

# Are You Ready for College?

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JUST FOR JUNIORS  
2017

Write any questions you have on an index card for our college representatives and a volunteer will be collecting these during our presentation.

**Questions**

# 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](http://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](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 »](#)

**Apply online.**  
Complete and submit your admission and scholarship applications online.  
[Get started now »](#)  
[Preview the 2017-2018 applications »](#)  
[Preview the 2016-2017 applications »](#)

**Do it again.**  
No need to start from scratch. Copy a completed application and use it to apply to another school.  
[Learn how »](#)

First time here? No problem.  
**[Get started »](#)**

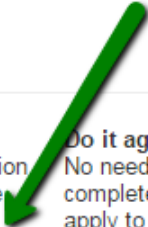
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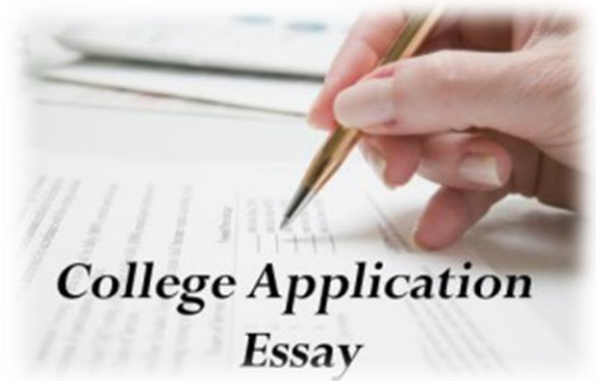
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# ApplyTexas

## 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.

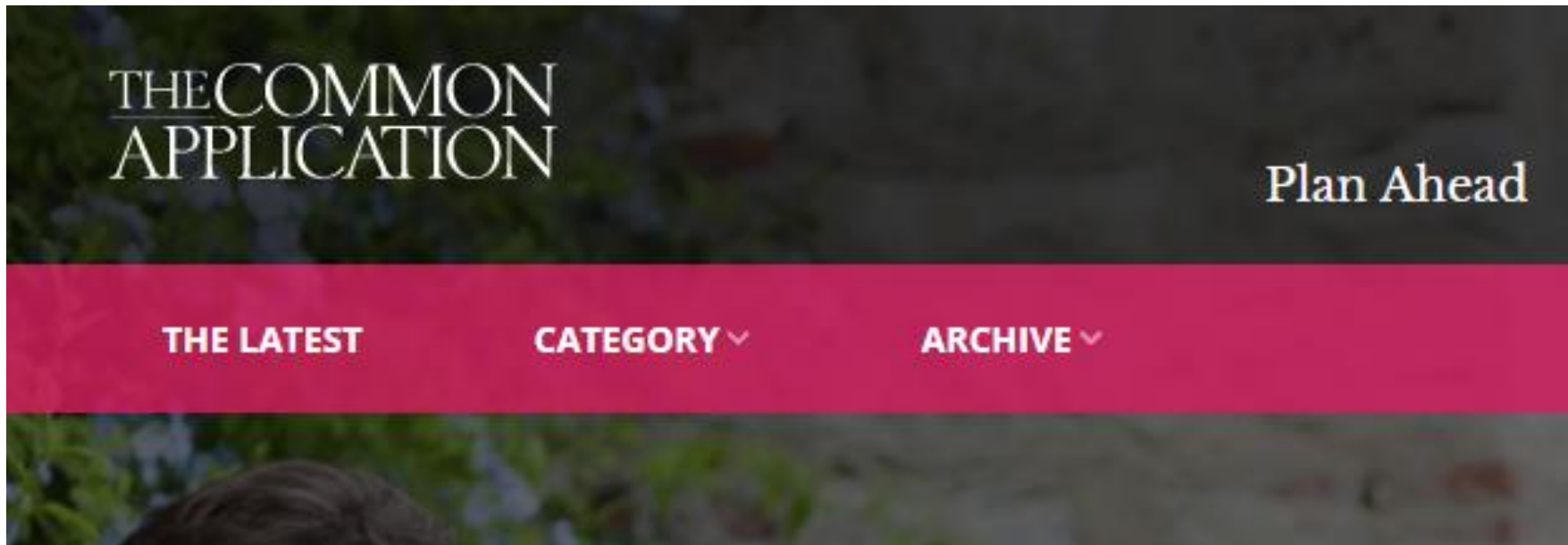
### **Topic C: Optional**

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

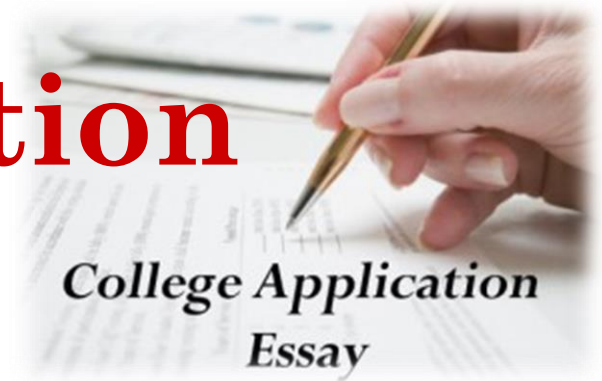
# COMMON APPLICATION: WHERE DO I FIND THE ESSAY QUESTIONS?

