Testing Requirements

- Does your college, university, military branch, or trade school require a standardized test?
 - SAT, ACT, ASVAB, or TSI
- Sign up to take your exams in plenty of time to meet your deadlines.
 - SAT and ACT—offered approximately once a month each
 - ASVAB
 - TSI— See CCRA, Mr. Byrd
- Which one should you take?
 - Determine which one is a better fit for you.
 - Plan to take at least two SAT or ACT tests



Complete Your Applications

- Plan to apply to several colleges
 - Two safety schools
 - Two target schools
 - One reach school
- Determine where you want to apply
 - Use the College Search tools on SchooLinks
- Complete your applications
 - ApplyTexas, Common App, or college/university website
 - Application sites have different essay requirements

Don't wait – some schools have rolling admissions!



Using Common App

 All schools inside and outside of Texas and some Texas private schools, including Rice University





Using ApplyTexas

 For all Texas public twoyear and four-year colleges/universities

*Do NOT request your transcript in ApplyTexas. It must be done in SchooLinks.

What Role Does SchooLinks Play?

- FBISD software platform that supports students as they navigate their college and career planning process
- Access is through Clever (1Link)
- Parents can also access SL with a claim code from their student
- Your Dashboard will show you tasks you need to complete!

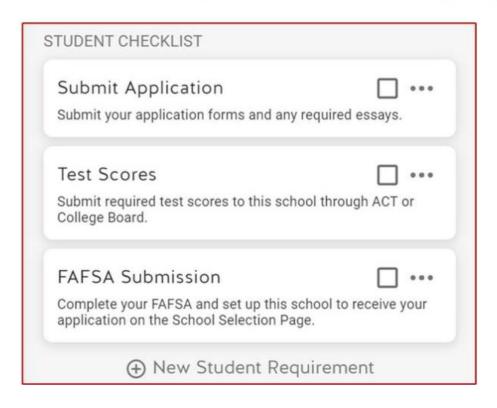


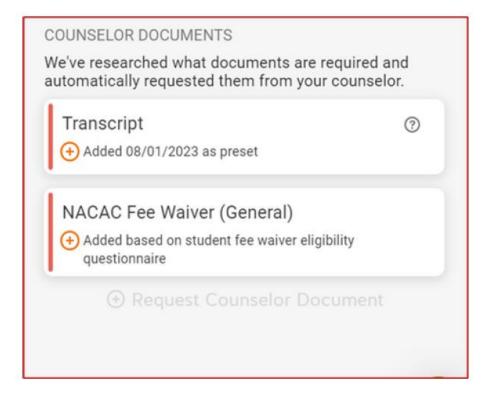
SchooLinks: Adding Colleges

- *Do this AFTER you have submitted your college applications.
 - Log into SchooLinks through Clever
 - Click on Colleges and select College Applications
 - Set up your Application Page, click Get Started
 - Enter your personal information, click Next
 - Toggle on to share your Rank
 - Enter your Fee Waiver eligibility (if this applies to you), click Next
 - Complete the FERPA Waiver—Click YES
 - Add college to your list, and mark it as submitted. This generates a transcript request.

SchooLinks: Next Steps

 Once your college is added, you will be able to see what is on your checklist for this school. Mark completed items.





Requesting Transcripts



- <u>Un</u>official: Skyward Portfolio or in SchooLinks School/Records Request
- Official: Automatically requested in SchooLinks when you add a college application
- Transcripts for a Scholarship or Coach? Go to School/Record Request under School tab and select "Send official transcript" at the top
- Dual Credit, OnRamps, etc. Trancripts?: Request directly on those schools' websites
- What is an SRAR? Self-Reported Academic Record
- IF you are using ApplyTexas, Do NOT request your transcript there. It must be requested through SchooLinks.

Letters of Recommendation: Teachers

 In SchooLinks, when you add a college to your application list, it will show you if you need a letter and how many are allowed.

 You can also request letters from people outside of AHS through this section.

TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Remember to update your student profile and communicate with your teachers before adding them as a recommender on SchooLinks.

2 Optional

Instructions from college: You may submit up to two optional letters of recommendation with your admission application. These letters may be from teachers, mentors, or people who know you well, either within or outside of your high school. The letter should be able to give additional context or information to support your admission that is not already provided in your application or other submitted documents (résumé, transcripts).

(+) Request Teacher Recommendation

Email your teacher regarding your request and attach a resume or brag sheet.

Give them 2-3 weeks minimum to complete and submit the letters.

Letters of Recommendation: Counselors

Common App	ApplyTexas
 Goes through SchooLinks SL will inform you if a school requires a counselor letter 	 Does NOT go through SchooLinks If a school requires a letter, you must request one from the counselor

Email your counselor your request and attach a resume or brag sheet.

Give your counselor 2-3 weeks minimum to complete and submit these documents.

What Else Can SchooLinks Do?

Need a Resume?

- Click on your name to jump to your profile page
- Complete sections: About Me, My Story, Experience, Bragging Rights, and Academics
 - Include jobs, clubs, activities, certifications, etc.
- To create the resume, top right corner, click the resume icon
- Enter your Phone #, address, email address
- Click Download Resume. It will be in Word format and editable.



Update your Notifications!

Click on the Gear (upper right) and select Account Settings, then select Notifications. Add your personal email address to receive emails sooner. You can also add your phone # to receive SMS text messages.

So, How Do I Pay for All of This?

- In SchooLinks
 - ➤ Select
 Finances → Scholarship
 Matching
 - ➤ Check out the "Here's What's Happening Feed"



- Subscribe to or check out these websites:
 - Scholarship America
 - My Scholly
 - College for All Texans
 - Fast Web
 - College Guidance Consultants
 - Bold.org
 - Scholarships360
 - Raise.me
 - Unigo.com

https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

Federal Application for Federal Student Aid

- Enables students to apply for:
 - Loans
 - Grants
 - Work-study programs

