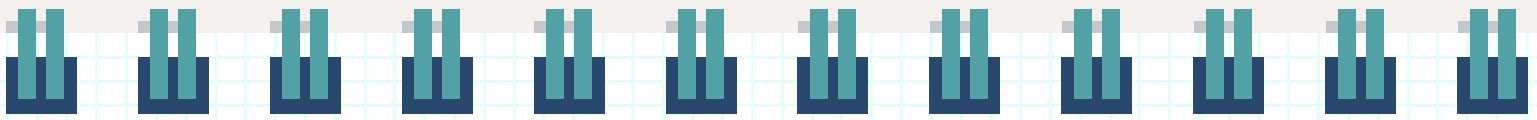
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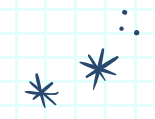
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What Are Your Post-Graduation Options?



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Need Help Deciding?



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CAREER EXPLORATION

Career Interest Inventories

The following are a few inventories or profile assessments that you may find helpful when trying to decide on a career or major to study.

- [Personality Type Guided Activity](#)
- [Careeronestop Interest Assessment](#)
- [Education Planner.org](#)
- [O'Net Interest Profiler](#)
- [Texas Career Check Interest Profiler](#)
- [Jung Typology personality test](#)
- [Enneagram Personality test](#)
- [123Personality test](#)

Career Search Sites

Career Coach

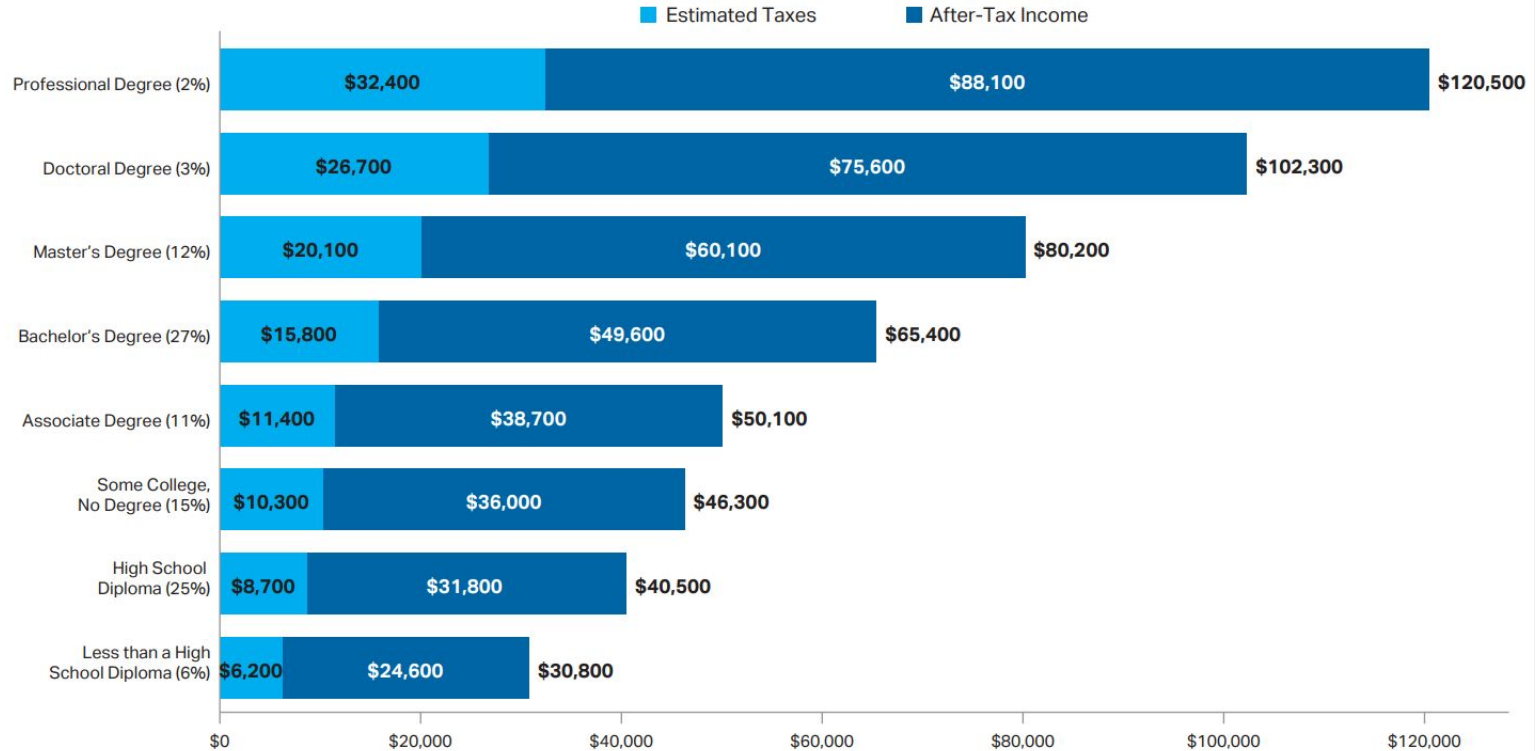
This amazing FREE online tool from Workforce Solutions gives Tarrant County residents the ability to research local careers and training programs like never before.

