

Counselor's Corner

For April 2010

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Financial Resources:

Don't forget to fill out the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**.

Go online to www.fafsa.ed.gov. In order to sign the FAFSA electronically, you will need a Personal Identification Number (PIN). Go to www.pin.ed.gov to apply for a PIN.

Deadlines for colleges to receive the FAFSA:

Angelo State University – April 1st

Midwestern State University – May 1st

Texas A&M University– March 31st

Tarleton State University – April 1

Texas Tech University – no deadline

University of Texas at Austin – March 31st

University of Texas Dallas – March 31st

University of North Texas – March 31st

West Texas A& M University – April 15th

Another good resource is the TEXAS FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION CENTER.

The Texas Financial Aid Center can assist with any type of financial aid question, whether it is a question about the FAFSA, the Texas Grant or federal education tax credits. The center takes calls Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. until 6:50 p.m. and Friday from 7 a.m. until 4:50 p.m. Spanish speaking representatives are available. The number is **toll free – 1-877-782-7322**.

Looking for Scholarships:

1. Go to www.fastweb.com
2. The Compendium of Texas Colleges and Financial Aid online at www.window.state.tx.us/scholars/mspmain.html
3. To personalize your scholarship search go to www.collegenet.com/mach25/

Scholarships for April and May

Vernon College Scholastic Scholarships:

These scholarships are awarded to students who have at least a 3.0 grade point average. Scholarship amounts vary. The scholarships are in online at <http://blackbaud.vernoncollege.edu/Stars>. The deadline is **April 1st**

Wichita Falls Teachers Federal Credit Union

Deadline is April 23rd Seven **\$1000.00 scholarships** will be given to area seniors who are members of the Wichita Falls Teachers Federal Credit Union. Applicants must fill out an application, submit an official transcript in a sealed envelope and attach two letters of recommendation; as well as an essay stating “What education means to me and what it will mean in the future.” Applications are in the counselor’s office.

Hardeman County Farm Bureau:

Applicants must be Hardeman County High School Senior whose families are members of the Hardeman County Farm Bureau. The scholarship is \$1000.00 paid \$500.00 a semester. The student’s GPA must be 2.0 to get the money for the 2nd semester. A transcript and a one-page essay stating “Why I feel I am deserving of the Hardeman County Farm Bureau Scholarship” are required. The scholarship application must be returned to the Hardeman County Farm Bureau by **May 1st**.

Childress Regional Medical Center:

One **\$1000.00** scholarship is given to an area senior who is pursuing a career in a healthcare profession and demonstrates financial need and has an above average academic record. Applications are in the counselor’s office. **Application must be receive by May 4th**.

The Texas Interscholastic League Foundation:

This scholarship awards **\$500, \$1000, \$2,500 and \$4000 for a one year only scholarship and \$3,000 a year for 2 year scholarships. The application must be submitted between April 1st and May 15th** . Applications are in the counselor’s office.

All TILF scholarship applicants must meet and complete these five requirements:

1. Compete in one of the State Level UIL Academic State Meet Contest.
2. Submit a high school transcript including ACT scores, verified rank in graduating class and size of graduating class.
3. Submit completed application and parent’s IRS 1040 form page 1 and 2 only.
4. Graduate from high school
5. Attend an accredited college or university in Texas and take 12 hours and maintain a minimum of 2.5 grade point average.

Opportunities in the future

Wichita Falls Joint Electrical Apprentice Training Committee:

This committee is taking applications for electrical apprenticeship programs. The basic requirements are a high school diploma, completion of 1 year of Algebra, students must be 17 to apply and 18 years old at time of indenture, and proof of current driver’s license.

Applications are taken the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at the IBEW Local union **681 office at 6111 Jacksboro Hwy. from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Selections into the program are determined by vacancies and workload. If selected into the apprenticeship program, each applicant will be required to take a drug test.

Nursing Foundation:

The Good Samaritan Foundation awards 600 scholarships in amounts that vary to students majoring in nursing. Attendance to a Texas university, and the completion of one year as a nursing major are required. For more information:

Good Samaritan Foundation
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Houston, TX 77005
(713) 529-4647