



James Bowie High School

The College Application Process

September 15, 2009



College Planning

- What does Bowie offer?
 - ✓ Individual Appointments
 - ✓ Small Groups
 - ✓ Class Presentations
 - ✓ Lunch Workshops - Students
 - ✓ College Information Sessions
 - ✓ Brown Bag Lunches – Parents
 - ✓ Online Family Connection Program



www.connection.naviance.com/bowie

List of Priorities

- **Register and study for the SAT and/or ACT (check on SAT subject tests as well)**
- **Create a list of 4-8 schools that range from safety to reach (use web search engines and VISIT!)**
- **Visit as many schools on the list as possible including preview days, Bowie visits, etc.**
- **APPLY**
- **Request transcripts on family connection and bring \$2 to the registrar for each transcript**
- **Ask two teachers who know you well for letters of recommendation. Make sure you give them all the necessary paperwork and ask at least two weeks in advance.**

College Application



Texas Common Application

- all Texas public universities
- online or paper version
- www.applytexas.org
- paper copies available in the College Center



National Common Application

- currently used by 300 selective colleges and universities
- www.commonapp.org
- some colleges require completion of a supplement



Individual School Websites

- Check the school web site for their own applications

Reach Schools
25% chance or less of
acceptance
1-2 schools

Target Schools
You are in the middle
50% of applicants
3-4 schools

Safety Schools
You are in the top 10%
of applicants
At least 1 school

Top 5 Factors Influencing Admission Decisions - 2005

NACAC Admission Trends Survey, 2005, www.nacacnet.org

- Grades in College Prep Courses (73.9%)
- Standardized Admission Tests (59.3%)
- Grades in all Courses (53.7%)
- Class Rank (31.2%)
- Essay/Writing Sample (23.3%)

(% of college admission officers rating the factor to be of considerable importance in the admission decision process)

Automatic Admission Standards at Texas A&M, Texas State and Texas Tech

Texas State SAT ACT

- 1st Quarter- 920 20
- 2nd Quarter- 1010 22
- 3rd Quarter- 1180 26
- 4th Quarter- 1230 29