Career One Stop

A source for career exploration, training and jobs, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Get Schooled

FIGURE 2.1 Median Earnings and Tax Payments of Full-Time Year-Round Workers Age 25 and Older, by Education Level, 2018



Choosing A College



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COLLEGE INFORMATION & TOOLS FOR SUCCESS

College Research Worksheet

A tool to help students research and identify the colleges that are a good fit

[Worksheet](#)

College Search Tools

Big Future

Not sure where to start? This site provides you with a step-by-step interactive guide.

Christian Connector

A free Christian College resource center

College Affordability Guide

This site uses millions of data points to analyze college costs and degree plans.

CollegeData.com

Set up a free account and get access to unique college planning tools to help you make right decisions about college. You can also save your favorite college, scholarships and articles in one place. Stay organized on your path to college!



Most Common Institutions of Enrollment by Keller ISD Students

- Tarrant County College
- University of North Texas
- Texas Tech
- Texas A & M
- UT Arlington

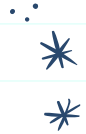


- UT Austin
- University of Arkansas
- University of Oklahoma
- Oklahoma State
- Texas State University





College Visits



"A junior or senior student's absence of up to two days related to visiting a college or university will be considered an exemption, provided the student receives approval from the campus principal, follows the campus procedures to verify such a visit, and makes up any work missed."

Virtual College Visits and Fairs

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COLLEGE VISITS

Visiting a college can help you get a sense of what a college - and life at a college - is really like. Use the following checklist to help guide your visit.

[Campus Visit Checklist](#)

Virtual College Exploration

Many colleges and universities are offering "virtual tours." Be sure to check their individual websites for these opportunities or go to [Youvisit.com](#).

For a comprehensive list of colleges and universities that may offer virtual tours, check out [College Virtual Tours](#).

For a virtual experience from a student guide perspective, try [CampusReel](#).

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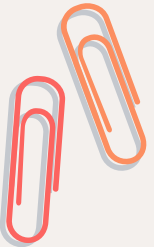
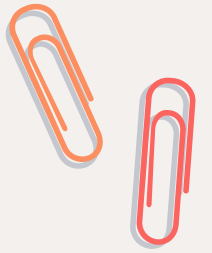
College Applications

- Apply Texas
- Common App
- Coalition App
- HBCU App
- School specific application



How to Apply

1. Completely fill out the application
2. Request that your high school transcript be sent to the college (use the online form from your high school campus)
3. Send your SAT or ACT scores to the college (if applicable)
4. Create an FSA ID & complete the FAFSA
5. Apply for campus specific scholarships. This may require a separate application
6. Apply for scholarships that could be used at any college
7. Pay attention to application and scholarship deadlines
8. Follow up to ensure all required documents have been received by the college or university



