

# SCOTTISH RITE



## CHRISTI CARTER URSCHEL FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER Transitioning to College

### Getting Started

1. Your *high school guidance counselor* is a great resource.
2. *Ask ADVI*  
<https://askadvi.org/>
  - Students can access ADVi, a virtual advisor, by texting COLLEGE to 512-829-3687 or by starting a freshman application in ApplyTexas and opting to receive messaging.
3. *College for All Texans*  
[www.collegeforalltexans.com](http://www.collegeforalltexans.com)
  - Find information about choosing a college, cost and financial aid, and admission data for Texas colleges.
4. *Texas OnCourse*  
[www.texasoncourse.org](http://www.texasoncourse.org)
  - Complete online career and college exploration using tools and games made for middle school and high school students.
5. *Texas Reality Check*  
[www.texasrealitycheck.com](http://www.texasrealitycheck.com)
  - Complete lifestyle and occupation calculators.
  - Learn about occupations and the salary you will need.

### Testing for College Admission

Colleges may require the ACT or SAT for admission. Contact the colleges where you plan to apply and ask about each school's requirements.

1. *ACT College Testing*  
[www.act.org](http://www.act.org)
  - Prepare, register, and access scores for the ACT.
  - Apply for the ACT Fee Waiver Program.



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## 2. *College Board (SAT)*

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

- Prepare, register, and access scores for the SAT and PSAT.
- Get information about AP (Advanced Placement) courses, exam preparation, and colleges that offer AP credit.
- Explore careers, plan for college, and learn about paying for college.

## Comparing Colleges

### 1. *College Scorecard, U.S. Department of Education*

<https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>

### 2. *U.S. News & World Report*

[www.usnews.com/best-colleges](http://www.usnews.com/best-colleges)

## Financial Aid

### 1. *Adventures in Education*

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

- Use free resources to help with choosing a school, financing college, and managing money.
- View free videos-including videos about FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and TASFA (Texas Application for State Financial Aid) under the resource link.

### 2. *FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) U.S. Department of Education*

[www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov)

- The FAFSA form is free to complete and is used to seek financial aid from the federal government to help pay for college.
- Some states and colleges also use the form to decide financial aid.
- The FAFSA can be filed October 1<sup>st</sup> for the next academic year.

### 3. *Students & Financial Literacy*

[www.annuity.org/financial-literacy/students](http://www.annuity.org/financial-literacy/students)

- Financial information written for students about topics including needs based vs. merit scholarships, federal vs. private student loans, credit cards, and saving.



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## 4. *Texas Tuition Promise Fund*

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

- Texas Tuition Promise Fund accounts let families lock in current undergraduate tuition and required fees at Texas public college and universities by saving and prepaying tuition.

## 5. *Trellis Company / Texas Guaranteed Student Loan (TG)*

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

- Trellis Company, formerly TG, is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation with the mission of helping student borrowers repay their education loans and promoting access and success in higher education.

## Scholarship Information

### 1. *FastWeb*

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

- Create a personal profile to be matched with scholarship opportunities.

### 2. *Legacy Scholarship Program*

[www.scottishriteforchildren.org/becoming-our-patient/family-services/family-resource-center/legacy-scholarship](http://www.scottishriteforchildren.org/becoming-our-patient/family-services/family-resource-center/legacy-scholarship)

- Apply for the scholarship for current and former Scottish Rite for Children patients.

### 3. *Scholarships.com*

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

- Create a personal profile to be matched with scholarship opportunities.

