

Are You Ready for College?

JUST FOR JUNIORS 2017

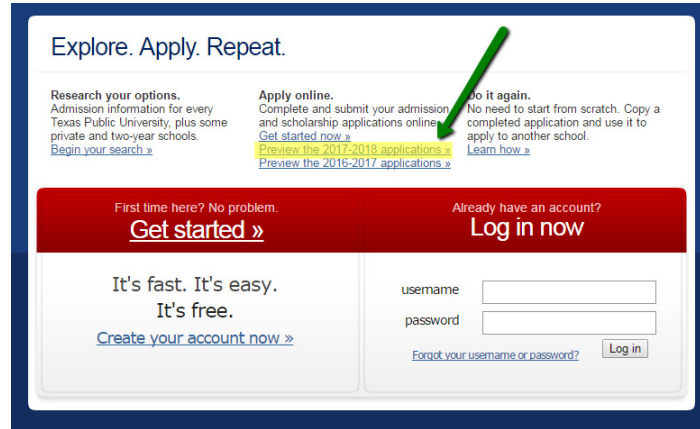
STEPS TO COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

What can I do *this summer* in preparation for college applications?

- Narrow your college search, note deadlines and check college admission criteria
- Visit colleges
- Complete a resume
- Practice for SAT and ACT if you plan to test again in the fall –
 - Method Test Prep on Family Connection under ACT/SAT Practice
 - College Board at www.collegeboard.org
 - The Princeton Review prep classes offered to Frisco ISD students
- Determine which teachers you will ask to write your recommendation letters
- Begin drafting your application essays

APPLYTEXAS: WHERE DO I FIND THE ESSAY QUESTIONS?

- If applying to a Texas college, preview the 2017-2018 ApplyTexas application and essays at:
 - https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX



Explore. Apply. Repeat.

Research your options. Admission information for every Texas Public University, plus some private and two-year schools. [Begin your search »](#)

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ApplyTexas Essay prompts :



Topic A: REQUIRED

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

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

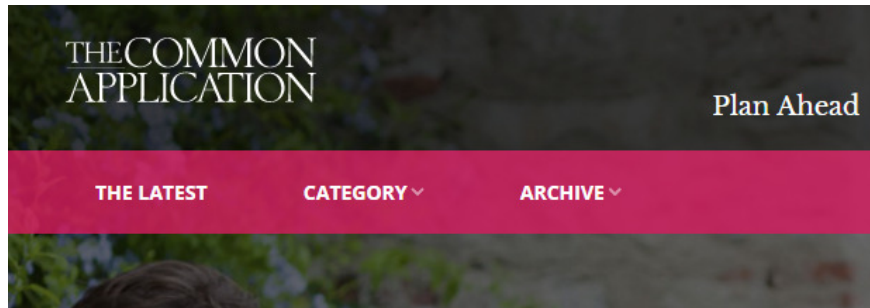
Topic C: Optional

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

COMMON APPLICATION: WHERE DO I FIND THE ESSAY QUESTIONS?

If applying to a private or out-of-state school, preview the Common Application essays for 2017-2018 at:

- <http://www.commonapp.org/how-apply>
- Essay questions are posted.



Common Application Essay prompts:



1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from *obstacles we encounter* can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a *challenge, setback, or failure*. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you *questioned* or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your *thinking*? What *was the outcome*?
4. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or *realization* that *sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others*.
6. *Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?*
7. *Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.*

FALL OF SENIOR YEAR

- Applications open as early as July – Apply online
 - Texas 4-year colleges
 - www.applytexas.org
 - Private or Out-of-State 4-year colleges
 - www.commonapp.org
 - For all other schools, check the school website. All schools have electronic applications now.
- Submit your application fee to the school.
- Request your transcript from Parchment and pay any fees.
- Request test scores from ACT and/or SAT to be sent directly to the colleges
 - www.act.org
 - www.collegeboard.org

PLAN

EARLY ACTION / EARLY DECISION



- Some select schools offer early action or early decision.
- These schools often have deadlines of November 1st or earlier.
- **Early Action** *is not* binding. You just find out early if you are admitted.
- **Early Decision** *is* binding. If you get accepted, you must withdraw all other applications and attend the school.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE APPLICANTS



- If planning to attend a two-year college, you will apply online in February.
 - For Texas colleges, apply at www.applytexas.org
 - Collin College has its own application, apply at https://www.collin.edu/gettingstarted/admissions/online_app.html
 - Open enrollment
 - SAT/ACT **is not** required for two-year colleges; however, you must still meet the TSI requirements

TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- Take the TSI Assessment
 - <http://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/sites/default/files/accuplacer-tsi-assessment-student-brochure.pdf>
 - Collin College Director of Testing Office: 972-548-6773 or tsi_info@collin.edu
- Exemption criteria:

Exemption Scores (minimum scores listed):			
Test	Combined/Composite Requirement	Exempts TSI Reading & Writing	Exempts TSI Math
SAT (Before 3/2016)	Combined Reading and Math: 1070	Reading: 500	Math: 500
SAT (3/2016 and After)	NO Combined/Composite Score Needed	Evidence Based Reading/Writing 480	Math: 530
ACT	Composite: 23	English: 19	Math: 19

FINANCIAL AID

Apply for parent and student FAFSA PIN number at

- www.fafsa.ed.gov in the fall.
- Complete the application after October 1st of senior year.



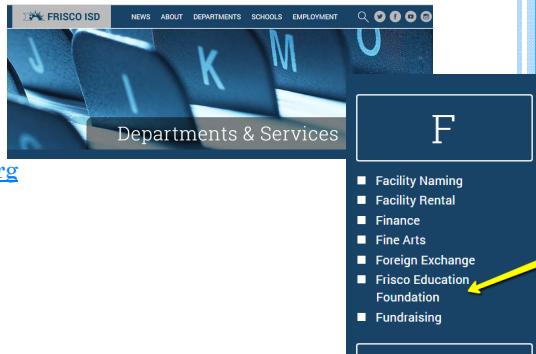
FRISCO EDUCATION FOUNDATION

- One application for all local scholarships
- Open to all FISD seniors
- Apply in November, awarded in May.
- Apply on line at the FEF website at friscoisd.org

Class of 2018 FEF Scholarship
Application **Opens**
Monday
November 27, 2017
10am

www.friscoeducationfoundation.org

Class of 2018 FEF Scholarship
Application **Closes**
Friday
December 15, 2017
4pm



FAMILY CONNECTION

family connection

home

colleges

careers

about me



my planner

- Senior Guidance next September will focus on how to use FC for admissions.
- Update College Status to “Applied”
- Follow steps per high school for counselor recommendation letter if needed
- Request recommendation letters from teachers if needed
- Check for scholarship opportunities

SPRING OF SENIOR YEAR



- Continue to research and apply for scholarships
- Compare your offers from the universities
- Notify all universities of your decision to attend or not to attend
- Dual credit students should request a final transcript from Collin College to be sent to your school
- Complete the Graduation Survey in Family Connection
 - Identify the college you will attend
 - Request final transcript
 - Indicate scholarships received

GOOD LUCK SENIORS 2018!!!

