



***** **SENIOR NEWS*******
 February 6, 2012

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE
SAT - \$49		Add \$18 late fee
March 10	Feb. 10	Feb. 24
May 5	April 6	April 20
ACT - \$49.50		Add \$20 late fee
April 14	March 9	
June 9	May 4	May 18

*** Registration packets for all tests are available in the counselor's office. Online registration for the SAT is www.collegeboard.org and for the ACT is www.act.org. If you register online, you must pay with a credit card. If you register with the paper form, you may use a check or credit card. Our school code is **447605**.

***** Our school has joined StudentEdge's network of over 2,000 high schools that are providing FREE Web-based college and career planning to high school students. This is a great site to research colleges and even to practice for the SAT/ACT.

- 1). Go to: www.mystudentedge.com
- 2). Select New User
- 3) Enter Access Code: AHZWHFKA
- 4) Complete registration page (this is where they create a user name and password)

*** * *DO THIS NOW - Financial Aid – The Free Application for Student Assistance (FAFSA) is the form used for financial aid, including Pell Grants, TEXAS grant and some student loans. This form must be filled out before any student will be considered for financial aid. Your parents must have their tax return completed (but not necessarily filed) before you can send in the forms. You can apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. GET YOUR PIN NUMBER NOW !! You can predict your financial aid results at www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov**

***** **College Applications** – You must complete a college application before you will be considered for admission to any college. All colleges have their applications online and you can google the college to find them. I have Lamar applications in my office. If you are applying to more than one college, you can use www.applytexas.org so you only have to fill out one application. You are able to submit many applications through this website. Be careful about application deadlines. Many colleges have deadlines and will NOT accept you if you apply late.

You must have either an SAT or ACT score before you will be accepted to any college. The SAT is reading, writing and math while the ACT is reading, writing, math, science and social studies.

Reminder – Each college or university has their own registration and scholarship deadline. Be aware of those dates because there are no exceptions. Get online and find out this information for the college you plan to attend.

<<<<<<< SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION >>>>>>>

All colleges and universities offer scholarships. Search each specific website for more information about their scholarship opportunities. Also, if you apply through applytexas, you can apply for scholarships too. You still need to check school sites.

***GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH ENGINE** – When a student creates a profile at www.scholarships.com, they can find scholarships and also find colleges who may want to be recruiting them. This is a free website.

******HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO METROPOLITAN SCHOLARSHIP** – This is a scholarship where students must demonstrate academic potential, citizenship/leadership and financial need and must attend a Texas college or university. Specific requirements are as follows: citizen of the US, have completed the FAFSA, have a combined SAT/ACT of 1350/19 and be in the top ¼ of your class. This scholarship is valued at \$16,000 over a 4-year period. Application is online at www.rodeohouston.com/about/scholarship or www.hlsr.com. **Deadline: March 4**

******HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP** – This is a scholarship where students must demonstrate financial need, academic achievement, leadership and community involvement. Specific requirements are as follows: citizen of the US, have completed the FAFSA, have a combined SAT/ACT of 1210/14 and rank in the top ½ of your class. This scholarship gives more weight to applicants on the basis of financial need. It is also valued at \$16,000 over a 4-year period. Application is online at www.rodeohouston.com/about/scholarship or www.hlsr.com. **Deadline: March 4**

******MARY CECILE CHAMBERS SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship is available to male seniors with a good work ethic and a desire to attend college. Basic eligibility criteria are: male student residing in Texas, in need of financial assistance, a GPA of 78 or higher and a plan to attend college, vocational or trade school on a full time basis. See Mrs. Gilfillian for the application. **Deadline: April 16**

***GEORGE AND MARY HAMMAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP** – This foundation offers seventy (70) \$15,000 scholarships each year to high school seniors. Seniors with financial need and demonstrated academics are those who are most competitive for this scholarship. You may get more information at www.hammanfoundation.org or from Mrs. Gilfillian. You must either download the application or request one in writing. They do not send applications to the schools. **Deadline: Feb.26**

***LEESHA ROY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship is for a student is currently playing or has played ASA softball and is able to show proof of this. See Mrs. Gilfillian for an application.

SLOUGH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP – Students who win this award and continue to meet established criteria may receive the award of \$5000 a year for up to five years. Eligible applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA, be a US citizen and Texas resident and must demonstrate financial need by completing the FAFSA. This

scholarship can be used at any accredited college in the US. See Mrs. Gilfillian for an application or get it from the web at www.midland.edu/admissions/aid/forms/slough.pdf

Deadline: March 26

***AES ENGINEERS SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship is available to students pursuing a degree in engineering. Application is available at www.aesengineers.com/scholarships. **Deadline: May 1**

***JULIET TYNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**- This scholarship is awarded to applicants who are high school baseball or softball players who hope to continue their careers by playing at the college level. See Mrs. Gilfillian for an application. **Deadline: April 2**

***BUICK ACHIEVERS SCHOLARSHIP** – Students who plan to major in a field of study that focuses on engineering, technology, design or business with an interest in the automotive industry are encouraged to apply. You can get more information at www.buickachievers.com. **Deadline: Feb. 29**

***TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONDITIONAL GRANT PROGRAM** – To qualify, a student must be considered economically disadvantaged and plan to pursue a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. You can get more information at www.txdot.gov/careers. **Deadline: March 1**

***BEST BUY SCHOLARSHIP** - Applicants need solid grades plus community service or work experience to be considered. Apply online at www.at15.com or www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com. **Deadline: Feb. 15**

SHELL OIL PROCESS TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY – This is a \$2,200 scholarship for students planning to enroll in any of the following two-year degree programs: process technology, compressor technology, electrical technology, industrial technology, instrumentation or mechanical technology. To learn more, please go to [www. Captch.org](http://www.Captch.org) and click on the student/scholarship tab. **Deadline: Feb. 29**

SEIBEL FOUNDATION ZERO INTEREST STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM – Qualified applicants (USA citizen and Texas resident) may contact their office by telephone or mail after November 1 to request an application. Abe and Annie Seibel Foundation, P.O. Box 8210, Galveston, TX 77553-8210 or call (409) 770-5665. **Deadline: Feb. 28**

TARLETON STATE PRESIDENTIAL HONORS PROGRAM/SCHOLARSHIP – Beginning freshman are considered on class rank (generally top 10%), SAT of 1190, ACT of 27, participation in HS AP courses or dual credit classes, quality of essays, extracurricular activities, community service and letter of recommendation. This award is valued at \$28,000 over 4 years. Visit www.tarleton.edu/honors for more information.

McNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP – McNeese offers scholarships that range from \$400 to \$10,500 per year. Students must complete the application for admission and the academic scholarship application found in the McNeese Undergraduate Application packet which can be downloaded from www.mcneese.edu. Students with at least a 27 on the SAT and a 3.4 GPA can also apply for the McNeese Honors college at www.mcneese.edu/honors.

NORTHWOOD UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP – This college is in Cedar Hill, Texas (near Dallas) and they offer several scholarships for business majors. Visit www.northwood.edu/tx for more information.

ABBOTT AND FENNER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - These business consultants are continuing their scholarship program. You can get more information at www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships. **Deadline: June 15**

TEXAS LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP - TLU offers several academic scholarships with a variety of requirements. Visit www.tlu.edu for more information.

ENCOURAGING the COLLEGE-BOUND INTO HEALTHCARE OCCUPATIONS – This organization offers health career-minded students valuable job shadowing, professional mentoring, and volunteer experience along with an opportunity to receive a \$1500 scholarship award. More information can be found at www.cahectx.org

AL'S FORMAL WEAR SCHOLARSHIP – For complete rules, visit www.alsformalwear.com/scholarship. They are offering two \$1,000 scholarships. **Entries are accepted October 15 through May 31.**

THE COCA-COLA SCHOLARS Foundation awards scholarships to high school seniors who demonstrate leadership, commitment to community or academic achievement. For eligibility requirements and application, information visit www.coca-colascholars.org. Click Apply on-line then Four Year.

BEAUMONT ELK'S LODGE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS – This association offers several scholarships ranging from \$4000 to \$60,000. They offer Texas awards and National awards. For more information visit www.elks.org/enf/scholars for the National award and www.texaselks.org for the Texas award. **They offer several scholarships and each have different deadlines.**

LIT BEAUMONT FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP – Students must be majoring in Public Service and Safety or Process Operations or other petrochemical-related fields. Each scholarship is in the amount of \$4000 per year and is renewable for up to two years. You may access the applications at www.bmtfoundation.com or see Mrs. Gilfillian. **Deadline: May 17**

LAMAR UNIVERSITY CONN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – This scholarship is for freshmen seeking a four year degree in the College of Business at Lamar. Requirements are: must have a business major (special consideration for those in marketing), score at least a 900 on the SAT or 20 on the ACT, and have leadership qualities, demonstrated scholarship, integrity and sound character traits. See Mrs. Gilfillian for the application. **Deadline: February 19**

LAMAR UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP - Lamar offers various scholarships in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$20,000. See Mrs. Gilfillian for an application. You can find more information at www.lamar.edu or see Mrs. Gilfillian. **Deadline: February 1 – priority**

LAMAR INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY – This application is good for all of the scholarships at LIT. You can find more information at www.lit.edu or see Mrs. Gilfillian.

THE GOSS-MICHAEL FOUNDATION – TEXAS ART SCHOLARSHIP - This scholarship is for graduating seniors who exhibit exceptional artistic abilities and will pursue a major in fine arts at the college level (painting, drawing, sculpture, printmaking, photography, art history and art education. Majors such as interior design, graphic design and fashion are excluded). See Mrs. Gilfillian for the application. **Deadline: March 31**

TEXAS INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP – To be eligible to apply for a TILF scholarship, students must have participated in a UIL Academic State Meet during their high school career. Participation in athletic or music contests does not qualify a student to apply for a TILF scholarship. See Mrs. Gilfillian if you qualify.