Texas A&M SAT ACT

- Top 25% 1300 30

Holistic review for all other applicants

Texas Tech SAT ACT

1st Quarter 1140 25

2nd Quarter 1230 28

Lower Half 1270 29

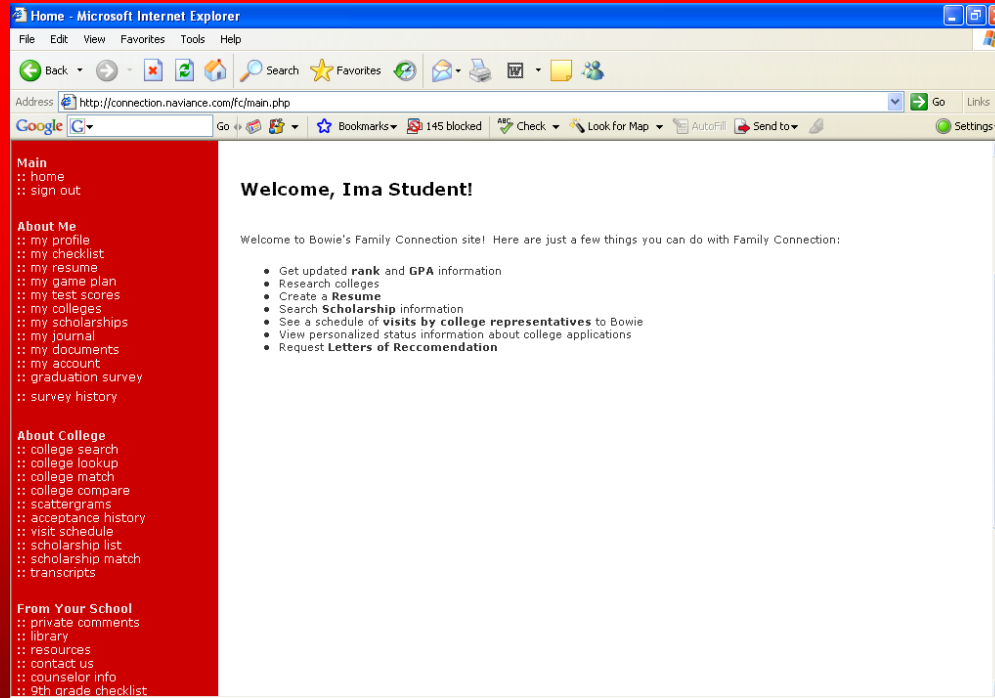
The Application Process

- Application
 - General Student Info
 - Activities
 - Essay(s)
 - Fee \$\$\$
 - Recommendation Letter(s) (*select schools*)
 - Secondary School and Midyear Report (*select schools*)
 - Portfolio/Audition/Resume (Brag!)
- Official transcript
- TESTS
 - SAT /ACT scores
 - SAT Subject Test (*select schools*)
 - THEA, ASSET, COMPASS(Texas Higher Education Assessment – required by public institutions in Texas)

The Holistic Review Process

- Essays
- Resume
- Borderline Students-What can you do!?
- Waitlist
- Recommendation Letters
- Testing Optional School
- (www.fairtest.org)

College & Career Search Websites



• <http://connection.naviance.com/bowie>

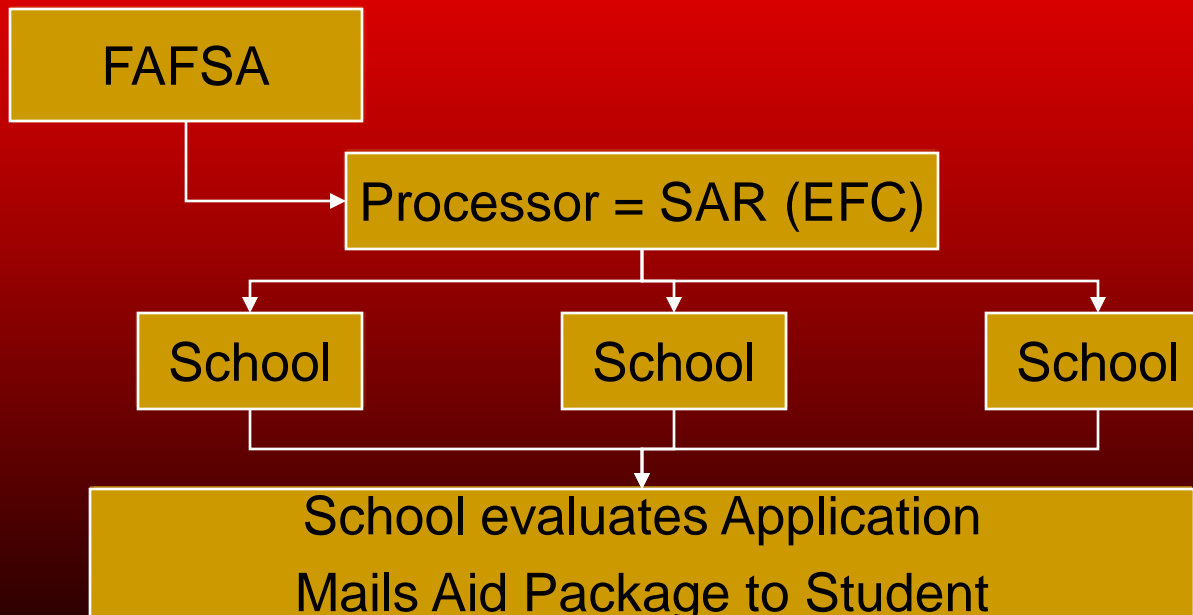
You Think You Are Worried!



