

***DENTON BRONCOS***

***GOLF***

***Helping Your Athlete  
Succeed Academically***

***and***

***Go To COLLEGE***



## **WEBSITE REFERENCES**

**[www.CoreCourseGPA.com](http://www.CoreCourseGPA.com)**

**College Academic Eligibility tool for High School student-athletes**

**<http://thsca.pointstreaksites.com/view/thsca/links/free-eligibility-and-recruiting-webinars>**

**Texas High School Coaches Association Recruiting Webinar**

**[www.act.org](http://www.act.org)**

**Register for ACT college exam**

**[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)**

**Register for SAT college exam**

**[www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)**

**Register for eligibility with NCAA DI and DII**

**[www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)**

**Apply for financial aid**

**Informative website on recruiting rules**

**FOLLOW A COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP GAME PLAN**

**FRESHMAN YEAR**

DO RIGHT...

MAKE GOOD GRADES. **YOUR GPA STARTS NOW!**

DEVELOP GOOD ATTENDANCE AND ACADEMIC HABITS.

DEVELOP POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS.

**SOPHOMORE YEAR**

DO RIGHT...

KEEP MAKING GOOD GRADES.

TAKE THE PSAT.

REGISTER AND TAKE THE SAT DURING THE SUMMER.

WORK HARD TO DEVELOP PHYSICALLY/ATHLETICALLY.

BE PATIENT.

**JUNIOR YEAR**

DO RIGHT...

MAKE BETTER GRADES.

TAKE THE PSAT IN OCTOBER. IT CAN EARN YOU NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP MONEY.

REGISTER FOR AND TAKE THE SAT AND/OR ACT TESTS.

REGISTER WITH AND GET EDUCATED WITH THE NCAA INITIAL ELIGIBILITY CENTER AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR. [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net) 877-262-1492.

RAISE YOUR GOLF IQ AND BE A STUDENT OF THE GAME!

**SENIOR YEAR**

DO RIGHT...

MAKE GREAT GRADES.

RETAKE SAT AND ACT AND START APPLYING TO COLLEGES.

RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AND APPLY FOR THEM.

BEGIN APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID THROUGH FAFSA (APPLY ONLINE FOR YOUR PIN#) IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY.

RAISE YOUR GOLF IQ AND BECOME AN EVEN BETTER STUDENT OF THE GAME.

\*Get the free booklet,  
“The College Bound Student Athlete” from [www.naaclearinghouse.net](http://www.naaclearinghouse.net)  
ASAP!

# Time Line for Scholarships

## FRESHMAN YEAR

1. The student-athlete must be taking courses recommended for College preparation. The 4 year plan must include the 16 core curriculum courses required by the NCAA.
2. The higher your GPA in your core curriculum classes, the more competitive you become for scholarships.
3. The PSAT should be taken.

## SOPHOMORE YEAR

1. The student-athlete and parent(s) should be aware of current GPA.
2. The PSAT should be taken.

## JUNIOR YEAR

1. The SAT and/or the ACT should be taken during the fall and can be retaken to improve your score. The counselors and coaches will be available to assist all junior athletes in filling out the application forms.
2. Coaches will establish a college prospect sheet that will be made available to all recruiters.
3. Game film will be made available through Hudl or DVDs to recruiters.
4. Fill out forms for the NCAA Clearinghouse.

## SENIOR YEAR

1. The following items will place you into a position to compete for an athletic scholarship: student-athletes' athletic ability, GPA in core curriculum courses, SAT/ACT test scores and class rank.
2. Coaches will make swing footage and all pertinent information available upon request by college recruiters.

## The Bottom Line

College coaches must win. Therefore, they will recruit and offer scholarships to the athletes who are most competitive in these areas:

- **Athletic Ability.**
- **GPA in core curriculum classes.**
- **Test scores on SAT and/or the ACT.**
- **Class Rank.**

## 2014 – 2015 SAT Test Dates ([www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org))

Test Dates	Local Test Location	Test	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration (Fee Required)
October 11, 2014	*RHS	SAT & Subject Tests	September 12, 2014	September 30, 2014
November 8, 2014	*DHS	SAT & Subject Tests	October 9, 2014	October 28, 2014
December 6, 2014	UNT	SAT & Subject Tests	November 6, 2014	November 24, 2014
January 24, 2015	*RHS	SAT & Subject Tests	December 29, 2014	January 13, 2015
March 14, 2015	UNT	SAT only	February 13, 2015	March 3, 2015
May 2, 2015	*DHS, UNT	SAT & Subject Tests	April 6, 2015	April 21, 2015
June 6, 2015	UNT	SAT & Subject Tests	May 8, 2015	May 27, 2015

## 2014 – 2015 ACT Test Dates ([www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org))

Test Date	Local Test Location	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (Late Fee Required)
September 13, 2014		August 8, 2014	August 9 – 22, 2014
October 25, 2014	*DHS, UNT	September 19, 2014	September 20 – October 3, 2014
December 13, 2014	UNT	November 7, 2014	November 8 – 21, 2014
February 7, 2015	UNT	January 9, 2015	January 10 – 16, 2015
April 18, 2015	*DHS, UNT	March 13, 2015	March 14 – 27, 2015
June 13, 2015	UNT	May 8, 2015	May 9 – 22, 2015

**DHS CODE: 441951**

**[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)**

# Steps for APPLYING FOR COLLEGE

## \*Senior Year\*

Career Planning and College Center Contacts:

