



Complete an Application:

ApplyTexas.org

(ALL public/in-state colleges)

OR

CommonApp.org

(private/out-of-state colleges ONLY)



Most applications open on August 1st!



Submit Documents:



- High School Transcript (ALL students)
- Proof of Meningitis Vaccination (ALL students)
- ACT/SAT or TSIA2 Exam Scores (ALL students)
- Fee Waivers (Fee waiver qualifying students ONLY)
- College Transcript(s) (Dual Credit/OnRamps students ONLY)

DO NOT begin this step until AFTER you submit your application!



Check Your Email DAILY for Emails with Next Steps:

Most colleges and universities will send you an email containing login information a few days after you submit your application.

THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE YOUR STUDENT PORTAL SHOULD HAVE A "TO-DO" LIST OF ITEMS YOU STILL NEED TO SUBMIT/COMPLETE.

MAKE SURE YOU ARE NOT USING YOUR GCCISD EMAIL TO COMMUNICATE WITH COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES!



Complete the FAFSA/TASFA Application:

FAFSA: StudentAid.gov

(ALL students who have a social security number)

OR

TASFA: paper application, can pick up in the CCMR lab
(ALL students who DO NOT have a social security number)

The 2025-2026 FAFSA application opens on December 1st!



Keep an Eye on Deadlines:

Deadlines will vary between colleges so make sure to check your email and student portal daily, so that you don't miss out on important deadlines for:

- Scholarship Applications
- Housing Applications & Deposits
- On-Campus Events & Orientation

Other Important Reminders:

- Retake ACT/SAT if you want to improve your scores.
(RECOMMENDED SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER SENIOR YEAR)
- OR
- Retake TSIA2 if you did not meet the benchmarks.
(RECOMMENDED EARLY SPRING SENIOR YEAR)
- FAFSA is a GRADUATION REQUIREMENT; complete the application ASAP to maximize aid.
- FORWARD YOUR FAFSA SUBMISSION CONFIRMATION EMAIL TO YOUR SENIOR COUNSELOR!

Important Websites:

ACT/SAT Exam Registration/Scores:

- ★ ACT: ACT.org
- ★ SAT: CollegeBoard.org

AP Exam Scores:

- ★ CollegeBoard.org

College Applications:

- ★ ApplyTexas.org (ALL public/in-state colleges)
- ★ CommonApp.org (private/out-of-state colleges ONLY)

FAFSA Application:

- ★ StudentAid.gov

High School Transcripts:

- ★ gccisdtx.scriborder.com

Lamar Institute of Technology Transcripts:

- ★ email: transcripts@LIT.edu

Lee College Transcripts:

- ★ Lee.edu/transcripts

NCAA Clearinghouse Registration: Playing Sports in College:

- ★ web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/

OnRamps Transcripts:

- ★ OneStop.UTexas.edu/transcripts

TSIA2 Scores:

- ★ studentportal.accuplacer.org/#/studentisr

Other Resources:

Fee Waivers for College Applications:

- ★ See Mrs. Wolf in the CCMR lab to request fee waivers.

Lee College Educational Opportunity Center: FAFSA Expert Help

- ★ Lee.edu/EOC

Meningitis Vaccination Requirement Information:

- ★ dshs.texas.gov/immunization-unit/texas-school-child-care-facility-immunization/texas-minimum-state-vaccine-2

Military Interest:

- ★ USA.gov/US-Military

Resume Building Help:

- ★ Go to the Xello tile in your MyGC portal.

Workforce Development Resources:

- ★ Lee.edu/Workforce

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Office Location: CCMR Lab (room 101)

Mrs. Lavender – Shared College Coordinator

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Office Location: Ranger Center – on RSS campus on Mondays ONLY