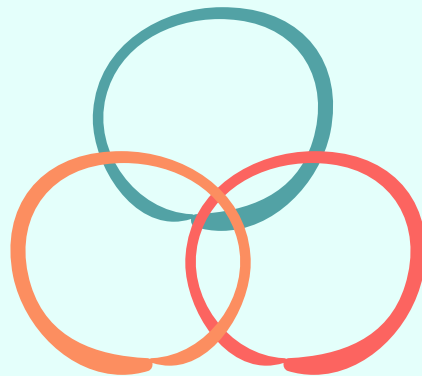
Strengthen Your Application

- Extra-curricular activities

Clubs, sports, band, etc.,

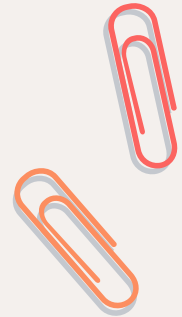
- Volunteer Hours

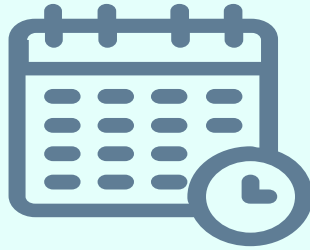
- Community Involvement



∴ Essays! ∴ 😊

- Answer the question asked
- Tell your story...How are you unique?
- Be clear about why you are interested in the college
- Show your creativity
- Write several drafts and revise
- Get feedback from good writers you know
- Don't write about Covid - they have heard it A LOT!





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Letters of Recommendation

1. Cannot be a family member
2. Give at least **2 weeks** notice.
3. LOR form in counseling office or on website.



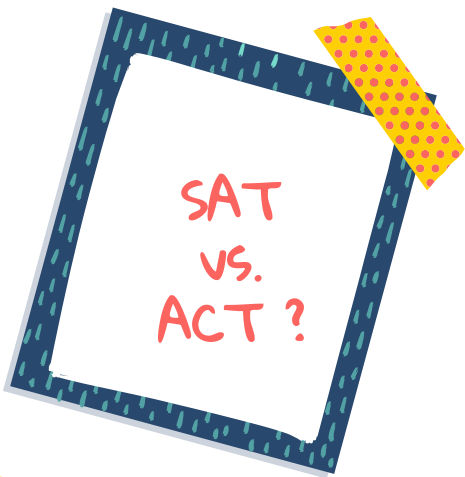
Test Optional

Make sure you clearly understand exactly what “test optional” means to the college or university you are applying to

Taking an SAT or ACT does not mean you *have* to submit your scores to be admitted.

At Texas schools, you will need to submit scores or take the TSI to be able to register for classes.

Questions?? See your CCMR coach or campus counselor!!



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ACT/SAT/TSI RESOURCES

Due to COVID-19, many colleges and universities have changed their admission policies. Several have adopted "test optional" policies. You may access a list of those colleges and universities at this website: [Test Optional Colleges & Universities](#)

ACT Test Registration

Registration, Career Planning, Test Prep, Last Minute Questions.

SAT Information & Registration

Registration, Career Planning, Test Prep, Last Minute Questions.

ACT/SAT registration codes:

Central High School Code **442583**

Fossil Ridge High School Code **443753**

Keller High School Code **443755**

Timber Creek High School Code **443752**

New Directions High School Code **443757**

If you are on free/reduced lunch, you may pick up a **fee waiver** in the counseling office before registering.

Compare the ACT and SAT tests [here](#)



SAT vs. ACT



∴ SAT ∴

- Score on a scale of 400-1600
- 3 tests + optional essay
- 3 hours + 50 mins (optional essay)
- Free online prep (Khan Academy)
- Changing to online adaptive test in Spring 2024

∴ ACT ∴

- Scored on a scale of 1-36
- 4 tests + optional essay
- 2 hours 55 minutes + 50 minutes (optional essay)
- Free online prep through ACT academy
- Science test that tests critical thinking

How to Register for SAT or ACT



Know the date you want to test



Credit card or other payment



HS course details



You can register online



High school code



Headshot photo



ACT & SAT Preparation

It is of the *utmost importance* that you **STUDY** before taking the ACT or SAT college entrance exam. Doing your best on these tests cannot only ensure your admission to the college of your choice, but it could also mean **scholarship** opportunities for you!

- Schedule your test far enough in advance to give yourself plenty of time to prepare.
- Take advantage of these FREE online tools.
- Study a little every day! Don't wait until the last minute to cram for the test. You will not get your best results!!

ACT Prep

<https://academy.act.org/>

SAT Prep

<http://www.khanacademy.org/sat>

March2Success

March2Success provides an online study program to help students prepare for standardized tests, improve school work and review materials.