THE DENTON HIGH COUNSELOR'S CORNER LINK BELOW:

<http://www.dentonisd.org/Domain/405>

### College Admissions Checklist:

- Explore a career     Apply for admission     Test – SAT/ACT     Visit Campus
- Explore -Texas Success Initiative (TSI)     Apply for Financial Aid     Apply for Housing
- Apply for Scholarships     Register for Orientation

1. Request a high school transcript to be submitted to your college or university of choice. Make sure to include your grade point average, high school rank, TAKS scores and ACT/SAT scores.
2. Explore a career path by completing a Career Assessment at your high school Career Center.
3. Apply to the college/university of your choice. Apply online at [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org) for Texas public universities. This is the preferred method of applying for a junior college or public university.
4. Register to take the SAT/ACT exam for college admissions.
  - For the SAT exam log onto [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
  - For the ACT exam log onto [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
5. Make a connection with an Admissions Recruiter from the college or university of choice. Ask to be put on a prospective student list to begin getting college information in the mail.
6. Meet with the Admissions Recruiter at your high school during lunch visits or visit the college or university campus.
7. Begin getting information on the Texas Higher Education Assessment exam (THEA). You may also take the Accuplacer exam. An Accuplacer exam is an alternate exam to the (THEA). For information on test dates and locations log onto [thea@mail.nesinc.com](mailto:thea@mail.nesinc.com) .
8. Next, apply for the Personal Identification Number (PIN) online to [www.pin.edu.gov](http://www.pin.edu.gov) and sign up for a PIN number for the student and for the parent. The PIN number is the code that U.S. Department of Education uses to identify you online. REMINDER: Parents file your income tax as early as possible this year. The earlier parents apply the smoother the Financial Aid process.
9. Next, begin applying for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You can log onto [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) to read about financial aid resources and to learn how to apply for Financial Aid.
10. Keep a planner for your scholarship process. Begin applying for available scholarships and keep track of all scholarship deadlines.
11. Apply for housing, if you desire to live on campus. You can apply for housing arrangements while completing the Admissions process.
12. Once accepted into the college or university of choice, then sign up for the Freshman orientation for advising and registration.

## **9 Easy Steps to Getting Financial Aid:**

**DO YOU HAVE A PIN? HAVE YOU FILLED OUT THE FAFSA? FOLLOW THESE TIPS TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID**

The financial aid application process can seem overwhelming--scary even--but by following these 10 steps, you'll make it through without a hitch.

### **1. GET A PIN**

Apply for your PIN at [pin.ed.gov](http://pin.ed.gov). Both you and your parents will need a PIN in order to e-sign the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is the form required in order to be considered for federal financial aid at every school in the country. You will use this same PIN to make any corrections and to reapply each year--so keep it in a safe place!

### **2. KNOW YOUR DEADLINES**

Check financial aid application deadlines at all of your target schools. Also find out the deadlines for applying for state aid. This is huge! Schools and states have different deadlines, some of which start as early as mid-February. Others may not be until April or later. If you miss a deadline, you will likely miss out on free money!

### **3. APPLY FOR FREE MONEY**

Research and apply for local and other scholarships. The majority of outside scholarships that students receive are from local organizations. But don't count yourself out of the big national competitions just because you think there is too much competition. Often times, even national scholarships don't get a huge number of applicants--especially if an essay is required. Take the time to write the essay, your chances might be greater than you think! And don't not apply for a scholarship because you think the prize isn't big enough. Every dollar helps, and they add up quickly!

### **4. FINISH THE FAFSA**

Complete the FAFSA as soon after January 1 as possible. Completing it online is the most efficient way because it's designed to only ask the questions that apply to you. If your parents don't complete their taxes until April, don't wait until then to complete the FAFSA! Use estimated numbers, such as year-to-date figures on their December pay stubs and bank statements. Remember that your financial aid award is only as accurate as the numbers provided on the FAFSA... so no pulling them out of thin air!

### **5. GET EVERYTHING READY**

Have all the necessary information at your fingertips when completing the FAFSA. Read the instructions for each of the questions, and answer only what they ask. The form will actually tell you what lines of the tax form to use to answer different questions. Don't overthink it.

### **6. FILL OUT THE OTHER FORMS**

Ask your college if any additional forms are required. In general, private schools require more forms than public schools. Be sure to check with your target schools early so you can submit everything by their deadlines.

### **7. FOLLOW UP**

Know how your schools will contact you. How will they let you know if your application is incomplete or if your award letter is ready? Will they send you a paper letter? Will they e-mail you with a link to a secure site? Do you have a login and password to a site that you are expected to check regularly? It is important to be aware of their process so that you don't miss anything.

### **8. BE PREPARED TO VERIFY**

Some FAFSAs are selected for verification by the Department of Education. If you are selected, you will be notified on your Student Aid Report or SAR (the results of the FAFSA), and your school will contact you as well. You may be required to submit signed tax forms that the school will use to verify the information you entered on the FAFSA. If the information doesn't match, your financial aid award may change. Some applications aren't selected because the information submitted is suspect; others are chosen at random.

### **9. MAKE A FRIEND IN THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE**

Get to know your financial aid officer. They are there to help you through this process. Many will do everything in their power to make it possible for you to attend their school--but they have a limited supply of money and strict federal regulations to follow. Unfortunately, very few students get a "free ride," so it's best not to go into your college search expecting one. By following these steps, you can simplify the process and ensure that you get the best financial aid package possible.





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