

How can you earn a scholarship from the Lake Travis Education Foundation?

BE A GRADUATING LTHS SENIOR entering college or technical school no later than the fall following graduation.

HAVE STRONG ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS, as preference will be given to the upper 25% of the graduating class. Not in this group? The LTEF also awards scholarships to students who exhibit continuous scholastic improvement.

BE INVOLVED, as the more involved you are in school, church, and community activities, the better your chances are of receiving a scholarship. Involvement includes roles of *leadership*. Being an officer in an organization exhibits a time commitment on your part, not just a passing interest. Volunteer work is especially impressive to the scholarship committee. Not only will it look good, but you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you have made a difference in someone's life.

TAKE YOUR SAT AND/OR ACT, as scores will be evaluated with your application.

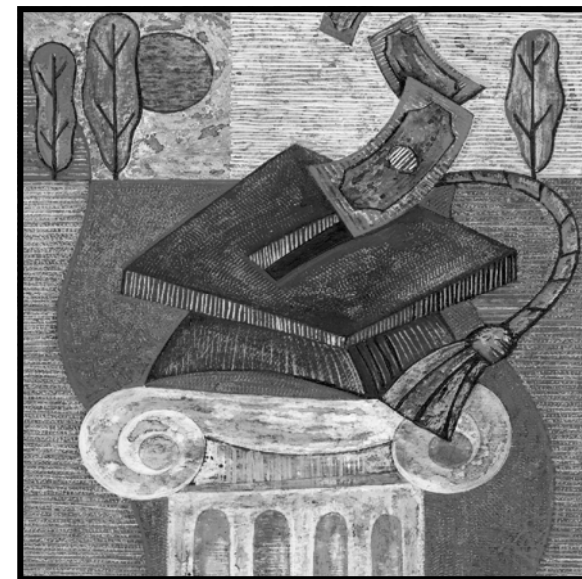
Helpful Hints

BE INFORMED. Your counselor has information on other available scholarship funds. Check for information.

BE READY. Prepare an essay in advance about yourself and your goals. Most scholarship programs require some type of personal statement. Be creative.

BE AWARE. Deadlines for applications can sneak up on you. If you miss a deadline, there is *no second chance*. Note approaching deadlines and give yourself plenty of time to complete the application.

DEVELOP YOUR TALENTS. There are many scholarship contests for students who have an interest in writing, music, photography, art, math, science, etc., and financial need, extracurricular activities and grade point average are usually not criteria. Your talent in a particular area is what is important.



Helpful Hints for Scholarship Seekers



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LAKE TRAVIS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

About the Lake Travis Education Foundation

Founded in 1985, the Lake Travis Education Foundation (LTEF) is a nonprofit organization comprised of volunteers working together to enhance education across the Lake Travis Independent School District. The foundation supports the schools and students by funding teacher grant proposals and awarding scholarships to Lake Travis High School seniors so that they can further their education. Funds are raised through special events and contribution campaigns involving the community. Contributions to LTEF are not subject to the state recapture tax. They remain in our community and directly support the students of Lake Travis ISD.

By the fall of 2011, the Lake Travis Education Foundation had awarded graduating seniors with close to \$626,000 in scholarship funds.

Learn more about LTEF! Visit our website, or follow us on Facebook.

Scholarship Applications Online beginning December 1, 2011

www.LakeTravisEducationFoundation.org

Deadline: Monday, February 13, 2012

1. 12:00 NOON on 2/13—Drop off at counseling office: Your 7-semester high school transcript,* 2 hand-signed, “professional” (non-relative) letters of reference, and your SAT/ACT scores if they were not submitted to LTHS
2. 12:00 MIDNIGHT on 2/13—Online Application: Must be received online by midnight. NOTE: No allowances for “computer problems.” Apply early!

You must complete both steps above for your application to be considered.

*Request from the counseling office by 2/6/2012.

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To excel, every student needs a good foundation.

