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## **Affordable College Funding: Smart Solutions for Your Budget!**

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BETTER  
OPPORTUNITIES

I want to be  
successful



I want my  
children to be  
successful in life  
and have a career!

Going to college gives  
me opportunities to  
see and experience  
new things. It also  
extends my chances  
to have a stable and  
better future.

I want to help  
my child be  
successful and  
have education  
to fall back on

Going to college give  
me opportunities to  
see and experience  
new things. It also  
extends my chances  
to have a stable and  
better future.

Have a good  
career &  
Quality of  
Life!

La razon es que  
quiero buen futuro  
y vida.

College because  
I want the  
best future  
for myself.



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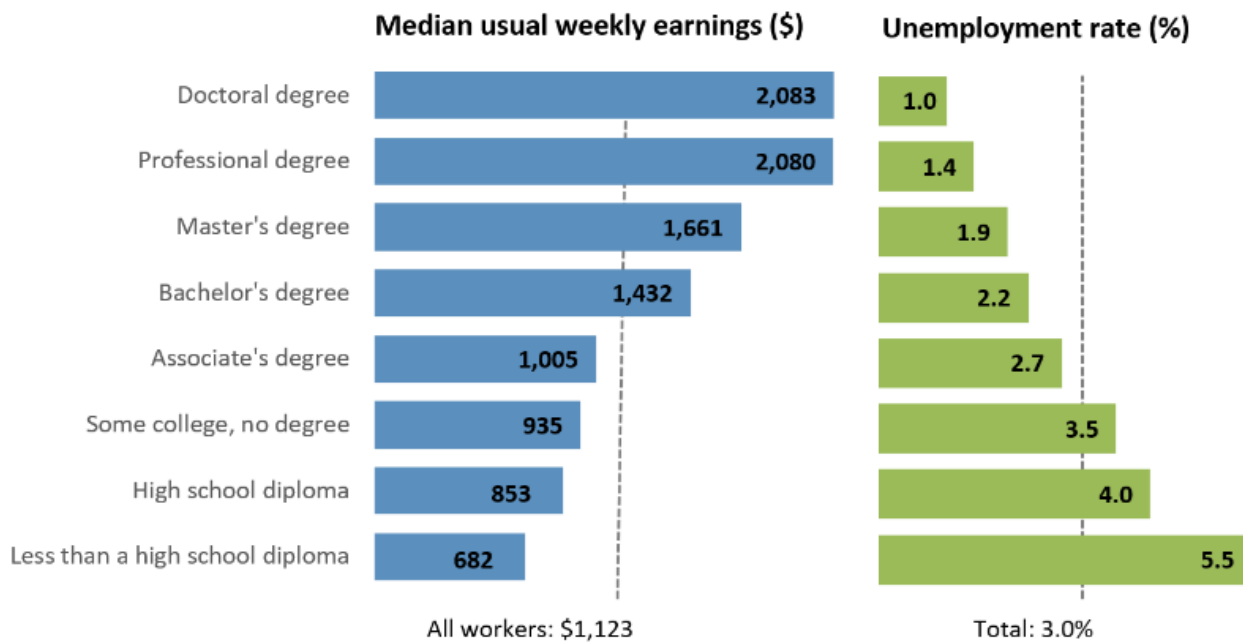
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# Why College?



U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

## Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment, 2022



Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.  
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

<https://www.bls.gov/emp/chart-unemployment-earnings-education.htm>



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# Post Secondary Resources



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## SCHOOL COUNSELING

Counseling Services

Community Resources

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

Social Emotional Learning Parent Survey

HERO Military Program

Sulcide Prevention Resources

Automatic Admision & Financial Eligibility

Graduation & Career Readiness

Scholarships

## POST-SECONDARY RESOURCES



### Financial Aid

Learn about resources available to help with preparing for life after high school.



### GoCenters

Our goal is to assist, facilitate, and support students and their families with navigating their college and career pathways (9-12) and provide tools necessary to obtain postsecondary education knowledge.

<https://www.yisd.net/Page/13832>



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# College Admissions Resources



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## Planning for the Future

Start planning ahead for your Future to ensure you are well prepared and have taken advantage of all resources available.



### College Admissions

Searching for Colleges, Universities & Trade Schools



### Testing Resources

What is College Admission Testing?

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# College Builder List

## GET SCHOOLED COLLEGE LIST BUILDER

### Reach School

You may not be the strongest candidate but there's a chance you could get in!

