



BENAVIDES SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNSELOR NEWSLETTER

Important Links:

<http://www.schoolsoup.com>

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

<http://www.careerkey.org/>

<http://www.kuder.com/>

<http://www.fastweb.com/>

<http://www.collegefortexans.com>

GREAT RESOURCES FOR COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS

Most Popular Links

- [The Princeton Review](#) - all sorts of college information
- [College Board](#) - The SAT test plus all sorts of testing and college preparation information
- [ACT](#) - the ACT test and other resources
- [Federal Student Aid Site](#) - Federal Student Aid Site for students, parents and counselors
- [FinAid](#) - Student aid resource site
- [Students.gov](#) - student gateway to the US Government
- [US Dept. of Education](#) - search for student aid resources by state
- [Scholarship Scams](#) - avoid scholarship scams - don't pay!

Personality and Career Assessment

- [Bureau of Labor and Statistics Career Guide](#) - link your favorite subject in school to a possible career
- [Life Colors Questionnaire](#) - What Kind of Person Are You?
- [The Princeton Review Career Test](#)
- [The Vocational Information Center](#)

Reading Lists for Students

- [Young Adult Library Services](#) – outstanding books for the college bound
- [College Board](#) - 101 great books for the college bound readers

Search for Colleges

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- [National Center for Education](#) - links and searches to colleges and universities
 - [Online Education](#) – general degree and program information
 - [Peterson's](#) – find colleges by degree programs of interest

Online Educational Links

- [DeVry University](#) – technical programs available
- [Jones University](#) – specializes in business and computer courses
- [AIU Online](#) – includes financial aid info
- [University of Phoenix](#) – links and searches to all campuses by state

Two Year College Resources

- [Community College Review](#) – profiles of community and junior colleges
- [Axia College](#) – online education offering associate degrees
- [League for Innovation in Community Colleges](#) – international consortium of community colleges
- [American Assoc. of Community Colleges](#)

Military Careers

- <http://www.todaymilitary.com/> - Military (general)
- <http://www.army.mil/> - Army
- <http://www.navy.mil/> - Navy
- <http://www.uscg.mil/USCG.shtm> - Coast Guard
- <http://www.marines.com/> - Marines
- <http://www.af.mil/> - Air Force

Virtual Tours

- <http://www.ecampustours.com/> - virtual campus tours
- <http://www.campustours.com/>
- <http://www.campusview.com/> - collection of on line view books
- <http://www.collegiatechoice.com/> - non promotional videos of colleges

What are my Chances at this School?

- <http://www.go4college.com/>
- www.collegedata.com/cs/promo/promo_calcodds_tmpl.jhtml
- www.princetonreview.com/college/research/articles/find/MatchReachSafety.asp

Health and Safety for Students

- [Centers for Disease Control](#) - learn what you can do to enjoy college the safe and healthy way!
- [Healthy Minds](#) – great mental health resource
- [Health Insurance](#) – student health insurance quotes and plans

About the Different Tests

- [ACT test](#) - used for college admissions, an alternative to the SAT
 - [Advanced Placement \(AP\) tests](#) - information about AP testing
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- www.collegeboard.com/prof/counselors/apply/12.html - Sat Subject Test Requirements at different schools
 - [College Level Examination Program \(CLEP\)](#) - about the CLEP program
 - [PSAT](#) – Preliminary SAT

Test Prep Resources

- <http://www.testprep.com/> - by Stanford Testing Systems
- <http://www.act.org/> - online registration and prep for ACT
- <http://www.eurekaone.com/> - Eureka One on One Review, LLC
- <http://www.vocabulary.com/> - fun ways to improve your vocabulary

Scholarship Search

- <http://www.scholarship.com/> - finding scholarships
- <http://www.fastweb.com/> - Financial Aid and Scholarship Search
- <http://www.collegeboard.com/> - College, Career, Scholarship Search
- <http://www.tuitions.com/> - scholarship search
- <http://www.wiredscholar.com/> - Sallie Mae site for financial aid
- <http://www.collegepayway.com/> - tools for planning to pay for college

Financial Aid Calculators

- www.finaid.org/calculators/ - financial aid calculator
- www.act.org/fane/index.html - calculator on the ACT website

