CSI: STRATFORD

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College Search Institute
for Rising Seniors

Welcome & Thank you

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Welcome to Class of 2018 & Parents/Guardians/Families

Thank you to:

PTSA

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Gary Greene Realtors T&C

Stratford Counseling Team

SBISD Student Support Services

Stratford Campus Teachers & Staff Volunteers

Introducing Your Senior Year Staff

- Senior Principal, Valerie Johnson
- Registrar, Gene Rutland
- Counselor, Carrie Campbell-Bishop   A-D
- Counselor, Jim Herrington   E-K
- Counselor, Crystal Arrington   L-Q
- Counselor, Susie Velis   R-Z
- Student Services Counselor,
   Lynn Hollister, Clinic
- Post-Secondary Counselor,
   D'Ann Franklin, College & Career
  Center (Room 224)

CSI: Purpose & Goals

- The SBISD T-2-4 (M) commitment ensures <u>EVERY</u> student graduates from high school with a PLAN for their future studies and/or career

- T-2-4 (M) ensures <u>EVERY</u> student chooses their "best-fit" plan

    "T"- Technical Training/Certificate

    "2"- 2-year College

    "4"- 4-year University/College

    "M"- Military Training/Education

- Information and Tools at CSI this week will have a strong focus on the 2 and 4-year options

Monday

Senior T-2-4-M Timeline

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The **Journey** is Yours to Begin!

- Your **Tour Guides** are your Counselors and Parents

- Naviance is your **GPS**: You put in locations, it points out best routes

- Your **Passport** is your application: it gets the door opened for you

- Your **Destination** is your colleg

Senior T-2-4-M Timeline

June & July

- Research & Visit Prospective Colleges/Universities
- Begin making a balanced list: *Safety, Target, Reach*
- Take SAT and/or ACT (SAT II if applicable)
- Create Common Application account (if applicable)
- Work on resume, essays
- Begin asking teachers for Letters of Recommendation (if needed for applications or scholarships)
- Make note of SAT, ACT, SAT II Registration Deadlines corresponding to application deadlines

August

- Check Priority & Application deadlines for schools
- August 1st Application sites open - begin completing & submitting
- Request transcripts from Mr. Rutland
- Take SAT/SAT II
- Create FAFSA FSA ID

September

- Collect info for FAFSA & attend info sessions
- Take ACT

October

- FAFSA on the web & paper TASFA available October 1st

Senior T-2-4-M Timeline

October Cont'
- Meet Oct. 15 priority application deadlines
- Take SAT/ACT

November
- Complete merit scholarship information for colleges
- Meet Nov. 1/Nov. 15 deadlines for applications
- Complete FAFSA verification (if necessary)
- Take SAT

December
- Take ACT
- Meet Dec. 1/Dec. 15 deadlines for applications

January
- Schedule interviews
- Continue Applications
- Submit scholarships

February- April
- Research financial aid award letters
- Submit scholarships
- Secure housing
- Review Financial Aid award letters

May
- May 1 acceptance deadlines
- Graduation!

calendar not inclusive of all possible checklist items; always check sites for where you're applying

T-2-4-M Tips for Success

Give yourself options- apply to more than 1 college/university; keep your list "balanced"

Start **early, stay ahead**- don't make your emergency another's urgency (you're not your counselor's or teacher's only senior in the T-2-4 process)

List achievement & accolades since 9th grade- this will make your resume easier to write

Discuss & Prepare for Financial Aid- don't **not** apply because of the "price tag"- wait on financial aid packages

Know **testing deadlines** and the latest you can test to meet deadlines

General Tips for Success

Get & Stay Organized- establish systems that work for you and help you stay on track; ask others who are organized for tips about good systems

Create a **calendar** or buy a **planner** for tracking to-do lists & deadlines

Keep a file (paper or electronic- maybe Google drive) for each college/university, scholarship, etc.

Clean-up email inbox & create folders (make a new email address for the T-2-4 process if needed)

DUE DATES, DUE DATES, DUES DATES!! Deadlines are NOT flexible!

