



# Lone Star High School

## Seniors

### College Applications and Family Connection

Log on to Family Connection. Usually your username is your email address and your password is your student ID.

- Add colleges that you are "Thinking About" under the "College" tab.
- Determine what **type of application** is required.

#### 3 Types of Applications

1. Texas Colleges and Universities common application: [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org)
2. Private Colleges and Universities common application: [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) (Aug. 1)
3. Individual Colleges and Universities—out of state not using the common app

Many of the private colleges and universities are included in the Texas Common Application. If you are applying to the following Texas private schools use [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) to apply: **SMU, Southwestern University, TCU and University of Dallas**

### Official Transcripts

Official high school transcripts are ordered through our registrar's office, Patti Collins, in the front office.

- Log on to Family Connections from the Lone Star homepage (Found in the left-hand column under "Parents & Students").
- Click on the "Colleges" tab.
- Click "Colleges I'm Applying To."
- Complete the FERPA waiver and check the appropriate box regarding letters of recommendation (in BLUE shaded box).
- Click on "lookup" to search for colleges.

*Athletes: Please complete and turn in the NCAA Transcript Release Form that must be kept on file in the registrar's office.*

**TRANSCRIPTS ARE ONLY MAILED if you pay \$1 each at the time of order; THEY ARE FREE IF YOU PICK THEM UP AND MAIL THE ADDRESSED ENVELOPE YOURSELF**

### Common Application

- If you are using [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) for any private school, you will need to complete the PRIVACY NOTICE for COMMON APPLICATION under the "Colleges" tab.
- Your [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) application will require a username and password that you will also need after you logon to Family Connection.
- Using the [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) application will allow the teacher and counselor portions of the application to be submitted online.
- Once you have completed your [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) application, you can request letters of recommendation from your teachers and counselor via Family Connection under the "Colleges>Colleges I'm Applying To" tab. If your teacher is not listed, please see your counselor. See LOR below for more information.

### Letters of Recommendation (LOR)

Students using [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) will need Letters of Recommendation (LOR) from teachers and their counselor.

- Complete the Request for LOR Survey first and then the Resume on Family Connection under the "About Me" tab in Family Connection.
- Once your [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) application is completed, you can request LOR from teachers and counselor via Family Connection under the "Colleges>Colleges I'm Applying To" tab.
- Students needing LOR for other colleges or scholarships need to complete the LOR Survey and Resume and contact your teachers and/or counselor directly.

### Scholarship Information & Family Connection

- Click on the "Colleges" tab.
- Scroll down to Scholarships & Money and click on the "Scholarship List."
- You will find many scholarships that are added throughout the year district wide.
- You can also click on "Scholarship Match" and it will match your general information with Scholarships that have been inputted into Family Connection.

#### Three Types of Scholarships

1. **College/University Scholarships:** These are given by the college or university specifically where you will attending college. Please contact the financial aid office for more scholarship opportunities.
2. **Business/National/Regional:** These are given through certain businesses, companies, and organizations. Some examples are the Milk Mustache Scholarship or Coca-Cola.
3. **Local/FEF (Frisco Education Foundation):** You can apply for these starting in January of your senior year. There is an application and interview process.