



# Senior Parent Night

## Class of 2018

Sharyland Advanced  
Academic Academy



# Topics

- Graduation Requirements – HS and STC
- College Admissions Policies
- Choosing a University
- Admissions Processes
- Financial Aid
- Upcoming Events

# Graduation Requirements

| Multidisciplinary Studies     | Credits Required |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| English                       | 4                |
| Math                          | 4                |
| Science                       | 4                |
| Social Studies                | 4                |
| Foreign Language              | 2                |
| Fine Arts                     | 1                |
| Physical Education            | 1                |
| Computer Technology           | 1                |
| Speech                        | 1                |
| Electives                     | 4                |
| Total Credits for Graduation: | 26               |

# STC Graduation Requirements

- DegreeWorks
- Associate's Degrees require 60+ Hours
- STC Graduation – May 11-12, 2017

# Uniform Admissions Policy

- Must successfully complete the Foundation Plus Endorsement OR
- Meet the ACT College Readiness Benchmarks (English=18, Reading=21, Mathematics=22, Science=24) OR
- Earn at least a SAT assessment score of 1500 out of 2400 or the equivalent.

# Top 10% Rule

- **The top 10% law** requires that *public* universities in Texas give automatic admission to high school students in one of their first two years after their graduation if they are in the top 10 percent of their graduating class.
- HB 1843 exempts UT from the top 10% law. UT caps the number of students automatically admitted at **Top 7% for entering freshmen fall 2018.**

# Choosing a university

## Things to consider:

- ▣ Size
- ▣ Location
- ▣ Curriculum/ Majors
- ▣ Cost of Living
- ▣ Cost of Tuition
- ▣ Quality of Education
- ▣ Admission Requirements
- ▣ Types of Financial Aid
- ▣ Scholarship Opportunities
- ▣ Student/Professor Ratio

# College Admissions



# Admissions File

- ☐ Admission Application
  - ☐ [www.ApplyTexas.org](http://www.ApplyTexas.org) or [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- ☐ Official H.S. Transcript
- ☐ Official test scores:  
SAT/ SAT II /ACT/ TSI
- ☐ Application Fee Payment or Fee Waiver
  - ☐ Fee waivers can be requested in the Guidance Department
- ☐ Essays (if required)
- ☐ Letters of Recommendations
- ☐ Resume (Optional)
- ☐ Proof of Bacterial Meningitis
- ☐ University Scholarship Application

# How to Apply for Admission

- **Apply Texas Application**
  - Online admission application for accredited Texas Public colleges/universities and some private colleges. [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org)
- **National Common Application**
  - Online admission application for out-of-state, private, and or Ivy League universities. [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- **School specific applications**
  - Downloadable on college website.

# Apply Texas Essays

- Topic A: **REQUIRED (saved)**

*What was the environment in which you were raised? Describe your family, home, neighborhood, or community, and explain how it has shaped you as a person.*

- Topic B: **REQUIRED (saved)**

*Most students have an identity, an interest, or a talent that defines them in an essential way. Tell us about yourself.*

- Topic C: **optional (unsaved)**

*You've got a ticket in your hand -- Where will you go? What will you do? What will happen when you get there?*

# Senate Bill 1528

*Legislative Bill that allows students who are non-residents to be classified as Texas Residents for College Admissions and Financial Aid (State Funds) purposes only and if the student:*

- Has resided in Texas three (3) consecutive years leading up to graduation,
- Will reside in Texas for 12 consecutive months prior to enrollment,
- Will graduate from a Public Texas High School or receive their GED
- And provides a notarized statement that the student meets the above criteria and intends to apply for Permanent Residency at the earliest opportunity.

# College Entrance Exams

| ACT  | SAT   |
|--|---|
| Tests what student has learned throughout high school                  | Tests student's logical thinking skills<br>"What you do with what you have learned" |
| Tests areas of: Math, Reading, English, Science and Writing (optional) | Tests areas of: Critical Reading, Math, and Writing                                 |
| Score range: 1 – 36 on subjects<br>Writing score range: 2-12           | Score range: 200-800 on subjects<br>Writing score range: 2-8                        |

# Placement Exams

| TSI     | Passing Score Requirements                              |
|---------|---|
| Reading | 351   |
| Math    | 350   |
| Writing | Essay 5 or<br>Essay 4 <u>and</u> Multiple Choice<br>340 |

# Bacterial Meningitis

- State legislature requires all students enrolling in a college/university to show evidence of an initial bacterial meningitis vaccine or a booster dose during the five years preceding, and at least 10 days prior to, the first day of college classes.
- Check with family doctor, local clinics, and pharmacies for prices.