Student Athletes



- Register with NCAA
- Register with NAIA
- Confirm with your counselor that you are on track with the classes you take for NCAA (4 X 4 Curriculum)
- Send official KISD transcript to NCAA or NAIA
- Send your official SAT or ACT scores to NCAA or NAIA
- Pay registration fees (or use fee waivers if eligible)



Community College

2 yr/transfer

Get your basics then transfer to larger school



Certificate

Some jobs require a certificate rather than a degree



Associates Degree


Some opportunities require an Associates degree

General Education

A great place to increase your general knowledge



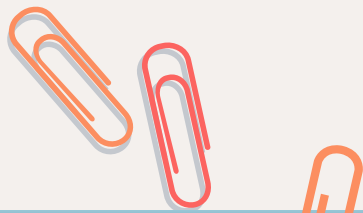
· Benefits ·

- smaller classroom settings
 - lower cost of attendance
 - remaining closer to home
 - complete “the basics”
- 



Technical or Trade Schools

- Train students in highly specialized careers
- Most programs are two years in length
- Credits may or may not transfer to other traditional schools.



Health Care and
Social Assistance



Construction



Manufacturing



Trucking



Bookkeeping, Accounting
and Auditing

VOCATIONAL SKILLS in High Demand Today

SOURCES: bls.gov | money.cnn.com



Food Services



Computer
Support



Dental Care



Hair Styling and
Cosmetology



Auto Servicing

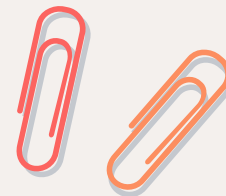


Veterinary
Technology

Technical Programs

- Tarrant County College: Registered Nurse (RN), Automotive Service Technology, Aviation Maintenance, Construction Management, Firefighter Certification, HVAC (Air Conditioning), Real Estate
- Texas State Technical College (Dallas): Architectural Design, Computer Networking, Cybersecurity, HVAC, Welding
- Parker University: Chiropractics, Health Sciences, Business & Technology
- Ogle School & L Makeup Institute (Southlake): Cosmetology, Esthetics, Manicurist, Stylist
- And so many more!

Transcripts



- Colleges will need a copy of a student's transcript to admit the student.
- After high school graduation, students will need to submit a final (official) transcript to the college where they will attend.
- Students should begin requesting final transcripts in mid-May

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TRANSCRIPTS

Need to order a transcript?

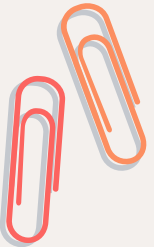
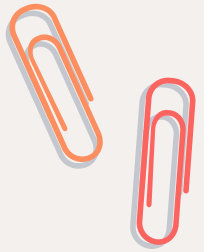
[Click here to order your transcripts and student records](#)

Military



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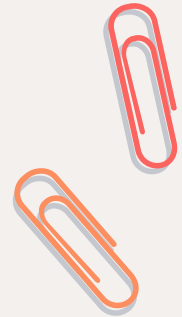
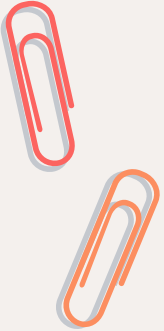
- Students can earn college credit while in the military
- The military can pay for some or all of your college tuition
- College ROTC programs can help you prepare for the military while attending college and can open up additional scholarship opportunities
- Do not sign paperwork without discussing with your parents



Financial Aid



Financial Aid is
money (grants, loans,
scholarships and
work study) that
helps defray the
overall cost of your
college education.



3 Types of Federal Student Aid


1



Free money.

Grants are usually based on financial need and don't have to be repaid.


2



Borrowed money.

Loans are an investment in your future. But remember, they must be repaid with interest.

3



Earned money.

A **work-study** job lets you earn money while you're in school.





∴ ☺ FAFSA ∴
(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

No matter what your financial situation, it is *strongly recommended* that you complete the FAFSA.

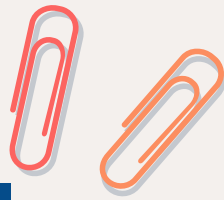
It is required by *all* colleges for students to be eligible for financial aid.

Normally, the application opens October 1 every year. It will open sometime in December this year due to a large update to the application process.

Completing a FAFSA (or TASFA) is now a graduation requirement in the state of Texas.



