



# College Bound

January 15, 2010

## College Entrance Requirements

Entrance requirements vary greatly from one vocational/trade school/college/university to the next, so it is important to check the requirements of each, in which you have an interest.

Open Admission Schools require no specific class rank, grade point average (GPA) or SAT/ACT scores. They do, however, require the student graduate from high school or obtain a GED. Most, if not all, 2 Year/Community Colleges are open enrollment, making it easier to enroll and take classes. If you have not done well in High School and are willing to work hard to

improve your skills, this may be the perfect option for you!

Specialty schools, such as the Art Institute of Houston, will have very different requirements, like a portfolio of your work. Some schools will require a personal interview.

You may not be interested in a college/university but rather a vocational or trade school. There are many great vocational/trade schools where you can learn a trade and enter into an apprenticeship.

The entrance requirement for each vocational or trade school differ just like colleges or universi-

ties. You must just check out each possibility and see if you fit the requirements.

The internet have many Vocational or Technical Schools listed in the Houston and Beaumont area. One great resource is Lamar Institute. Check it out.



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## College Bound Newsletter

### Special points of interest:

- ✓ Entrance requirements.
- ✓ Academic Counselors
- ✓ Scholarship Possibilities and their websites

## Academic Counselors Available

All college, university or trade school have Academic and Career Counselors available. Make use of them, even prior to enrolling. Set up an appointment and speak with them about your goals and objectives.

These Academic Counselors have resources to assist you in career decisions. They will help you decide on a major, if you have not already decided. They can assist you by administering a Career Interest

Inventory.

This inventory gives you a better idea of your interests and abilities for a possible career opportunities.

Don't think you are bothering them, this is their job, helping you.

## Scholarships — Everyone wants one, resources

The following are Scholarships possibilities with websites for applications.

USA Funds Scholarship  
www.usafunds.org/scholarship — \$1,500 scholarship — February 15, 2010 deadline

The Texas Lyceum Leadership Award — www.texaslyceum.org — \$2,000 scholarship — February 15, 2010 deadline

Best Buy Scholarship — www.bestbuy.com/scholarships or www.at15.com — \$1,000 — February 15, 2010 deadline

Burger King Scholarship  
www.haveityourwayfoundation.org/bksp\_application.html Access Key BKS — \$1,000 — February 1, 2010

Texas Engineering Foundation Scholarship — www.tspe.org — January 15, 2010 deadline

Texas Elks State Association Scholarship — www.texaselks.org — February 28, 2010

Lamar University & Lamar Institute Scholarships — <http://dept.lamar.edu/advancement/scholarships/index.asp> — Check out this website for amounts and deadline dates. Most February 1, 2010 deadline.

Al's Formal Wear Scholarship — www.alsformalwear.com/scholarships.asp — \$1,000 — May 31, 2010 deadline

Sam Walton Community Scholarship—<http://walmartfoundation.org> — \$3,000 — January 29, 2010 deadline.

KFC Colonel's Scholarship  
www.kfcscholars.org — \$5,000 a year — February 10, 2010 deadline

Abbott & Fenner Scholarship — www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm — \$1,000 — June 19, 2010

Big Sun Scholarship — High School Athlete — www.bigsunathletics.com — \$500.00 — June 24, 2010 deadline

SAE International — Students interested in Engineering — www.sac.org/students — Due date Varies

Harvard College — “Free” tuition to Qualifying Student — www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/icb/icb.do — See website

Hugh B. Sweeny Achievement Award—The Achievement Foundation, Inc. — \$5,000 — www.ja.org/programs/programs\_schol\_hugh.shtml.com February 1, 2010 deadline

Joe Francomano Scholarship—The Achievement Foundation, Inc.—\$5,000—www.ja.org/programs/programs\_schol\_joe.shtml—February 1, 2010 deadline

AXA Achievement Community Scholarship — \$2,000 — www.axa-achievement.com—Seniors who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in school, community or workplace. February 15, 2010 deadline

Texas Retired Teachers Foundation Scholarship — \$500 — Relative of a member of the Texas Retired Teachers Association and majoring in education. www.trtf.org—March 18, 2010

Dr. Seuss Essay Scholarship — \$5,000—www.ohtheplaces.org—February 15, 2010 deadline

National Co-op Scholarship—\$6,000 (renewable) — www.coop.edu—February 15, 2010

Sam Houston Electric Co-op Scholarship — \$1,000—<http://www.samhouston.net/member/scholarships.htm> — February 1, 2010

www.scholarships.com

McNeese State University Honors College — 3.5 GPA & 27 on ACT or 1210 on SAT (reading & math)

<http://www.mcneesecu.com/files/mcneese/1/file/Online%20Forms/Scholarship%20Application.pdf> — February 15, 2010

The Power of Life Essay Scholarship—Regional Blood Center—\$2,000—www.giveblood.org/scholarship.com — March 1, 2010

<http://www.finaid.com> — Information on scholarships, loans and financial aid

<http://www.fastaid.com> — On-line scholarship data base.

<http://www.freschinfo.com> — Scholarship and financial aid search.

<http://www.guaranteed-scholarships.com> — Lists many scholarships offered by specific colleges with good SAT & GPAs.

<http://www.collegeboard.com> — Register for the College Scholarship Service.

<http://www.nextstudent.com/nextstudentloans/sse/1/> — scholarship search website.

<http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/?sourceid=cgvvH> — Scholarship Search website

[http://www.avermedia-usa.com/presentation/news\\_091015.asp](http://www.avermedia-usa.com/presentation/news_091015.asp) — \$5,000 — Avermedia

“The foundation of every state is the education of its youth.”

Diogenes Laertius