

Are You Ready for College?

Just Juniors

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
 - 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

Where Do I Find the Essay Questions?

- If applying to a Texas college, preview the 2015-2016 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.

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Apply online.

Complete and submit your admission and scholarship applications online.

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Do it again.

No need to start from scratch. Copy a completed application and use it to apply to another school.

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Where Do I Find the Essay Questions?

- If applying to a private school, preview the common app essays for 2015-2016 at:
 - <http://blog.commonapp.org/2015/03/31/2015-2016-essay-prompts/>
 - Essay questions are posted .

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2015-2016 Essay Prompts

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We are pleased to share the 2015-2016 Essay Prompts with you. New language appears in italics:

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 failure can be fundamental to later success.* Recount an incident or time when you experienced failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you challenged a belief or idea. What prompted you to act? Would you make the same decision again?
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*

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Fall of Senior Year

- Applications open August 1 – Apply online
 - Texas 4-year colleges
 - www.applytexas.org
 - Private 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 Family Connection 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

Early Action/Early Decision

- Some selective 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 in you must withdraw all other applications and attend the school.

Community College Applicants

- If planning to attend a two-year college before transferring to a four-year college, you will apply online in February.
 - For Texas colleges, apply at www.applytexas.org
 - SAT/ACT not required for two-year colleges
 - Open enrollment

Texas Public Schools

- Take the TSI Assessment
 - <http://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/sites/default/files/accuplacer-tsi-assessment-student-brochure.pdf>
 - Collin College Testing Center 972-377-1523
- Exemption criteria:
 - Student is exempt on the basis of **SAT I** scores with a minimum qualifying score of 1070 composite, with 500 Critical Reading and 500 Math.
 - Student is exempt on the basis of the **ACT** with a minimum qualifying score of 23 composite, with 19 English and 19 Math.

Financial Aid

- Apply for parent and student FAFSA PIN number at
 - www.fafsa.ed.gov in the fall.
- Complete the application after Jan 1 of senior year.

Frisco Education Foundation

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

Family Connection

- Seniors will be taught next September how to use FC for admissions.
- Update College Status to Applied
- Request transcript once application has been submitted (depends on campus)
- 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

- Apply for financial aid at www.fafsa.ed.gov AFTER January 1, 2016
- 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 2016!!!**