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](http://www.applytexas.org)
  - Private or Out-of-State 4-year colleges
    - [www.commonapp.org](http://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](http://www.act.org)
  - [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

**PLAN**



# EARLY ACTION / EARLY DECISION



- Some select schools offer early action or early decision.
- These schools often have deadlines of November 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.applytexas.org)
- Collin College has its own application, apply at [https://www.collin.edu/gettingstarted/admissions/online\\_application.html](https://www.collin.edu/gettingstarted/admissions/online_application.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](mailto:tsi_info@collin.edu)
- Exemption criteria:

## Exemption Scores (minimum scores listed):

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

# FINANCIAL AID

Apply for parent and student FAFSA PIN number at

- [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) in the fall.
- Complete the application after October 1<sup>st</sup> of senior year.



The screenshot shows the FAFSA website homepage. At the top, it features the 'Federal Student Aid' logo with the text 'An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION' and 'PROUD SPONSOR of the AMERICAN MIND®'. To the right, it says 'Free Application for Federal Student Aid' and 'FAFSA®'. Below the logo is a navigation bar with icons for Home, About Us, FSA ID, StudentAid.gov, and Help. A search bar is also present with 'SEARCH' and language options for 'English' and 'Español'. The main heading is 'Get help paying for college' with the subtext 'Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)'. Below this is a collage of four photos showing diverse college students. At the bottom, there are two columns: 'New to the FAFSA?' with a 'Start A New FAFSA' button, and 'Returning User?' with a list of actions (Make a correction, Add a school, View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more...) and a 'Login' button.

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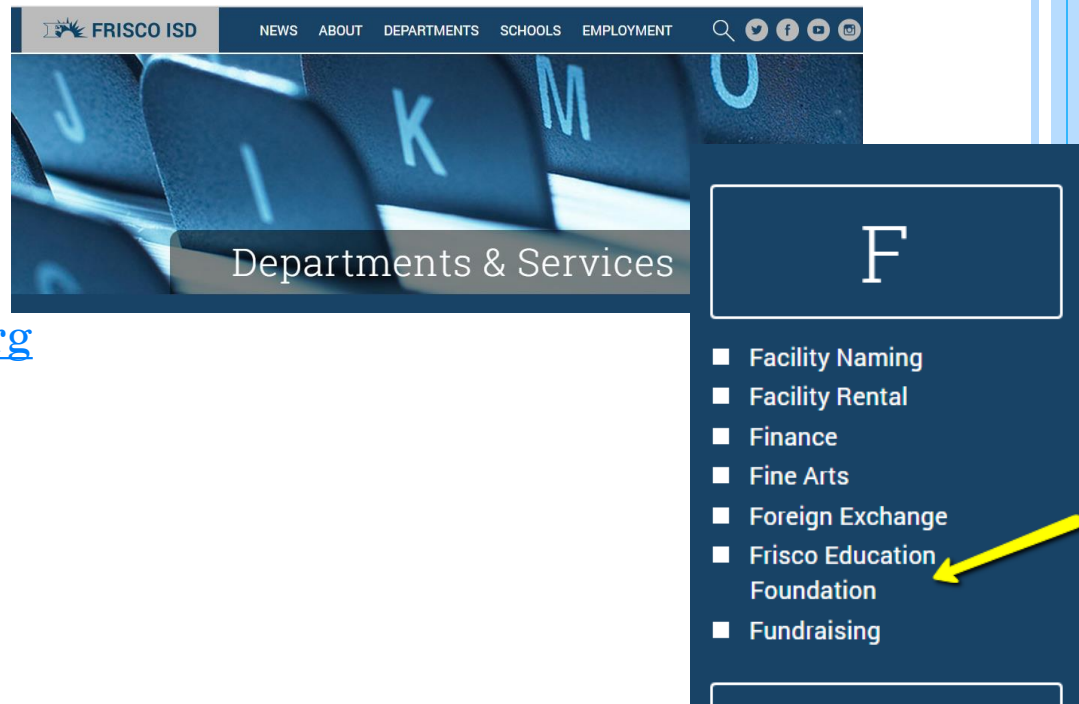
# FRISCO EDUCATION FOUNDATION

- 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](http://friscoisd.org)

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

[www.friscoeducationfoundation.org](http://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!!!



**GRADUATION!**

