



# Senior Seminar

**Senior Seminar** is a college transition class that offers students the opportunity to explore skills that will prepare them for their upcoming academic future while also completing the necessary steps to attend college after graduation.

Class Requirements - **All** students will:

- Complete college admissions applications including one for an Alamo Community College and two for 4-year Universities (one must be in Texas)
- Complete **5** scholarship applications per 6 weeks (2-6) from the Senior Seminar listing or **prior** approved by Ms. Chabot/Ms. Martinez



# Timelines



- **Admissions Applications**

- Completed throughout the first semester
- Individual university deadlines commonly range from December 1st through March 15 and some have rolling admissions
- Applications include: Application, Transcript, SAT Scores (4 year Universities)
- Acceptance Letters come on a rolling basis; Early decisions first, but most after January

- **Financial Aid (Federal & Institutional)**

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opens October 1st
- Evening/Weekend opportunities to fill out the FAFSA @ Jay as well as Cafe College
- Colleges will NOT review for Financial Aid until a student is Accepted

- **Private Scholarships**

- Open and available generally from August to March with a select few after that.
- Often require Essays, Recommendation Letters, Applications, and Transcripts

# Senior Year Expected Fees

## ❖ Admission Application Fees

- Can range from \$0 - \$75+ per application
- Students who qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch may be able to obtain waivers

## ❖ Transcripts

- Required for every postsecondary institution's admission applications
- Cost - \$3 each
- Timeline - Approximately 1-2 weeks to reach the universities

## ❖ SAT/ACT Scores

- Required for MOST 4 years institution's admission applications (Not req for CC)
- 4 FREE score sends each time test is taken (8 w/F&R Lunch)
- Additional scores cost \$13 each
- Timeline - may take several weeks to reach the universities
- **Retakes** - 2 Free each w/ F&R lunch, SAT - \$64.50/ACT \$67 (both w/essay)

## ❖ Meningitis Vaccination

- ALL college students MUST have a current (within 5 years) vaccine 2 weeks before the start of the semester
- Cost varies per insurance / May be available @ Jay for a fee
- Upload fee usually runs around \$10

## ❖ Miscellaneous Fees

- Cap and Gown Fees
- NSO - April-July - Varies per school
- Housing Reservations - April-July - Varies per school
- First tuition payment - August



# Financial Aid - FAFSA - Open October 1st

You'll need to gather the following information and documents to fill out the FAFSA:

- FSA ID - Apply @ [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Student's and parents' Social Security numbers
- Student's driver's license number, if you have one
- Alien Registration Number if you are not a U.S. citizen
- Latest tax returns including IRS W-2 information for the student and for parents
- Records of untaxed income, such as child support received, interest income, and veterans non-education benefits, for the student and for parents
- Information on cash; savings and checking account balances; investments, including real estate **not** including the home in which you live; and business and farm assets for the student, and for parents



# Additional Suggestions for Parents:

- Gather information to help students complete their academic resumes:
  - Only during High School years
  - Volunteer Opportunities/Community Service
  - Paid Work
  - Leadership Opportunities
  - Awards and Recognitions
- College Visits
- Retake SAT/ACTS
- Order an Unofficial Transcript
- Relax 😊
  - We'll all get through this emotional year!



# Questions?

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## Resources:

- [Go Apply Texas](#)
- [FAFSA](#)
- [Cafe College](#)
- [College Board - SAT/AP](#)
- [College for all Texans](#)

