



\*\*\*\*\* **SENIOR NEWS** \*\*\*\*\*  
 December 8, 2009

| TEST DATE         | REGISTRATION DEADLINE | LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE |
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| <b>SAT</b> - \$45 |                       | Add \$18 late fee          |
| Jan. 23           | Dec. 15               | Dec. 30                    |
| March 13          | Feb. 4                | Feb. 18                    |
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| <b>ACT</b> - \$46 |                       | Add \$20 late fee          |
| Feb. 6            | Jan. 5                | Jan. 15                    |
| April 10          | March 5               | March 19                   |
| June 12           | May 7                 | May 21                     |

\*\*\* Registration packets for all tests are available in the counselor's office. Online registration for the SAT is [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) and for the ACT is [www.act.org](http://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**.

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 \*\*\*\*\* 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](http://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)

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**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](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). **GET YOUR PIN NUMBER NOW !!**

\*\*\*\*\* **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](http://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.

Some students must also take the THEA test before they will be allowed to register for college classes. Students can be exempt from this test if they scored high enough on their EXIT level TAKS test. You must have scored at least a 2200 on the reading, a 3 on the writing AND at least a 2200 on the math. You must have met all three criteria to be exempt.

## <<<<<<< **SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION** >>>>>>>

**\*\*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**

**\*\*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](http://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**

**\*\*TARLETON STATE PRESIDENTIAL HONORS PROGRAM** – This scholarship is valued at \$28,000 over four years at the university in Stephenville, Texas. Admission criteria are: generally top 10%, ACT of 27 or SAT of 1190, participation in high school AP classes or dual credit courses, quality of essays, extracurricular activities, service to school and community, letters of recommendation and an interview with the director (finalists only.) See Mrs. Gilfillian for more information.

**\*\*LEESHA ROY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Southeast Texas ASA Umpires Association** – Applicants must be a high school senior eligible for admission to a college or university and have had in the past or is currently playing ASA softball and be able to show proof. See Mrs. Gilfillian for an application. **Deadline: April 17**

**\*\*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](http://www.midland.edu/admissions/aid/forms/slough.pdf)  
**Deadline: March 26**

**\*\*RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** – Graduating seniors may apply at [www.rmhc.org](http://www.rmhc.org). **Deadline: February 16**

**\*\*THE GOSS-MICHAEL TEXAS ART SCHOLARSHIP** – This is a merit-based scholarship of \$5000 to be used at winner's chosen college. To be eligible, students must pursue a degree in visual arts. You will need to be able to provide at CD of 10 original works of art. See Mrs. Gilfillian for an application. **Deadline: March 31**

**\*\*TEXAS ENGINEERING FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP** – Students who might be considering a career in engineering are encouraged to apply. A list of Texas universities with accredited engineering programs can be found at [www.abet.org/accrediteac.asp](http://www.abet.org/accrediteac.asp). Mrs. Gilfillian also has more information. **Deadline: January 15**

**\*\*TEXAS A&M COLLEGE OF MEDICINE** – This is a program for those top ranked students who are planning to attend medical school to become a Primary Care Physician. See Mrs. Gilfillian for more information.

**\*\*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](http://www.axa-achievement.com). **Deadline: February 15**

**\*\*SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLARSHIP** – This program is for highly motivated and academically talented students. To be able to apply, students must meet at least one of the following criteria: 1) SAT (reading/math) of 1200 or above or 2) ACT of 27 or above or 3) ranked in the top 10%. Applications are available at [www.honors.shse.edu](http://www.honors.shse.edu). **Deadline: Feb. 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.scholarships.nelnet.net](http://www.shsu.scholarships.nelnet.net). **Deadline: Feb. 15**

**\*\*McNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP** – You may apply online at [www.mcneese.edu](http://www.mcneese.edu)

**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**

**TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY** – Tech’s scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, financial need and extracurricular involvement. You can find more information at [www.scholarships.ttu.edu](http://www.scholarships.ttu.edu). **Deadline: Feb 1**

