
NOVEMBER

(1) Finalize the list.

- Finalize your list of colleges - 3 to 5 is a good number. Always have a backup plan!
- Visit colleges, if possible, or find student reviews online.
- Add all of the schools where you plan to apply to the FAFSA or TAFSA.
- Lone Star College has many options of workforce certificates and degrees if you are unsure and wanting to stay close to home.

(2) Be Prepared.

- Check on deadlines and gather all of the information you will need to apply to colleges, the FAFSA or TAFSA and/or scholarships. This might include essays or a list of your activities and accomplishments.

(3) Apply!

- Now is the time to submit that college application or work on other post-high school plans.
- You may qualify for a fee waiver so you won't have to pay for the application fee. If you think you have a circumstance that would qualify you, please see your counselor.
- Complete your FAFSA/TAFSA if you have not already done so.

(4) Follow up.

- Make sure that your high school transcript, test scores, letter of recommendation, and other needed items have been sent to colleges.
- Check your email regularly - this will be the main way colleges contact you.

KEY TERMS:

FEE WAIVER: Many colleges and universities require you to pay a fee when you apply for admission. Some examples that would qualify you for a fee waiver are: being on free/reduced lunch, member of family that receives public assistance, living in a foster home or are homeless, a ward of the state, or an orphan.

PRIORITY DEADLINE: If you apply before this deadline, you have a higher chance of getting admitted and/or receiving a scholarship to a public university.

Upcoming College Priority Deadlines

- University of Texas - Austin (Nov. 1)
- Baylor University (Nov. 1)
- University of Houston (Nov. 15)
- Many other colleges on Dec. 1st

NEXT MONTH:

Connect with current college students who are home on winter break and update your scholarship list.