\$327,000 per child for a private education in 2020

Financial Aid

- What is Financial Aid?
 - Merit Based
 - Need Based (grants, loans, work study)
- FAFSA Process (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)



Private vs. Public

- UT Texas at Austin
- Full-time freshman enrollment: 7,369
- Number who applied for need-based aid: 4,800
- Number who were judged to have need: 4,150
- Number who were offered aid: 4,050
- Number who had full need met: 3,600
- Average percent of need met: 89%
- Average financial aid package: \$9,800
- Average need-based loan: \$3,800
- Average need-based scholarship or grant award: \$6,800
- Average non-need based aid: \$3,600
- Average indebtedness at graduation: \$17,000
- *-taken from collegeboard.com*

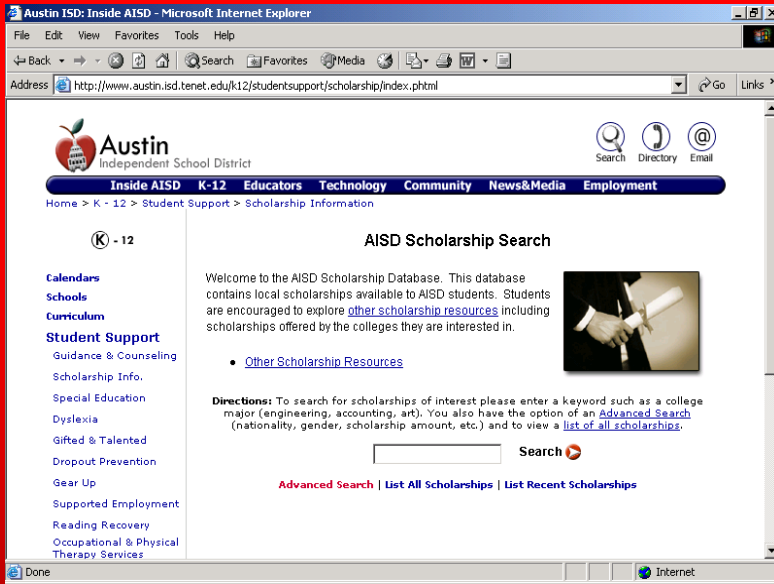
St. Edward's University

Full-time freshman enrollment: 699

- Number who applied for need-based aid: 579
- Number who were judged to have need: 416
- Number who were offered aid: 415
- Number who had full need met: 150
- Average percent of need met: 81%
- Average financial aid package: \$16,278
- Average need-based loan: \$4,819
- Average need-based scholarship or grant award: \$9,929
- Average non-need based aid: \$8,000
- Average indebtedness at graduation: \$25,832**
- From college board.com*

- <http://www.gotostedwards.com/calculator/>*

Scholarship Websites



www.austinisd.org/academics/scholarship/
(On Family Connection/Naviance)

*No loan schools
<http://projectonstudentdebt.org>

www.fastweb.com



Beware of Scholarship Scams



Watch out for the following claims:

- “For a fee, we provide a comprehensive list of scholarships.”
- “Billions of dollars of award monies going unclaimed.”
- “We have a money-back guarantee.”
- “We need your credit card or bank account number.”
- “We will do all the work.”

Reminders



- Use Family Connection
- Submit college housing applications ASAP (UT Austin)
- Submit college applications by Halloween- “No Trick or Treat Until You Complete!”
- Scholarship & Honors deadlines are often different than application deadlines. Please Check.
- Make sure you send your SAT/ACT scores from the appropriate testing agency directly to the school.
- Some schools require the CSS Profile (Financial Aid form) for the admission process.

Reminders

- SAVE THE DATE:

- **Essay Writing workshop offered by Tufts University**
Tue September 22, 2009 11:40
- Delco College Fair- Tuesday, October 6th
- Centex College Fair- Wednesday, October 7, 2009
- Financial Aid Night – November 17, 2009
- Watch for the Career Series Dates to Come
- Financial Aid Saturday (Feb 6, 2010 at Akins)

Every student can be accepted into a college!

• **Thank You!**



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