SOUTHERN TEXAS PGA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP - The Southern Texas PGA Foundation Scholarship Committee will review class ranking, grade point average (GPA) and either ACT or SAT test scores, the student's extracurricular activities and financial need. The student should be enrolled in a college-

bound curriculum. The applicant's golfing ability will not be the determining factor in the evaluation process. The application is available online at www.stpgajuniorgolf.com. **Deadline: April 4**

LATINO COLLEGE DOLLARS – Complete and up-to-date information on scholarships for Latino students attending or applying for admissions to schools across the US. You can find more information at www.LatinoCollegeDollars.org.

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SCHOLARSHIP – You can find the details at www.myCougarConnection.com/scholarships

TEXAS TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION – Special consideration will be given to students pursuing a college degree in fields which are in particular interest to telecommunications (math, business, technology, engineering and computer science). Special consideration will be given to those with established financial need. Log on to www.tta.org to get the application. **Deadline: March 12**

THE SOCIETY OF HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS has a rewarding opportunity for students who are interested in pursuing careers in Science Technology, Engineering and Math and are Hispanic. Visit www.ahetems.org for more information.

USA FUNDS – ACCESS TO EDUCATION – Scholarships will be awarded to students with economic need. Applications are available at www.usafunds.org/scholarship . **Deadline: Feb. 15**

SHELL OIL COMPANY TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – Program for students who plan to enroll in one of the following majors; geology, geophysics, physics, engineering at specific schools. Get more information at www.shell.com and search for scholarships. **Deadline: Feb. 16**

AXA ACHIEVEMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP - This scholarship is for ethnically and economically disadvantaged students who show ambition and drive, determination to set and reach goals, respect for self, family and community and have an ability to succeed in college. You may download an application at www.axa-achievement.com. **Deadline: February 15**

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS – There are several competitive scholarships for beginning freshmen who excel in areas of academic achievement and leadership. To apply, log on to the Scholar X application at www.shsu.edu. **Deadline: Feb. 15**

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY- By applying to Baylor, you have applied for the merit based academic scholarships. There is no additional application required.

ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY – Angelo State awards academic scholarships to students based on academic ability and extracurricular activity. You may access the application at www.angelo.edu. **Deadline: April 1**

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS - All freshmen admitted to the University for the fall semester are automatically considered for an Academic Excellence Award. No further application is required. You may get further information at www.utdallas.edu/scholarships

SCHOLAR ATHLETE MILK MUSTACHE OF THE YEAR AWARD – Judging of the nominees will be based on five criteria: academic performance (35%), athletic excellence (35%), leadership (15%), community service (10%) and milk experience (5%). Applications will only be accepted online at www.BodyByMilk.com. Application not yet available - **Deadline: March 6**

CAT LIFT TRUCKS SCHOLARSHIP – This program is designated for students planning to major in mechanical engineering or a business related field. See Mrs. Gilfillian for an application or go to www.cat-lift.com. **Deadline: April 3**

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP- To apply, beginning freshmen must score at least a 1200 on the SAT (reading and Math) or 27 on the ACT or graduate in the top 10% of your class. Logon to www.shsu.edu and click on financial aid for the scholarship information. **Deadline: Feb. 15**

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY SMITH-HUTSON SCHOLARSHIP – This scholarship is for students who enroll in the **College of Business**. This scholarship is valued at \$12,000 a year for 4 years. See Mrs. Gilfillian for more information. **Deadline: March 6**

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN SCHOOL OF THEATRE SCHOLARSHIP – Students interested in auditioning for a theatre scholarship at SFA can get more information at www.sfasu.edu/theatre or see Mrs. Gilfillian.

MEMORIAL HERMANN BAPTIST HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY – This program of radiology is associated with LIT. See Mrs. Gilfillian for more information or go to www.mhbh.org

College search websites:

www.CollegeForAllTexans.com -- check this one out !

www.mystudentedge.com

www.cappex.com

Scholarship websites:

*** www.everychanceeverytexan.org/about/scholars/

*** www.legion.org/needalift

www.collegeanswer.com

www.window.state.tx.us/scholars

www.meritaid.com

www.fastweb.com

www.ScholarshipQuestHelper.com

www.scholarships.com

www.wiredscholar.com

www.adventuresineducation.org

www.finaid.org

www.freeschinfo.com

www.studentaid.ed.gov

financial aid websites:

www.salliemae.com

www.fafsa.gov – fill out the FAFSA

www.pin.ed.gov – get your PIN so you can sign FAFSA

www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov – predict FAFSA results

To do list:

1) apply for admission

If you are applying LIT or LUPA, I have the application.
Otherwise, you must apply at www.applytexas.org.

2) apply for financial aid – www.fafsa.ed.gov

You must have your parent's tax information before you can submit your FAFSA. Get a PIN number for you and one of your parents NOW.

3) apply for scholarships

See what scholarships you qualify for and download the application or get a copy from me. Also, make sure you apply for scholarships at the college or trade school you plan to attend.

4) Please quit procrastinating and get busy ☺