T-2-4-M at SHS

Carrie Campbell Bishop & James Herrington

The T-2-4-M Experience at SHS

What To Expect

-Assigned an Academic Counselor by Alpha Letter of Last Name

-Access to Mrs. Franklin in the College Office and Ms. Hollister in Clinic Area

-All 4 Academic Counselors in same office area on 2nd floor

-Communications through Skyward and on shs-spartans.com website

-Meeting with each Senior student at the beginning of the school year

-Commitment of working together

The T-2-4-M Experience at SHS

More info to come about updated processes in working with your counselor and Ms. Franklin for T-2-4, but in a nutshell:

- **Place your schools in Naviance under "colleges I'm applying to"**

- **Request transcripts in Naviance & from Mr. Rutland**

- **Complete your application on Apply Texas or Coalition Application Sites**

- **Match your Common Application with your Naviance account (if applicable)**

- **Request letters of recommendation from Teachers through Naviance**

- **Send SAT/ACT Scores from College Board and/or ACT**

- **Complete FAFSA & list schools that should receive a copy- list Texas schools first (or complete the TASFA & mail to schools)**

Unpacking "Best-Fit"

Erika Scott

"Best-Fit" Defined

- The T-2-4 path that best meets the needs, interests, and intended academic and career investments of the student

- The college/university that best matches the student's academic profile making him/her **"competitive"** for admission and also matches their future aspirations and current needs:
    - Financial Affordability
    - Campus size
    - Location
    - Institution type
    - Classroom size
    - Academic areas of study
    - Support systems

Admission Considerations

- Grades and Academic Performance
- Strength of Curriculum
- SAT/ACT Scores
- Personal Statement and Essays
- Extracurricular Activities
- Demonstrated Interest
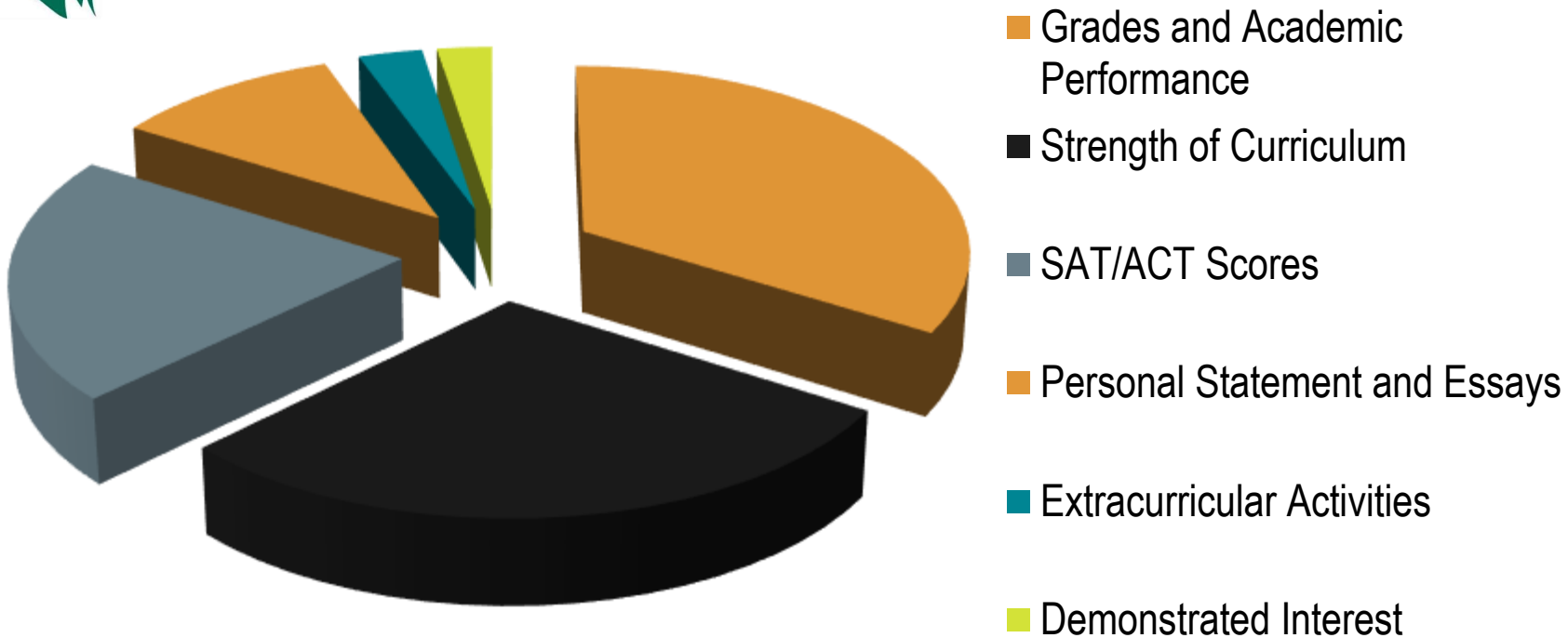
"Best-Fit" Defined