Financial Aid Resources



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FAFSA, TASFA & FINANCIAL AID

Financial Aid Resources

Every student should fill out the FAFSA (or TASFA) as early as possible during their senior year to be considered for Federal, State, and individual colleges' financial aid money. FAFSA will open on October 1, for students who will begin college in the fall of the following year.

Texas OnCourse Guidance for Families (Financial Aid Requirement)

U'Aspire Financial Aid Timeline

College Board: 3 Steps to Financial Aid

Texas Workforce Commission: Financial Resources and Planning (For Education and Training Beyond High School)

FAFSA Resources

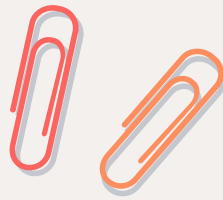
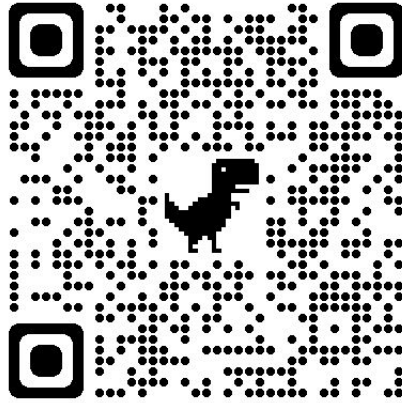
All students and at least one parent with a social security number on the tax return should get an **FSA ID before** filling out their FAFSA. You will use the **FSA ID** each year you are in college to electronically sign and submit the FAFSA.

Step 1: Click [here](#) to create your FSA ID.

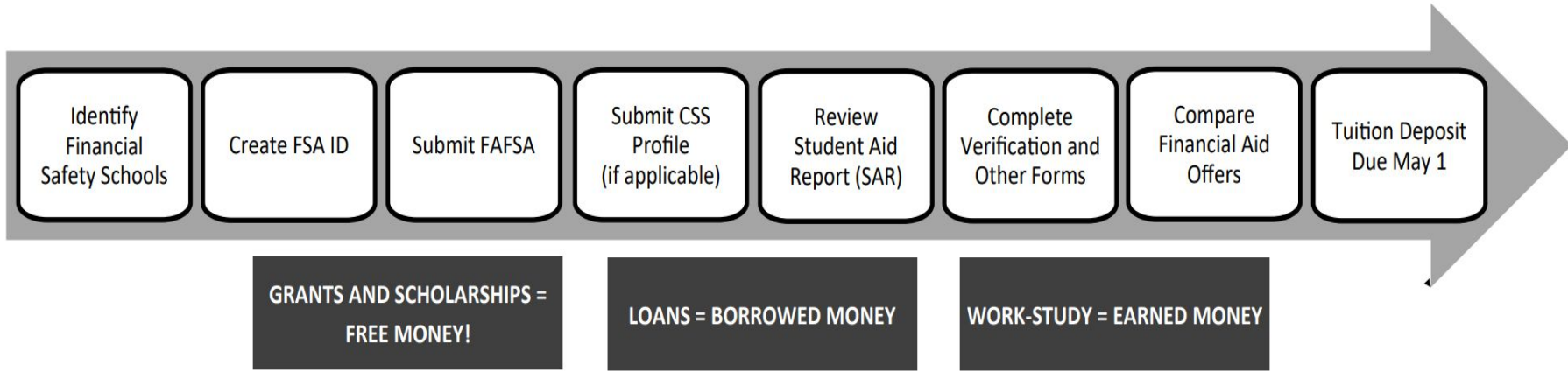
Step 2: Click [here](#) to start your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

TAFSA Resources

FAFSA Steps



studentaid.gov



What is the TASFA?

- Texas Application for State Financial Aid
- For students classified as Texas residents who are not eligible to complete the FAFSA
- Used to determine eligibility for state financial aid





Which financial aid application should students use?

