

Needville High School Senior Newsletter/Scholarship Bulletin

October, 2023

Campus Tours

As you are aware, you are allowed two college days for the school year.

If you can make a campus visit, make sure that you:

- Talk to an admissions counselor and financial aid administrator.
- Visit with students for insider viewpoints.
- Sit in a class and spend the night in a dorm, if possible.
- Write down your general impressions.

Be sure to ask the following questions:

- What is the average class size?
- Is off-campus student housing an option?
- How safe is the campus?
- What extracurricular activities does the school offer?
- Can I have a car on campus? Is parking available?
- Will I have computer access?
- What types of academic support services are available?
- Are freshman classes taught by professors or graduate students?

You can take a virtual tour of over 1,000 colleges at eCampusTours.com. You can also apply for a \$1,000 scholarship by registering online at this website.

Collegeforalltexans.com

There is a tremendous amount of information available about financial aid in Texas by visiting www.collegeforalltexans.com. This site has information about all types of financial aid. Make sure you check out this website.

College Admissions Tests

Remember your deadlines when registering for the SAT and ACT. Don't put off taking or retaking these tests. Remember, the new SAT and ACT both have a writing section. The writing test is optional, but most 4 year colleges require a writing sample.

SAT

Test Date

November 4, 2023

December 2, 2023

Regular Registration Deadline

October 5, 2023

November 2, 2023

Begin Digital SAT

March 9, 2024

May 4, 2024

June 1, 2024

ACT

Test Date

December 9, 2023
February 10, 2024
April 13, 2024
June 8, 2024
July 13, 2024

Regular Registration Deadline

November 3, 2023
January 5, 2024
March 8, 2024
May 3, 2024
June 7, 2024

College Information

MeritAid.com – MeritAid.com is the first comprehensive Web site dedicated to helping students with the college search by matching them to merit-based scholarships from colleges across the country. Check out this web site and let MeritAid.com show you the money.

Free College for Children of Texas Veterans

If your parent was living in Texas when they joined the military, you may be eligible to get a free college education at a Texas public university. A recent change to the Hazlewood Act provides the option for veterans to pass their Hazlewood benefits to their children. To see if you are eligible, go to www.tvc.state.tx.us/Hazlewood.html.

Frost National Bank – The Abe and Annie Seibel Foundation is a zero-interest educational loan program available through Frost National Bank in Galveston, TX. Qualified applicants must: be US Citizens and Texas Residents, graduate from a Texas high school, enroll full-time at a Texas college or university, working toward a degree. Graduating high school seniors entering as college freshmen are reviewed by high school class rank in relation to SAT/ACT scores. Eligible students must be either in the top 10% of their high school graduating class OR have a minimum 1100 SAT or 23 ACT score.

There are approximately 800 loans available per year with a maximum loan of \$8,000 per year. The application deadline is February 28th. For more information, please contact 409-770-5665. More information is available at www.everychanceeverytexan.org. You can contact the office after November 1st to obtain an application.

Texas State University – Texas State offers \$10,000 a year for four years to students who qualify as National Merit Finalists and \$2,000 a year for up to four years for students selected as National Achievement Finalists or National Hispanic Scholars. The President's Honor and Texas State Achievement Scholarships are also available.

Angelo State University – Angelo State has several programs available to help students pay for their college:

- Blue and Gold Guarantee: Provides full tuition and mandatory fees for freshmen coming from Texas families with a gross income of \$70,000 or less.

Rice University – Admission decisions are need blind and we meet 100% of need eligibility:

- For families whose income is \$75,000 or less, Rice will meet 100% of need eligibility covering full tuition, fees, room, and board.

- For families whose income is above \$75,000 and less than \$140,000 who demonstrate need eligibility, we will cover full tuition.

University of Houston The Cougar Promise guarantees tuition and mandatory fees will be covered by grant assistance for new Cougars who meet the requirements:

Be a Texas Resident for tuition purposes, complete the FAFSA by the UH priority deadline, be eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant, Graduate from a Texas high school, be a dependent member of a household whose adjusted gross income does not exceed \$65,000, and enroll as a full-time student. Tuition support will be given for students with family incomes which fall between \$65,001 and \$125,000. For more information, visit uh.edu/cougarpromise.