Under-Matching	Over-Matching
Student is applying to institutions far below their academic profile	Student is applying to institutions far above their academic profile

A **balanced** list is comprised of the following types of options in consideration of a student's academic profile:

- **Safety**= meets or exceeds academic profile, high confidence of admission
- **Target**= in range of academic profile, 50/50 confidence of admission
- **Reach**= out of range or below academic profile, low confidence of admission

Admission Considerations

Automatic/ Assured Admission	Holistic Review (Middle 50%)	Open Enrollment
• Top 7% • Top 10% • Top 25% • Corresponding Test Scores • "Review"	• Review of all elements of the submitted application • Pay attention to publicized stats regarding the prior year's incoming class	• No academic minimums for entry

Automatic/Assured Admission

Admission Requirements

Guaranteed Admissions

HS RANK IN CLASS	OLD SAT* (Math + Critical Reading)	NEW SAT* (Math + Evidence Based Reading & Writing)	ACT SCORES
Top 25%	no minimum	no minimum	no minimum
Second 25%	1100 SAT	1170 SAT	24 ACT

Admission by Committee Review

HS RANK IN CLASS	OLD SAT*	NEW SAT*	ACT SCORES
Second 25%	≥ 900 SAT	≥ 980 SAT	≥ 19 ACT
Third 25%	≥ 1000 SAT	≥ 1080 SAT	≥ 21 ACT
Fourth 25%	≥ 1100 SAT	≥ 1170 SAT	≥ 24 ACT
Home school or GED Students	There is no minimum SAT/ACT score, but scores must be submitted from the testing agency.		

*Old SAT – SAT taken prior to March 2016
*New SAT – SAT taken March 2016 and after

Holistic Admission Review

Fall 2016 Enrollment

- 3,503 new freshmen in the fall of 2016
- 74.9 percent of entering freshmen were in the top 25 percent of their high school graduating class.
- Mean SAT score of 1220 and mean ACT score of 28.1.
- 34 percent of the freshman class are minority students.
- 93 percent of Baylor students receive some form of financial assistance.
- 16,959 total enrollment (14,348 undergraduate and 2,611 graduate/professional students)

Stratford High School Fall 2017 Assured Admission Requirements 2016-2017 (SAT=EBRW & MATH Scores; ACT=COMPOSITE)