Checklist for Seniors

SUMMER BEFORE SENIOR YEAR

- Visit colleges that interest you. Call ahead for the campus tour schedule. Schedule an on-campus interview with an admissions representative.
- Finalize your list of colleges. Request college applications and informational packets. Organize materials into separate files by college.
- Keep a college calendar of all admission deadlines.
- If you plan on competing in Division I or Division II college sports and want to be eligible to be recruited by colleges, you must register with the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse.
- If you took AP Exams in May, you will receive your AP Grade Reports in July.
- Register early for fall SAT tests.

SEPTEMBER

- Meet with your counselor to talk about your college plans and review your transcript.
- Get started on your college applications right away if you plan to apply through an Early Decision or Early Action program. Deadlines for early applications tend to fall in October or November.
- Start working on your college essays. Write essays that focus on your experiences and make you stand out from the crowd.
- Update your resume—your list of accomplishments, involvements, and work experiences. Your resume will help you complete your applications and essays.
- Begin searching for scholarship information on the web, and apply according to stated deadlines. The LTHS counseling website is a great source!
- Consider serving as an officer for your school, church or community organization.

OCTOBER

- Ask your counselors, teachers, coaches or employers for letters of recommendation. Give them plenty of time to meet your deadlines and make sure to provide them with stamped and addressed envelopes.
- Take SAT tests. Make sure your scores are sent to each of your colleges.

NOVEMBER

- Submit Early Decision and Early Action applications on time.
- Work hard at completing your college essays. Proofread them rigorously for mistakes.
- Follow up with everyone you asked to ensure that letters of recommendation are sent on time to meet your deadlines.
- Mail applications as early as possible for colleges with rolling deadlines (admission decisions are made as applications are received).
- Take SAT tests. Make sure your scores are sent to each of your colleges.

DECEMBER

- Try to wrap up college applications before winter break. Make copies of each application before you send it.
- Take SAT tests. Make sure your scores are sent to each of your colleges.
- Early Decision and Early Action responses begin arriving this month.
- Visit <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> for information on submitting a Free Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA).

JANUARY

- Some colleges include your first semester grades as a part of your application folder. This is called the mid-year grade report. Have your counselor send your grades to colleges that require them.

FEBRUARY

- Contact your colleges and confirm that all necessary application materials have been received. Oftentimes this can be done via the school's online application system with your college-assigned student ID.
- Don't get senioritis! Colleges want to see strong second half grades.

MARCH

- Some admission decisions will arrive this month. Read everything you receive carefully, as some of it may require action on your part.

APRIL

- Most admission decisions and financial aid award letters arrive this month. Read everything you receive carefully, as some of it may require action on your part.
- Make a final decision, and mail the enrollment form and

deposit check to the school you select before May 1st (enrollment deadline for most schools). Make sure you meet all your chosen school's deadlines for housing forms, fees, insurance and course schedules.

- Notify—in writing—each of the schools to which you were accepted that you will not be attending so that your spot can be freed up for another student.
- Notify the financial aid offices if you are accepting or declining their offers.
- On the waiting list? Contact the admissions office and let them know of your continued interest in the college, and update them on your spring semester grades and activities.

MAY

- AP Exams are administered. Arrange to have your AP Grade Report sent to your college.
- Study hard for final exams. Most admission offers are contingent on your final grades.
- Thank your counselor, teachers, employer, and anyone else who wrote your recommendations or otherwise helped with your college applications. If you won any scholarships, write thank you notes to the sponsors.

JUNE

- Have your counselor send your final transcript to your college choice. If you took dual credit courses through ACC, submit a request for transcript form and payment to ACC.
- If you plan on competing in Division I or Division II college sports, have your counselor send your final transcript to the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse.

SUMMER FOLLOWING GRADUATION

- Finalize your housing plans. Shop for items you will need for college.
- Sign up and attend first-year orientation.
- Plan your first semester courses with an eye towards eventually selecting your college major.
- Pat yourself on the back. You've earned it!

This list from The College Board is only a general guide and will not apply to all colleges. Consult application materials, admission offices, and institution websites for the specific requirements and deadlines for each of your colleges.