Financial Aid Links

- <http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/> -Federal Student Aid Site or call 1-800-433-3243 (TTY 800-730-8913 for hearing impaired)
- <http://www.finaid.org/> - Student aid resource site
- <http://www.students.gov/> - student gateway to the US Government
- <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> - online FAFSA application

For Minority, Low-Income, First Generation Students

- www.finaid.org/otheraid/minority.phtml - minority aid site
 - www.smart.net/~pope/hbcu/hbculist.htm - historically black colleges
 - <http://www.educacionsuperior.org/>
 - <http://www.yesican.gov/> - White House initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans
 - <http://www.yosipuedo.gov/> - Spanish version of same site as above
 - <http://www.chciyouth.org/> - English and Spanish information on planning - free publications
 - <http://www.hispanicfund.org/> - Hispanic resource for college aid
 - <http://www.uncf.org/> - United Negro College Fund
 - <http://www.ubp.com/> - universal black pages
 - collegefund.org - American Indian fund
 - <http://www.aimd.org/> - American Institute for Managing Diversity
 - <http://www.aihec.org/> - American Indian Higher Education Consortium
 - www.sciencewise.com/molis - Minority Scholarships and Fellowships
 - www.ed.gov/offices/OBEMLA -Department of Education/Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs
 - <http://www.black-collegian.com/> - the Black Collegian
 - <http://www.blackexcel.org/> - Black Excel: The College Help Network
 - <http://www.hillel.org/> - Jewish resource for colleges
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- <http://www.gmsp.org/> - Gates Millennium Scholars Fund
- <http://www.hsf.net/> - Hispanic scholarships
- <http://www.hacu.net/> - Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities
- <http://www.jbhe.com/> - Journal of Blacks in Higher Education
- gemnetwork.qem.org - Quality Education for Minorities
- www.nativeculture.com/lisamitten/education.html - Tribal Colleges, Native Studies Programs, and Indian Education

Students with Disabilities

- <http://www.ahead.org/> - Association of Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD)
- <http://www.add.org/> - Attention Deficit Disorder Association
- <http://www.chadd.org/> - Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders
- <http://www.ldanatl.org/> - Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA)
- <http://www.ldresources.com/> - Learning Disability Resources
- <http://www.nclد.org/> - National Center for Learning Disabilities
- <http://www.fcsn.org/> -Federation for Children with Special Needs
- <http://www.ldonline.org/> - Learning Disabilities Online
- <http://www.nifl.gov/> - National Adult Literacy & Learning Disabilities Center

TIPS FOR COMPLETING COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

- Know application fees and deadlines
- Type or very neatly print all information. Remember your application is often the first impression a college has of you. You can apply online for most public institutions in Texas at www.applytexas.org
- Include everything that is requested. If an essay is required, be sure to have someone review the draft.
- Arrange to have all necessary transcripts, records, ACT/SAT scores sent to the school(s) you apply. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO HAVE YOUR TRANSCRIPT SENT!** Be sure to check that all your materials have been received by that university.
- Apply early. Many colleges operate by rolling admissions and let you know their decision quickly. Also applying early allows enough time to be sure you have sent all of the required documents.

Seniors planning to attend college should have:

- Taken an ACT or SAT at least once
- Applied to several colleges or universities
- Requested that your transcript be sent to any college applied to
- Checked on THEA status and whether or not the THEA or similar test needs to be taken
- Checked and/or applied for housing

- **Applied for all available scholarships**
- **These are things YOU have to do to attend college. No one is going to take care Of this for you.**

Aggie Assurance Program

Texas A&M University offers the Aggie Assurance program for low and middle income students. To be eligible you must:

- Must be a Texas resident and eligible for resident tuition
- Must be an entering freshman
- Must be a degree seeking student
- Parent must have an adjusted gross income of \$60,000 or less
- You must be admitted to Texas A&M, College Station
- You must have financial need as determined by the FAFSA
- You must maintain a 2.5 gpa
- You must complete the FAFSA form by March 31

Aggie Assurance covers tuition, state mandated, designated tuition and differential tuition. This does not include fees.