Class Rank	1 - 32	33 - 46	47 - 69	70 - 115	116 - 151	152 - 230	231 - 344	345 - 459	459
Percent	Top 7%	Top 8-10%	11-15%	Top 16-25%	Top 26-33%	Top 34-50%	Top 51-75%	Top 76-100%	
Quarter	1st Quarter				2nd Quarter		3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	
University	SAT/ACT	SAT/ACT	SAT/ACT	SAT/ACT	SAT/ACT	SAT/ACT	SAT/ACT	SAT/ACT	
Angelo State University	No Min		900/17	900/17	900/17	900/17	Review	Review	
Lamar University			930/18	930/18	1010/20	1010/20	1080/21	1080/21	
Midwestern State University			1070/21	1070/21	1070/21	1070/21	1140/23	1180/24	
Prairie View A&M University			17	17	17	17	17	17	*Minimum GPA of 2.5
Sam Houston State University	No Min		No Min	No Min	1040/20	1040/20	1130/23	Review	
Stephen F. Austin State University			930/17	930/17	1030/20	1030/20	1170/24	Review	
Sul Ross State University			No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	1000/20	1000/20	
Tarleton State University			No Min	No Min	880/16	880/16	Review	Review	
Texas A&M International University	No Min						19		
Texas A&M University			1360/30	1360/30	Review				
Texas A&M University at Galveston			1360/30	1360/30	Review	Review	Review	Review	
Texas A&M University-Commerce		No Min			20	20	20	20	
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi		No Min			1080/21	1080/21	1170/23	1270/27	
Texas A&M University-Kingsville	No Min		830/15	830/15	910/17	910/17	1030/20	1140/23	
Texas Southern University			900/17	900/17	900/17	900/17	900/17	900/17	*Minimum GPA of 2.5
Texas State University-San Marcos			1000/20	1000/20	1090/22	1090/22	1250/26	1330/29	
Texas Tech University			24	24	26	26	27	Review	
Texas Woman's University			No Min	No Min	1080/21	1080/21	Review	Review	*Minimum GPA of 2.0
UT- Arlington			No Min	No Min	1030/22	1030/22	Review	Review	
UT-Austin	Review								
UT-Brownsville	No Min		No Min	No Min	830/17	830/17	870/18	910/19	
UT- Dallas			No Min	1200/26	1200/26	1200/26	1200/26	1200/26	
UT-El Paso			No Min	No Min	920/19	920/19	970/20	1010/21	
UT-San Antonio			No Min	No Min	1100/24	1100/24	Review	Review	
UT-Tyler			1030/20	1030/20	1070/21	1070/21	1110/22	1140/23	
UT-Permian Basin			950/19	950/19	1000/20	1000/20	1150/24	1250/27	
UT-Pan American		No Min	860/16	860/16	860/17	860/18	860/18	860/18	
University of Houston-Main			1000/21	1000/21	1100/24	1100/24	Review		
University of Houston-Downtown			No Min	No Min	850/18 OR 2.5 GPA	850/18 OR 2.5 GPA	850/18 & 2.5 GPA or TSI Ready		
University of Houston-Clear Lake			1030/20	1030/20	1130/23	1130/23	Review	Review	
University of Houston-Victoria			No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	940/18 OR 2.0 GPA	940/18 OR 2.0 GPA	* Minimum of 2.0 GPA
University of North Texas			1030/20	1030/20	1130/23	1130/23	1250/26	Review	
West Texas A&M University			No Min	No Min	820/17	820/17	940/20	980/21	*Minimum 2.0 GPA

NOT YET POSTED UPDATED SAT SCORE REQUIREMENTS

Regular Admission	Early Action	Restrictive (Single-Choice) Early Action	Early Decision
Apply by regular deadline Apply to as many schools as desired Receive decision either on rolling basis or on decision release dates set by institution May also include applying by priority deadlines for merit & need-based scholarships Range Oct. 15- Mar. 1	Apply by designated "Early" date- some schools have several Non-binding application Apply to as many schools as desired Receive decision earlier than regular decision Nov. 1 common deadline (decision by January 15)	Apply by designated "Restrictive Early" date Demonstration of school as "first choice" May not submit "early" applications to any other school (Early Action or Early Decision) Non-binding application	Apply by designated "Early Decision" date- some schools have several Application communicates school IS "first choice" May not submit "early" applications elsewhere BINDING If accepted, must withdraw other applications and commit

Admission Considerations: Testing

SAT/ACT	AP	TSI
- Accepted at most all colleges/universities - Some schools are "test flexible/test blind" in admission process - Encourage taking writing sections - Overtesting can have declining outcomes - Some student may test better on one or the other - SAT II Subject Exams	- Institution determines credits - Careful with high course grades and low or no AP test scores (particularly true for private institutions)	- Texas public institution requirement (or demonstrated exemption) - Meeting minimum scores ensures enrollment in credit bearing courses - Test given Fall & Spring for FREE on campus

Admission Considerations: Testing

SAT / SAT II	ACT
- August - October - November - December	- September - October - December - February

Pay careful attention to institutional guidance regarding the latest exam to be taken for scores to be released in order to meet the application deadline for which you are applying

15- Minute Break

Financial Aid Overview

Erika Scott

T-2-4-M Affordability

- **What is affordability?**
  - Best long-term financial decision taking into consideration type of institution, program of study, future career potential
- **Why affordability?**
  - Ensure student and family financial commitments and burdens remain as low as possible
  - Ensure student ability to complete education and obtain a degree
  - Decrease unneeded student and parent educational debt
- **Who is responsible for affordability?**
  - Student
  - Family
  - Institution

Dispelling Common Myths

"My parents make too much money,

I won't qualify for aid."

"Only students with good grades get financial aid."

"You have to be a minority to get financial aid."

"The form is way too difficult to fill out."

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What is Financial Aid?

- **Financial Aid** is money that is given, paid (for work), or loaned to a student to help them pay for college or for vocational training.
- Nearly two-thirds of today's full-time college students receive some form of need-based aid [source: NCES].