**BAYLOR UNIVERSITY CARR COLLINS SCHOLARS** – Baylor awards scholarships through this program to students who have demonstrated leadership through service. Applicants must meet all university requirements for unconditional admission, have SAT Reading and Math score of 1250 or 28 on the ACT. You may access the application at [www.baylor.edu/admissions/CarrPCollins](http://www.baylor.edu/admissions/CarrPCollins) . **Deadline: Jan. 31**

**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](http://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](http://www.utdallas.edu/scholarships)

**GATES MELLENNIUM SCHOLARS** – This program is for African American, American Indian, Asian Pacific Islander or Hispanic Americans. Applicants must be a citizen or legal resident of national of the United States. For more information you may access the application at [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org) or see Mrs. Gilfillian. **Deadline: Jan. 11**

**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](http://www.lamar.edu) or see Mrs. Gilfillian. **Deadline: February 1**

**LAMAR UNIVERSITY MIRABEAU SCHOLARS PROGRAM** – This is the most notable scholarship program at Lamar. This is awarded to outstanding first year freshmen and are four year full scholarships. To view the eligibility requirements for this program, visit <http://dept.lamar.edu/advancement/scholarships/mirabeau/intro.htm>.

**LAMAR UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP** - This department at Lamar offers a variety of scholarship programs. You may find the application at [www.lamar.edu/engineering](http://www.lamar.edu/engineering) or see Mrs. Gilfillian. **Deadline: Feb. 1**

**LAMAR INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY** – This application is good for all of the scholarships at LIT. You can find more information at [www.lit.edu](http://www.lit.edu) or see Mrs. Gilfillian.

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONDITIONAL GRANT PROGRAM** – This grant provides tuition assistance to eligible students who are pursuing a bachelor's degree in civil engineering, computer science, and management information or computer information systems. Log on to [www.txdot.gov/careers](http://www.txdot.gov/careers) or see Mrs. Gilfillian for an application. **Deadline: March 1**

**BEST BUY SCHOLARSHIP** – Students with solid grades and who are involved in volunteer community service or work experience are encouraged to apply. Apply online at [www.bestbuy.com/scholarships](http://www.bestbuy.com/scholarships). Can't access until after 1/10 **Deadline: Feb. 15**

**GEORGE WASHINGTON CROSSING FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP** – This national scholarship is intended for students who plan a career in government service. Visit [www.gwcf.org](http://www.gwcf.org) for more information. **Deadline: Jan. 15**

**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](http://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](http://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. Log on to [www.shsu.edu](http://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**

**TEXAS A&M HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER COLLEGE OF MEDICINE PROGRAM** – This program is for exceptional students who are contemplating a career in medicine as a primary care physician in a rural or underserved area of Texas. See Mrs. Gilfillian for more information or at <http://medicine.tamhsc.edu>. **Deadline: Feb. 13**

**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](http://www.sfasu.edu/theatre) or see Mrs. Gilfillian.

**NAVY ROTC SCHOLARSHIP** – This is a four year scholarship for students interested in attending college and then enlisting in the Navy. Applications and additional information are available at [www.nrotc.navy.mil](http://www.nrotc.navy.mil)

**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](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars) for the National award and [www.texaselks.org](http://www.texaselks.org) for the Texas award. **They offer several scholarships and each have different deadlines.**

**TEXAS A&M COLLEGE OF NUCLEAR ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP** – A&M offers scholarships to students interested in their nuclear engineering department. Visit <http://thinknuclear.tamu.edu> or see Mrs. Gilfillian for more information.

**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](http://www.mhbh.org)

College search websites:

[www.mystudentedge.com](http://www.mystudentedge.com)

[www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)

Scholarship websites:

\*\*\*[www.legion.org/NeedALift](http://www.legion.org/NeedALift)

[www.collegeanswer.com](http://www.collegeanswer.com)

[www.window.state.tx.us/scholars](http://www.window.state.tx.us/scholars)

[www.meritaid.com](http://www.meritaid.com)

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.ScholarshipQuestHelper.com](http://www.ScholarshipQuestHelper.com)

[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

[www.tuitions.com](http://www.tuitions.com)

[www.wiredscholar.com](http://www.wiredscholar.com)

[www.adventuresineducation.org](http://www.adventuresineducation.org)

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

[www.freeschinfo.com](http://www.freeschinfo.com)

student loan websites:

[www.salliemae.com](http://www.salliemae.com)