KCA CCMR Presentation

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What is "CCMR"?

College Career Military Readiness



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College Board "Big Future"--College Search Tool



There are more than 2,000 colleges in the United States.

Find the right college for you.

Filter by location, major, and more.

Already have a school in mind?

Look up a college by name Q

PSAT Scores

- Take in October during 9th, 10th and 11th grade.
- The PSAT National Merit Scholarship is based off of your 11th grade PSAT score.
- Top 3-4% Are "Commended Scholars"
- Top 1% are Semifinalists (Can Apply to be Finalists)
- National Merit Finalists often get amazing, even full-ride scholarships

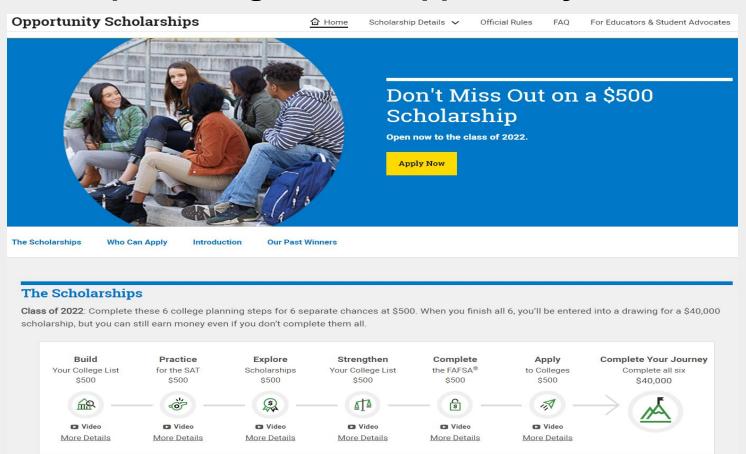
SAT/ACT Scores

- Sometimes easier to "move the needle" on SAT/ACT scores than GPA (especially for upperclassmen)
- Help gain admissions to choice colleges
- Help earn scholarships
- The scores can be raised with practice!
- Free Study Resources are available

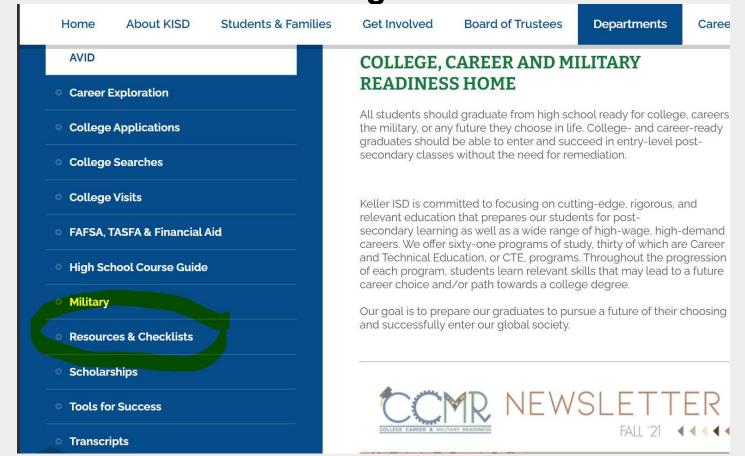
Khan Academy SAT Prep: It Works & is Personalized



Scholarships: College Board Opportunity Scholarships



What Should My Student(s) Be Doing to Prepare for Life after High School?



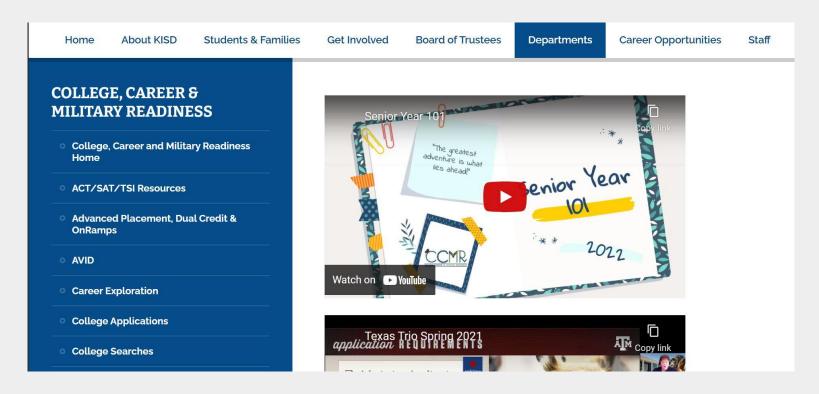
What do you want to do when you grow up? Try Career Interest Survey

Check out Career Interest Surveys on Keller ISD CCMR website:

https://www.kellerisd.net/Page/6477



We Are Debuting Our New Video: "Senior Year 101"



https://www.kellerisd.net/Page/6962

Scholarships: Raise.me (Grades 9-12)

- "Micro Scholarships": Amount of money earned based on achievements
- Add Achievements: Add your course grades, clubs, sports, volunteer activities, and more to your portfolio.
- Earn Scholarships: For each achievement, you'll earn scholarships from colleges, which you'll be awarded when you attend that college.

Scholarships

2 basic types:

Institutional Scholarships: 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.

<u>Independent Scholarships</u>: 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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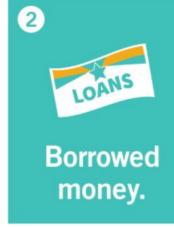
- ★ Visit the Keller ISD College, Career & Military Readiness page for links to scholarships that are due in the Fall. There are also some great tips for when you are applying for scholarships.
 - https://www.kellerisd.net/Page/6482
- ★ Most local and institution scholarships will not open until early spring.
- ★ Visit the College and Career Center on your campus for help with scholarships.

Types of Financial Aid

3 Types of Federal Student Aid



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



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



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



FAFSA: Graduation Requirement (Or Opt-Out)

- Only seniors need to do FAFSA (unless being used for Dual Credit). FAFSA opens October 1st of each year.
- Reasons to do FAFSA
 - Indicating to colleges that you need money for college
 - Some students will qualify for Federal & State Grants
 - Almost all students will qualify for Federal Stafford Loans
 - It is required for some scholarships
 - Institutional grant money (e.g., Rice)
 - Parent Plus Loans (if needed)
 - Federal Work Study benefit

Questions, Answers, Discussion