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Types of Financial Aid

Grants and Scholarships

Grants = **Need-based**, free money awarded from State, Federal, or College funds

Scholarships = **Merit or Need-based** free money awarded from College funds

Loans

Loans = **Borrowed money**, from Federal, State, Private and College lenders.

Work-Study

Work Study = **Earned money**, from Federal funds.

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What happens next?

Cost of Attendance

- Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

= **Financial Aid Need**

(the college will *try* to fill as much of this need as possible, unless they are a school that meets "full need")

★ **Colleges will list all types of financial aid offered to a student on the Award Letter.**

What's an EFC?

Expected
Family
Contribution

What does EFC tell YOU? ⟶ The minimum amount to pay for college

Why do I care? ⟶ Colleges and scholarship organizations use EFC to figure out how much money to give you

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Changes starting 2017–18

CHANGES TO THE FAFSA PROCESS FOR 2017–18

SUBMIT A FAFSA EARLIER: Students will be able to submit a 2017–18 FAFSA as early as Oct. 1, 2016, rather than beginning on Jan. 1, 2017. The earlier submission date will be a permanent change, enabling students to complete and submit their FAFSAs as early as October 1 every year. (There is NO CHANGE to the 2016–17 schedule. The 2016–17 FAFSA became available Jan. 1, 2016.)

USE EARLIER INCOME AND TAX INFORMATION: Beginning with the 2017–18 FAFSA, students will report income and tax information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2017–18 FAFSA, students (and parents, as appropriate) will report their 2015 income and tax information, rather than their 2016 income and tax information.

Here's a summary of key dates for submitting the FAFSA depending on when you plan to go to school:

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND COLLEGE FROM	YOU WILL SUBMIT THIS FAFSA	YOU CAN SUBMIT THE FAFSA FROM	USING INCOME AND TAX INFORMATION FROM
July 1, 2015–June 30, 2016	2015–16	January 1, 2015–June 30, 2016	2014
July 1, 2016–June 30, 2017	2016–17	January 1, 2016–June 30, 2017	2015
July 1, 2017–June 30, 2018	2017–18	October 1, 2016–June 30, 2018	2015
July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019	2018–19	October 1, 2017–June 30, 2019	2016

Federal**Student**Aid
AN OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

StudentAid.gov/fafsa

A Deeper Dive of the Senior Year...

Submit FAFSA or TAFSA

★ *What?*

- The FAFSA is required for all colleges and most technical programs.

- *Free* form, completed electronically at www.fafsa.gov

- TAFSA Completed by paper, downloaded from www.collegeforalltexans.com

- Form is available **Oct. 1** and should be completed as early as possible. Income estimates are perfectly acceptable.

★ *Why?*

- FAFSA is used to determine federal and state eligibility for types of aid such as Pell grant, SEOG grant, Federal Stafford Loan, state grants and loans, etc.

★ *Special circumstances to consider:* Undocumented students, dependency issues, IRS-Data Retrieval Tool proc

We encourage EVERY student to complete the FAFSA/TAFSA!

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FAFSA: The Basics

fafsa.ed.gov

The New FSA ID

The New FSA ID

| Log in to StudentAid.gov | Create An FSA ID | Edit My FSA ID |

E-mail

Confirm E-mail

Username •

Password •

✓ Numbers ✓ Uppercase Letters ✓ Lowercase Letters ✓ Special Characters ✓ 8-30 Characters ☐ Show Text

Confirm Password •

Are you 13 years of age or older? •
○ I am 13 years of age or older.
○ I am 12 years of age or younger.

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A Word About TASFA

- **Texas Application for State Financial Aid**

- **Non U.S. Citizens, Permanent Residents, or Eligible Non-Citizens (some International Students with Visa statuses not eligible)**

- **Will have lived in Texas for 36-consecutive months prior to college enrollment; 1-year prior to college/university matriculation**

- **Eligible for State of Texas Financial Aid**

- **Application is on-line but must be submitted via mail to each institution**

What info do students need to collect in order to apply for financial aid?