Invitations

- **Texas State University** – BobCat Days will be held on campus November 4th, February 17th, and April 20th. Make plans to attend if you are interested in attending Texas State.
- **Stephen F. Austin State University** – Showcase Saturday will be held on November 11th, February 17th, March 23rd, and June 22nd. Check out the campus website for more information.
- **Houston Christian University** – HCU Husky Preview will be held on October 21st and February 17th. More information is available on the school website.
- **Mary Hardin-Baylor** – Sader Days will be held on October 30th, November 10th, November 17th, and November 20th. Check out the campus and different programs that are available.
- **Texas A&M Corpus Christi** – Island Day will be held October 21st, November 11th, February 3rd, and April 20th. Check out what A&M Corpus has to offer to you.
- **Texas Christian University** – Monday at TCU will be held on, October 30th and November 13th. See what the Horned Frogs can do for you.
- **University of Texas at San Antonio** – UTSA Day will be held on October 21st, February 17th, and April 6th. Check out the website for more details and information.
- **Texas A&M University** – Aggieland Saturday will be held on February 10th. Registration begins in November.
- **UT Tyler Patriot Premiere** – Fall Patriot Premiere will be held on November 4th. Visit the website for more information.
- **Baylor University** – Baylor campus visits are being held in-person. Check out the website for more information.
- **University of Houston** – Cougar Preview will be held on October 28th. Check out their website for more information.
- **University of Texas at Austin** – Information is listed on their website concerning campus visits.

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Make the U Scholarship Program

\$\$ C. Jackson Grayson Scholarship

\$\$ Hagan Scholarship Foundation

The Hagan Scholarship is a four-year need-based merit scholarship providing recipients with the opportunity to graduate college debt-free. Student must attend a public high school, have achieved a 3.5 GPA, enroll in an eligible college or university, must work 240 hours between January 1st and when college will begin, and must have an adjusted household income not to exceed \$85,000. Applications are available at www.hsfmo.org. Flyers are available in the Counselor's Office. **Deadline to apply is December 1st.**

\$\$ Horatio Alger Association Scholarship Program

This scholarship program provides financial assistance to students throughout the nation who have financial need and have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity. Scholarship criteria also includes high school graduation in the spring of 2024, commitment to pursue a bachelor's degree, have at least a 2.0 GPA, and United States citizenship. Applications are available at scholars.horatioalger.org. **Deadline depends on the type of scholarship applying for. There are several types of scholarships available.**

SPJST Scholarships

SPJST awards a state-wide scholarship for applicants that hold an insurance policy for at least one year and are a senior in high school. Applications are available at www.spjst.org. **Deadline for applying is February 1st.**

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Foundation

This foundation offers scholarships to students pursuing a degree in agriculture or an agriculture-related program. Applicants must be graduating seniors accepted to a program in Texas or Oklahoma. Applicants are selected on the basis of their interest in the industry, leadership, academic achievement and financial need. Applications are available at www.cattleraisersmuseum.org/scholarships-awarded. **Application deadline is February 2nd.**

George and Mary Josephine Hamman Foundation

Seventy \$20,000 scholarships based on financial need and academic achievement will be awarded. Applications and instructions may be obtained from the website www.hammanfoundation.org by clicking on the scholarship guidelines. Scholarships are based on financial need and academic achievement. **The Application must be received by February 16th.**

\$\$ San Bernard Watershed Scholarship Program

Applicants for this scholarship must demonstrate a direct connection between the career they intend to pursue and the betterment of the environment. Possible career paths might include environmental sciences, environmental law, agriculture, certain engineering disciplines, science education, and scientific research. Applications are available in the Counselor's office or at <https://www.sanbernardriver.com/>. **Applications must be returned by April 1st.**

\$\$ College Board Scholarships

Don't miss out on this opportunity. Scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$40,000 will be awarded. Go to: <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/>

\$\$ AXA Achievement Scholarship

To qualify, you must demonstrate: ambition and drive, determination to set and reach goals, respect for self, family, and community, and ability to succeed in college. Go to <https://www.college-financial-aid-advice.com/axa-scholarship.html> to learn more about the scholarship program. **Apply by December 15th.**

\$\$ GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program

Exceptional student leaders are invited to apply for this scholarship. The program annually rewards up to 20 students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship with \$10,000 renewable scholarships (up to \$40,000). Additional information, eligibility requirements, and a link to the application are available at www.reaganfoundation.org/scholarships. **Deadline to apply is January 4th.**

\$\$ Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center Power of Life

The Blood Center awards eleven local area high school students a scholarship. The program focuses on the excellence of high school students and the importance of volunteering. For requirements, the application procedure, on-line application, and scholarship award criteria, go to www.giveblood.org/scholarship. **Application deadline is March 17th.**

\$\$ MLK Scholarship Rodeo Fund

Applicants must have a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale, must be accepted as a full time student at a college, university or junior college/technical school, and must be active members of their church. Applications are available in the counselor's office. **Application deadline is March 31st.**