Student Residency Status	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA)
US citizen	✓	
Permanent resident with an Alien Registration Card (I-551 visa)	✓	
Conditional permanent resident (I-551C visa)	✓	
Eligible noncitizen with an Arrival/Departure Record (I-94 visa)	✓	
None of the statuses above BUT Texas resident, eligible for in-state tuition		✓

TASFA Completion Basics

- Very similar to the FAFSA
- Available in English and Spanish
- State priority application deadline: **January 15**
- Submit directly to the college financial aid office
- Available online beginning fall 2022

2021-22 TASFA

Texas Application for State Financial Aid

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

The Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) is a free application that collects information to help determine eligibility for state (or institutional) financial aid programs administered by institutions of higher education in the state of Texas. Students classified as Texas residents who are not eligible to apply for federal financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are encouraged to complete the TASFA. To review the FAFSA filing requirements, visit fafsa.gov or contact the financial aid office at the institution you plan to attend for the 2021-22 award year. **Note:** The federal application covers federal and state financial aid opportunities. If you meet the FAFSA filing requirements, then you should submit a completed FAFSA. You do not need to complete both the FAFSA and TASFA.

The state financial aid priority application deadline for many institutions of higher education is **January 15, 2021** for the 2021-22 award year. In order to be considered for the most financial aid that may be available to you, it is important to complete and submit this application with all required documentation to the financial aid office on or before **Jan. 15**. **Note:** Texas residency and final eligibility for financial aid can only be determined by the institution that you plan to attend.

To complete this application, answer each item within each section. If a question does not apply to you, answer **N/A** for not applicable. For clarification on certain items, refer to the **TASFA Notes** on pages 6-8. If you have further questions about this form, contact the financial aid office at your institution. Some institutions have an online version of the TASFA; check with your institution before filling out the pdf or paper version. **Note:** Personal information collected on the TASFA is protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974.

SECTION ONE: STUDENT INFORMATION (See Notes for questions 5-6)

1. Last Name	2. First Name	3. M.I.
4. Date of Birth	5. Social Security Number, DACA Number, or N/A	6. College Student ID #
7. Permanent Mailing Address		
8. City	9. State	10. Zip Code
11. Phone Number		
12. Email Address		
13. What will your high school (HS) completion status be when you begin college in the 2021-22 school year? High school diploma <input type="checkbox"/> Homeschooled <input type="checkbox"/> General Educational Development (GED) certificate <input type="checkbox"/> None of these <input type="checkbox"/>		
14. High School Name (if applicable)		
15. High School City (if applicable)		
16. HS State (if applicable)		
17. Date of Graduation (HS or GED)		
18. Will you have your first bachelor's degree before you begin the 2021-22 school year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
19. What will your college grade level be when you begin the 2021-22 school year?		
20. What degree or certificate will you be working on when you begin the 2021-22 school year?		
Never attended college (No college credits) <input type="checkbox"/>	1st bachelor's degree <input type="checkbox"/>	
1st year undergraduate <input type="checkbox"/>	2nd bachelor's degree <input type="checkbox"/>	
2nd year undergraduate/sophomore <input type="checkbox"/>	Associate degree (occupational, technical, general education, or transfer program) <input type="checkbox"/>	
3rd year undergraduate/junior <input type="checkbox"/>	Certificate or diploma <input type="checkbox"/>	
4th year undergraduate/senior <input type="checkbox"/>	Teaching credential (nondegree program) <input type="checkbox"/>	
5th year/other undergraduate <input type="checkbox"/>	Graduate or professional degree <input type="checkbox"/>	
1st year graduate/professional <input type="checkbox"/>	Other/undecided <input type="checkbox"/>	
Continuing graduate/professional or beyond <input type="checkbox"/>		



Scholarships



∴ Institutional ∴

Straight from the university; based on need, academics, ACT/SAT, or special programs like athletics, fine arts, or volunteer hours. Some universities will have one application for all freshmen scholarships.



∴ Independent ∴

Straight from organizations; can be based on need, or specific to the organization. Check with your work, church, or community organization for available scholarships.



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SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Opportunities

To find out about scholarships, use the scholarship database and search engine sites listed below or look on your specific campus webpage.

Tips for successfully submitting a scholarship application:

- Complete the application correctly.
- Have your name on every page
- Include all required paperwork/forms
- Copy everything before you submit the application
- Be sure to submit the application before the deadline



[Link to complete scholarship list](#)

**Click Here for our
Scholarship List**





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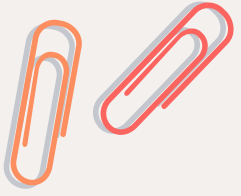
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