

Financial Aid and FAFSA

- Starts with FAFSA - Apply now - Application open as of 10/1/2019
- Apply for FSA ID – both the student and the parent need an id
- Complete the FAFSA application for the 2020/2021 school year
 - Gather the following info first:
 - SSN, 17 tax return, untaxed income records, cash, savings and checking balances
 - investments (includes real estate except primary home), stocks, 529 plans, etc.
Does not include retirement plans (401K, pension)
 - Include up to 10 colleges
- Will receive Student Aid Report (SAR) which will show Expected Family contribution (EFC)
- Financial aid offers will come from colleges (not FAFSA or federal government)
- Aid based on
 - When you apply,
 - Amount needed Cost of Attendance (COA) minus the EFC
 - Funding available at the school
- Aid may come in the way of
 - Grants – Pell, FSEOG, TEACH, Iraq/Afghanistan veterans dependents
 - Loans – Direct subsidized. Direct unsubsidized, Federal Perkins, Direct Plus
 - Work/study
- Aid may not cover full need, may appeal for more funding
- See college’s financial aid website or office for additional info and scholarships

Resources

FAFSA Application	https://fafsa.ed.gov/
College Scorecard	https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/
Blog, great articles	https://blog.ed.gov/
Federal Student Aid info	https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/
FAFSA4caster	https://fafsa.ed.gov/FAFSA/app/f4cForm?execution=e1s1
Financial Aid 101, U.S. News & World Report	https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/paying-for-college/financial-aid-101
FinAid.org	http://www.finaid.org/
College Board	https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college?fromPage=home
College for All Texans	http://www.collegeforalltexas.com/
State of Texas Programs	https://comptroller.texas.gov/programs/education/
CSS Profile	https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/

Scholarships

Merit based – academic, athletic, service, etc.

Find listings of scholarships your chosen college's admissions and/or financial aid page. Colleges may still require you to complete a FAFSA.

Scholarships – may be need based, merit based, or both. Can be national, state, local, or KHS specific.

Online searches

- [Scholarship Buddy Texas](#)
- [Scholarships.com](#)
- [FastWeb](#)
- [College Xpress](#)
- [College Room postings](#) – Local scholarships
- Kingwood High School or Humble ISD specific – [packets](#) available in February of senior year and usually due before Spring Break.
- [Raiseme.me](#) - microsolarships to specific schools

The resources listed here are just a few of the many options available online. College room volunteers provide information based on experience and research. Even though every attempt is made to verify posted information, things do change. Neither the school nor the volunteers accept liability for the accuracy of information. Always check official sources for the most up-to-date information.

Note: You should not have to pay for general information. Try to make sure the information you are looking at is unbiased. Many sites are for profit and some exist solely to sell you their product.