★ **Necessary information to complete forms:**

– Personal demographic info for both students and parents: Social Security Numbers, Dates of Birth, A# (for student only, if applicable)

–Parent income taxes *(previous year's taxes can be used if new taxes aren't filed yet)*

–Student income taxes if filed or W-2 forms, latest pay stub, best guess of income earned

–Current checking/savings info. for both student and parents

–Knowledge of other benefits received: TANF, SSI, WIC

–Record of other money coming into or out of the home: child support, spousal support, workman's comp

*** *Additional info is needed to complete the CSS Profile!*

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Assess familial situation at home

**SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Who does the student live with at home?

Parental marital status?

Determine whose info should be reported on FA forms

Is the student potentially independent?

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IRS Data Retrieval Tool

IRS Data Retrieval Tool

What exactly is the IRS DRT?

☐Function for a student's FAFSA to automatically link to the IRS & upload necessary federal tax info

When does this tool become available?

☐If filing taxes *electronically,* data available after ~ 2 weeks

☐If filing taxes by mail, could take **6-8 weeks** to become available

Cannot use tool is parents file separately but both parent's info being used for financial aid process

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Submit CSS Profile
(if applicable)

★ *What?*

- **CSS Profile (College Scholarship Service Profile)**: Some private institutions require it, not all. Typically, the more competitive colleges require this form.
- Not free; there is a $9 registration fee and an additional $16 for each school requiring it. There are fee waivers for up to 8 schools. Use the www.collegeboard.org website

★ *Why?*

- Used by colleges to award their institutional funds. Used in conjunction with the FAFSA. IM versus FM.

★ *Special circumstances to consider:* Non-Custodial Profile, NCP Waiver request process, IDOC, the Business Supplement, non-alignment b/w FAFSA and CSS regarding student dependency issues

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Review SAR & Update FAFSA

★ **What?**

  – Student Aid Report (SAR) = summary of all info reported on the FAFSA
    • Provides opportunity to make corrections and updates to the FAFSA (ie: tax updates, add colleges, etc)
    • The SAR indicates if a student has been selected for *verification* and indicates any **issues that must be resolved**
    • Provides the official *EFC*
    • Emailed through a link to the student **OR** paper copy is mailed.

★ **Why?**

  – The FAFSA must be updated with NEW tax information.

★ *Special circumstances to consider:*

  – IRS–Data Retrieval Tool, requesting tax transcripts, troubleshooting problems such as Social Security Administration mismatch, adding/deleting colleges

See sample SAR

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Complete Verification & Institutional Forms

★ **What?**
  – Verification: Colleges requesting copies of specific documents from student to verify information

Once you hit submit, you may not be done

★ **Why?**
  – Federal regulations require colleges to check the **accuracy of the information submitted on the FAFSA**

★ *Special circumstances to consider: TWO TYPES* - Federal Verification and Institutional Verification - make it confusing for students!

A Deeper Dive of the Senior Year...

Analyze and Compare Award Letters

★ **What?**
  - Letters typically arrive from March through May, after notification of acceptance
  - Outline of institutional and federal aid awarded to student

★ **Why?**
  - No two award letters look the same – analysis and comparison is necessary
  - Step by step walk through with students removes complexity

★ **Special circumstances to consider**: inconsistencies of award letter format, inclusion of the PLUS loan on award letters, timing of letters, online notification

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Basics of the Award Letter – FAQ

★ *When can a student expect to receive a financial aid award letter?*

- **2-3 weeks after receiving acceptance letter**

★ *How will the student receive the award letter?*

- **Snail mail OR email OR portal**

★ *Is the award letter final?*

- "Estimated", "Tentative" or "Pending", **may not be final.**
- **Aid packages can and will change** if estimated taxes do not match the updated taxes.

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FEDERAL GRANT & AWARD PROGRAMS

http://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/learn/types.jsp

Federal Loans

Stafford Loan: The main Federal student loan for college.

★ **Subsidized Stafford Loan**: Need based loan based upon EFC. The government pays the interest while the student is in school and enrolled for at least half time 4.45% fixed interest rate as of June 2017 .

★ **Unsubsidized Stafford Loan**: Student is responsible for the interest that is being accrued. Fixed interest rate at 4.45% *Any student, regardless of need, is eligible to take out the maximum Unsubsidized Stafford Loan*.

★ Repayment of Stafford Loans begins after a 6 month grace period after graduating or dropping below ½ time. Multiple repayment options. No prepayment penalty.

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Parent PLUS Loan

Eligibility:

★ Only one parent is required to apply. Eligibility depends on a credit check that determines whether a parent has adverse credit history (i.e.: 90 days or more late on debt, 180 days late for mortgages).

