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 <u>www.collegeboard.org</u>
 - 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_star
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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 2014-15 applications » or the 2015-2016 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

It's fast. It's easy. It's free.

Create your account now »

Already have an account?

Log in now

username

password

Forgot your username or password?

Log in

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:

- 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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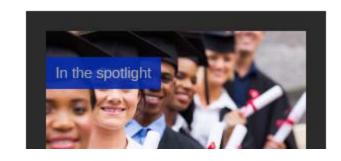
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Fall of Senior Year

- 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 <u>www.applytexas.org</u>
 - 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
 - <u>www.fafsa.ed.gov</u> 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 <u>www.fafsa.ed.gov</u> 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!!!