

## **SENIOR COLLEGE PLANNING INFO:**

### **APPLYING FOR COLLEGE:**

Use the Apply Texas website to fill out and save ONE application that can be used at many different Texas public colleges and universities. [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org)

Some colleges or universities require application essays. See [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) for help and ask your English teacher or parent to proofread your essays before submitting!

Some colleges or universities require letters of recommendation from teachers, employers, ministers, club sponsors, coaches, etc. Be sure to ask for these at least one to two weeks in advance of your application deadlines!

### **FINANCIAL AID:**

All students must complete the Federal Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA) after January 1, 2015 to receive federal financial aid for college. [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)

Your parents (and you if you were employed) will need to complete your 2014 income taxes before filling out the FAFSA. We will have a financial aid night in February to help you and your parents complete this form.

Once you've been accepted to a specific college, check their financial aid office for specific scholarship and financial aid applications

### **SAT/ACT COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS:**

Please watch for registration deadlines for the ACT and SAT. These are posted on the posters outside of Mrs. Allen's office, on the ISISD website (Counselor's Corner) and on the ACT and SAT websites. These tests can be retaken for higher scores, and some colleges base the student's scholarship amount on ACT/SAT scores.

**TO REGISTER FOR THE SAT** - Go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). You'll need a credit card to register. The school code is 443550.

**TO REGISTER FOR THE ACT** - Go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). You'll need a credit card to register. The school code is 443550. Although the writing test is optional, students are advised to take this portion of the test.

## **HELPFUL WEBSITES FOR COLLEGE PLANNING:**

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

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

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

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

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## **FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES:**

<http://www.petersons.com/college-search/scholarship-search.aspx>

[http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student\\_guide/index.html](http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/index.html)

<http://www.collegeboard.com>

<http://collegefortexans.com>

<http://fastweb.org>

<http://isisd.net/counselorscorner/scholarships>

**NOTE: Local scholarship applications will be distributed to all seniors in March, 2015**

**See Mrs. Allen if you have any questions regarding the college application or financial aid process!**