★ **How does a parent apply for the PLUS Loan?**

– The college's financial aid office can provide instructions on applying for a PLUS Loan (Often accompanies the Award Letter)

PLUS Loan

★ **What happens if the parents get denied the PLUS Loan?**

—Student is automatically eligible for an ***additional $4,000 unsubsidized Stafford Loan***.

- *Must contact the college upon denial and request additional amount to be applied to their account*

— Parent may still receive the loan if someone *(relative or family friend who is able to pass the credit check)* agrees to ***endorse the loan***.

- The endorser promises to repay the loan if the parent cannot. The endorser must complete an application and MPN as well.

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FASFA Mistakes...

TOP 10

★ Parents entering *their* info into the student's section

★ Parents reporting untaxed benefits that are not required in the worksheets

★ Parents not "signing" the FAFSA

★ Not entering a college in student's home state first (for state grant eligibility)

★ Parents reporting unemployment earnings as wages, salaries and tips

★ Reporting the incorrect figure for Total Tax; reporting taxes withheld instead, or listing AGI there

★ Parents who go to www.fafsa.com

★ Not reporting rental real estate income in assets

★ Incorrectly reporting # of people in the household

★ Not using the IRS DRT

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Scholarships

national scholarship search

SallieMae — How to pay for college

Scholarship Search

Ready to find free cash for college? To search our database of over 3 million scholarships worth more than $13 billion, just complete this profile form.

Student Status
Select the category that best describes you.
| High school senior ▼ |

Parents Only
Select your child's grade level.
| Not applicable ▼ |

Gender
| Female ▼ |

Age
| None Selected ▼ |

Citizenship
| None Selected ▼ |

U.S. State of Residence
| Not a U.S. Resident ▼ |

GPA (Grade Point Average)
| None Selected ▼ |

Class Rank
| None Selected ▼ |

SAT READING Score
(If you have taken the SAT)
| None Selected ▼ |

SAT MATH Score
(If you have taken the SAT)
| None Selected ▼ |

SAT WRITING Score
(If you have taken the SAT)
| None Selected ▼ |

Combined ACT Score
(If you have taken the ACT)
| None Selected ▼ |

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Other scholarship searching

- ✓ Raise.me
- ✓ myRedKite.com
- ✓ Businesses
- ✓ Organizational
- ✓ Community
- ✓ Religious organizations/churches

In summary

- ✓ Everyone's financial situation is different and no two students award packages will look the same
- ✓ Financial aid is on a first-come first-serve basis, check each school's priority deadline
- ✓ No income "cap" to complete the FAFSA
- ✓ Negotiate financial aid award packages
- ✓ Update schools on any changing info

Naviance Access & Basics for the T-2-4 Process

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Naviance

Helps high school students:

-Understand their unique strengths

-Connect their interests to careers

-Set goals

-Develop self-knowledge and personal motivation

Naviance and T-2-4 Process

T-2-4 Process

-Explore Careers

-Discover Strengths

-Connection Tool

-Find Technical, 2 year, or 4 year colleges/universities

[Naviance Video](#)

Accessing Naviance

3 Ways: SHS website, Naviance.com, Counseling Website: shs-spartans.com

For Students:

Login: SBISD User Name and Password: Student Chosen Password

Call IT Help Desk to Change "Active Directory Password"

For Parents:

Login: SBISD Logon used for Skyward and Password

Counselors can reset password for parents

To Register: Request a code from your Alpha Counselor

Letters of Recommendation (LOR)

Purpose: To provide colleges with information about you as a person.

Provide the following to the Teacher: (see forms in Student Information Packet)

-Completed LOR Form (includes timeline for return & list of institutions)
-Resume (if requested)
-Recommended Timeline to Return
-List of Colleges and Deadlines
-Delivery Materials (stamped envelope if needed)

***Teachers are not "required" to write LOR's. Be sure to thank the teacher(s).

Requesting Additional Items

-Start Requesting LOR's - August 1, 2017

-Note Deadlines In Student/Parent Packets For:

-Transcripts (Official) Available August 2017

To Mr. Rutland using form(s) to request in paper and in Navaince.

-Class Rank Forms Due Oct 13, 2017

-Schedules will be available September 1, 2017

Naviance Opens August 1 , 2017

Skyward Roll Over August 1, 2017