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Dear Seniors, Senior Parents and Guardians:

I have prepared a Financial Aid/Scholarship packet to help you through this process. I know it can be an overwhelming task, so please let me know if I can help in any way. In this packet, you will find the following materials:

- FAFSA Information
- Federal Student Aid Fact Sheet- also available at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/federal-student-aid-info-online.pdf>
- Financial Aid Checklists
- Information about the SAAF Scholarships – this is a pool of scholarships administered by the San Angelo Area Foundation. The application is online at www.saafound.org
- Local scholarship applications are available on my page of the school website <https://www.scisd.net/Page/6988> (Departments – Counselor- 2020-2021 Local Scholarships). I will be adding to these as I receive updated information from the scholarship organizations. Please remember, it is the students' responsibility to print and complete any applications they are interested in applying for, as well as making sure to include all requested documents.
- Online resources for scholarships-please be aware of fraudulent scholarships. For more information, please visit <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/>

FAFSA Info

I encourage everyone to complete the FAFSA application even if there is not financial need. Many schools use the FAFSA report to distribute their discretionary funds.

The FAFSA Application can be found at <https://fafsa.ed.gov>

I have included the **FAFSA on the web worksheet**. This worksheet tells you everything you need to know to complete the FAFSA, and it is in the same order as the online FAFSA. (I am happy to help you complete the application electronically. If this form is filled out first, the process is much faster.)

If you are selected for verification and need a tax transcript go to - <https://www.irs.gov/uac/newsroom/request-a-transcript-or-copy-of-a-prior-year-tax-return>

After you have completed the FAFSA and are admitted to a college or university, there are still many things to take care of before you can receive financial aid. This includes scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study. Please see the **Financial Aid Checklists** provided in this packet. Please keep in mind that each college or university may have less/additional requirements.

San Angelo Area Foundation Scholarships

The San Angelo Area Foundation manages [scholarship funds](#) from a variety of different donors and organizations. These scholarships are awarded by a variety of selection criteria, unique to each fund. Independent review committees review each application which is then matched to the scholarship criteria selected by the donor or the organization which established the scholarship.

Providing donors and organizations the ability to create scholarship funds for area youth has been a Foundation priority from the beginning. Scholarships at the Foundation can be as broad or as specific as a donor wishes. The Foundation works closely with each donor to fulfill the donor's philanthropic desires. To learn more about establishing a scholarship fund, [click here](#).

Most scholarships are limited to students from [the San Angelo Area](#).

One scholarship application can be completed by a student who desires to be considered for most of the scholarships of the San Angelo Area Foundation. Applicants will be considered for all scholarships in which they qualify. Amounts and number of scholarship awards vary and depend upon the value and performance of each fund, number of recipients selected and an amount available for distribution from the fund. Some scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors while others are limited to current college students. Notifications of awards are made by May 15th of each year, with payment of awards occurring two weeks prior to the start of the fall semester, or spring semester, whichever is applicable.

<http://www.saafound.org/scholarships>

For more information about scholarships call 325-947-7071 or email scholarship@saafound.org.

Scholarship Web Resources

Leadership San Angelo Alumni Association Scholarship -

<http://www.sanangelo.org/chamber/lisa/scholarship.php>

Texas Farm Bureau Scholarships-

<http://texasfarmbureau.org/youth/youth-opportunities/>

College Board - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

JVL College Counseling - <https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/>

Fastweb - https://www.fastweb.com/registration/step_1/

SallieMae - <https://www.salliemae.com/?oref=&opUser=noncooked>

CollengeNet - <https://www.collegenet.com/elect/app/app>

Career and Technical Association of Texas -

<http://www.ctat.org/?page=Scholarships&hhSearchTerms=%22scholarship%22>

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board – www.thecb.state.tx.us

Federal Student Aid – www.studentaid.gov

College for All Texans – www.collegeforalltexans.com

Scholarship Apps for Smart Phones

(I have not tried these, but they may be worth Checking out)

Scholly: Scholarship Search

Scholarships.com

Grants and Loans – B and O Technologies

Scholly Connect

SAIL Simple Scholarship Search App