

COUNSELORS' CORNER

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Attention Seniors

Application deadlines for UT Austin and Texas A&M have changed. December 15, 2009, is the **NEW** deadline for UT. January 15, 2009, is the deadline for Texas A&M. **Do not miss these deadlines. Too late is too bad.** Too many students apply to UT and A&M so the dates for applications have changed in the past two years.

This is critically important to our senior students. Plan to complete your applications before Thanksgiving. Scholarship deadlines for these schools will also be met if applications are completed by Thanksgiving. A complete application means all required materials have arrived by the deadline date.

Check online to make sure all paperwork has been received by the school you are applying to....

The time to start your applications is today...do not delay.

Attention Seniors

Application tips and suggestions come from Texas A&M admissions office.

1. Begin filling out the application early. Students should take the time to give a complete picture of their high school academics and activities.
2. Include all activities. Part II of the application, which asks students to detail their extracurricular activities, is very important. A running list of leadership positions, community service, employment, and awards, and both school and non-school activities should be kept. Time commitment and duration of involvement in each activity should be included. If there is not adequate space on the application for the student's activities, submit additional pages in a similar format. The student's full name and date of birth should be included on all pages.
3. Prepare essays. All applicants are required to complete Essays A and B. In addition, applicants who do not qualify for top 10% or automatic admission must complete Essay C.
4. Consider course work. It is recommended that students go above and beyond the minimum required and recommended course work during their high school careers.
5. Visit campus. Visiting the campus and participating in Texas A&M programs demonstrates an interest and commitment to the University.
www.tamu.edu/aggiesaturday
6. Submit the complete application so that all is received at the University by the January 15, 2009, deadline.

Scholarship Bulletin

The first, monthly scholarship newsletter is in print. Senior students can pick up a copy from their English IV teachers or from the Counseling Office. The bulletin can also be found on the MHS website.

In addition to a listing of scholarships, there is a list of internet scholarship sources, scholarship websites, and tips for a successful scholarship search. Applying for scholarships takes time and effort, but the payoff can be a great deal of money per hour invested.

Mavericks Promise

From UTA comes the announcement of grant assistance to cover all fall and spring in-state tuition and fees for undergraduate Texas residents who are eligible to receive the Federal Pell Grant, have a family income of \$65,000 or less, and who are admitted and complete the financial aid application process by April 1, 2010.

If the student qualifies for this series of grants, the student will attend UTA for free or almost free, since these students are likely to qualify to receive other scholarships or grants to cover expenses such as books, room and board. Freshman students are eligible for the Maverick Promise for 5 years. See your counselor or call UTA Financial Aid and Scholarships Office at 817-272-3561.

Counseling Office Hours Changed

Starting September 8 the Counseling Office will be open until 7:30 PM. Two counselors will be in the building to talk to parents and students. When special programs are on the schedule, a phone call will go out to parents specifically inviting them to attend that night.

Who is my student's counselor?

The student's last name determines his or her counselor. Please feel free to call your student's counselor for information or help. The alphabet distribution has changed. Check to see if your student has been assigned to a different counselor.

A – Bz	David Pyatt	682-867-8624
C- – Eq	Debra Mansury	682-867-8610
Er - Ham	Dana Bishop	682-867-8625
Han – Kq	Suzanne Bandy	682-867-1800
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