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CHRISTI CARTER URSCHEL FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER Transitioning to College

Getting Started

1. Your *high school guidance counselor* is a great resource.
2. *Ask ADVI*
<https://askadvi.org/>
 - Students can access ADVi, a virtual advisor, by texting COLLEGE to 512-829-3687 or by starting a freshman application in ApplyTexas and opting to receive messaging.
3. *College for All Texans*
www.collegeforalltexans.com
 - Find information about choosing a college, cost and financial aid, and admission data for Texas colleges.
4. *Texas OnCourse*
www.texasoncourse.org
 - Complete online career and college exploration using tools and games made for middle school and high school students.
5. *Texas Reality Check*
www.texasrealitycheck.com
 - Complete lifestyle and occupation calculators.
 - Learn about occupations and the salary you will need.

Testing for College Admission

Colleges may require the ACT or SAT for admission. Contact the colleges where you plan to apply and ask about each school's requirements.

1. *ACT College Testing*
www.act.org
 - Prepare, register, and access scores for the ACT.
 - Apply for the ACT Fee Waiver Program.



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2. *College Board (SAT)*

www.collegeboard.org

- Prepare, register, and access scores for the SAT and PSAT.
- Get information about AP (Advanced Placement) courses, exam preparation, and colleges that offer AP credit.
- Explore careers, plan for college, and learn about paying for college.

Comparing Colleges

1. *College Scorecard, U.S. Department of Education*

<https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>

2. *U.S. News & World Report*

www.usnews.com/best-colleges

Financial Aid

1. *Adventures in Education*

www.aie.org

- Use free resources to help with choosing a school, financing college, and managing money.
- View free videos-including videos about FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and TASFA (Texas Application for State Financial Aid) under the resource link.

2. *FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) U.S. Department of Education*

www.studentaid.gov

- The FAFSA form is free to complete and is used to seek financial aid from the federal government to help pay for college.
- Some states and colleges also use the form to decide financial aid.
- The FAFSA can be filed October 1st for the next academic year.

3. *Students & Financial Literacy*

www.annuity.org/financial-literacy/students

- Financial information written for students about topics including needs based vs. merit scholarships, federal vs. private student loans, credit cards, and saving.



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4. *Texas Tuition Promise Fund*

www.texastomorrowfunds.org

- Texas Tuition Promise Fund accounts let families lock in current undergraduate tuition and required fees at Texas public college and universities by saving and prepaying tuition.

5. *Trellis Company / Texas Guaranteed Student Loan (TG)*

www.trelliscompany.org

- Trellis Company, formerly TG, is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation with the mission of helping student borrowers repay their education loans and promoting access and success in higher education.

Scholarship Information

1. *FastWeb*

www.fastweb.com

- Create a personal profile to be matched with scholarship opportunities.

2. *Legacy Scholarship Program*

www.scottishriteforchildren.org/becoming-our-patient/family-services/family-resource-center/legacy-scholarship

- Apply for the scholarship for current and former Scottish Rite for Children patients.

3. *Scholarships.com*

www.scholarships.com

- Create a personal profile to be matched with scholarship opportunities.