# Financial Aid

Paying for College...

Money Doesn't Grow on Trees...





# FAFSA

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H\\_iS7gmQd9o&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H_iS7gmQd9o&feature=youtu.be)
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4tC7cGkQk\\_wA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4tC7cGkQk_wA)



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# FAFSA Free Application For Federal Student Aid

- Free online government application can be used for universities and colleges nation wide
- Apply online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Used to apply for Grants, Work Study and Loans
- Funds are awarded to HS graduates upon registration of courses
- FAFSA application opens up **October 1<sup>st</sup>**
- 2016 Tax Returns may be used to apply
- Requires FSA ID for student and parent

# What is an FSA ID?

- The FSA replaced the Federal Student Aid Pin in May 2015
- Username and password used to visit certain U.S. Department of Education websites
- Confirms your identity and is used as an electronic signature for the FAFSA
- Both parent and student must have an FSA ID to complete and sign the FAFSA
- Visit [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and click on the FSA ID link to create your FSA

## Federal Aid

- Pell Grant
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
- Federal Work Study

## State Aid

- Towards Excellence, Access and Success Grant (Texas Grant)
- Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG)
- Texas Public Education Grant (TPEG)
- Top 10% Scholarship Program
- \*Students who are non-residents may be eligible for state aid

## Loans

- Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loans
- Parent Plus Loans
- Be On Time Loans
- Emergency Loans
- Perkins Loan

## Scholarships

- Merit Based
- Need Based
- National
- Local
- Institutional

**Apply using  
the FAFSA**

# FAFSA Documents

- ☐ 2016 Federal Income Tax Forms
- ☐ 2016 W-2 Forms
- ☐ Child Support paid or received
- ☐ Social Security/Alien Registration Numbers
- ☐ Dates of Birth for parents
- ☐ Marital Status Dates (Divorce, Widowed, etc.)
- ☐ Balance of cash, checking, and savings accounts
- ☐ Other financial documents



# Estimated Family Contribution

- **EFC** Estimated Family Contribution is calculated by all the information provided on the FAFSA.



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|--------------------|--------------|
| Cost of attendance | \$14,000     |
| <b>-EFC</b>        | <b>3,000</b> |
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| Financial Need     | \$11,000     |

# Important financial aid tips to remember:

- Prior-prior year tax returns can now be used to complete the FAFSA
- Use the IRS Data Retrieval System for faster processing.
- Make sure all information provided on the FAFSA is current and accurate; mistakes can cause major delays in processing
- Priority Deadline is MARCH 1: all verification documents must be submitted by this date!

## After you apply...

- Review your Student Aid Report SAR
- Submit Verification Worksheets, if requested by university. Follow up ONE week later.
- If no Verification Worksheet is required, an award letter will be sent to you. Review this letter and follow up with your university to accept or deny award.



# CSS Profile

- Additional Financial Aid Document used by selective schools to award students
- Application online at <http://profileonline.collegeboard.com>
- Recommended priority deadline: February 1, 2017 unless otherwise stated by university

# Upcoming Events

## **Senior ApplyTexas Workshop**

October 5th

1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> Periods (Biology Class)

Lab 209

\*Seniors will be completing their admission application to STC & UTRGV

\*Encourage your seniors not to be absent!!

## **SISD College Night!**

Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

Sharyland High School Gym

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

\*Open to all grades levels 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>

# Upcoming Events continued

## **ACT**

|                                      |                   |   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| <b>October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017</b>  | <b>(SISD)</b>     | Registration Deadline, Friday, September 22 |
| <b>October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017</b> | <b>(National)</b> | Registration Deadline, Friday, September 22 |

8:00 a.m.

\*Must upload photo by October 14<sup>th</sup> or registration will be cancelled

## **SAT**

|                                      |                   |  |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| <b>October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017</b>  | <b>(National)</b> | Registration Deadline, Friday, September 8 <sup>th</sup> |
| <b>November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017</b> | <b>(National)</b> | Registration Deadline, Thursday, October 5 <sup>th</sup> |

## **FAFSA Saturday**

Saturday, October 21

9:00 AM– 12:00 Noon

SA3 Go Center and Labs

## **STC Registration**

Through English Classes

October 26-27