### Match School

You fit the general admission criteria and have a strong chance of getting in!

### Safety School

Buy the school t-shirt! You exceed criteria and will more than likely get in!

	School Name	Location	Avg. GPA (high school)	Avg. SAT/ACT	Cost Per Year (before financial aid)	Deadline
ex:	Harvard College	3k miles from home	3.75 - 4.04	SAT = 1540-1600	\$71,650	01/01/2021
R						
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ex:	University of Washington	2 hours from home	3.30 - 3.78	SAT = 1300-1420	\$27,638	11/15/2020
M						
M						
M						
ex:	Tacoma Community College	5 miles from home	2.0	Any SAT or ACT score	\$2,624	12/13/2020
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# Get Accepted Guide

## What is the Get Accepted Guide?

There's a lot of advice out there about getting into college and it can be confusing. You may feel like you have to be a straight A student or have endless time for sports, clubs, and volunteering. We're here to tell you that **you can put together an amazing college application right now!**

A great application requires you to **be vulnerable** and to **share your life experiences**.

If you can do those two things, all while following the directions of your college application, you can be an impressive candidate for your school. And we're here for you every step of the way!

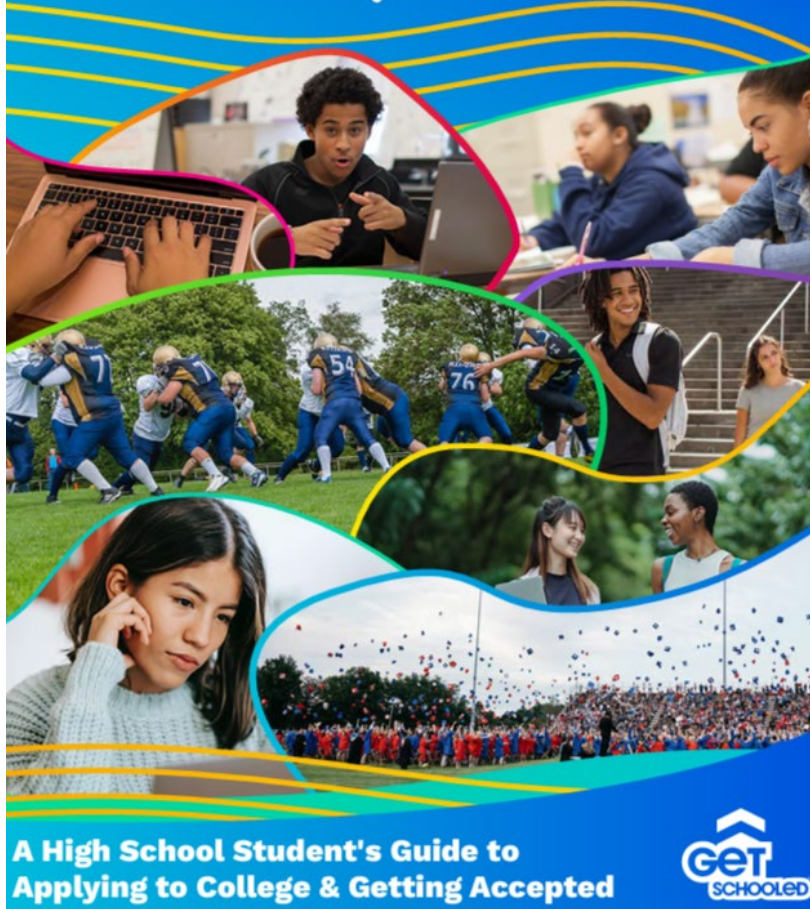
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### About Get Schooled

Get Schooled is a national nonprofit organization here to support young people get to college, find first jobs, and succeed in both. We share free content on getschooled.com and social media and we provide personalized support through text message. We're here to help you reach your education and career goals and we're rooting for you! [Learn more at GetSchooled.com](https://getschooled.com).

# Get Accepted Guide



A High School Student's Guide to Applying to College & Getting Accepted



# Personal Essay

There are many components that make up a college application and the essay is an important element. A college essay is a chance to tell your story in ways that your resume or test scores can't. This is an opportunity to really go deep. **What's your story? What are you passionate about? How have your experiences shaped you into who you are today? Who do you want to become in college and beyond?** An effective college essay will answer these questions and help the person reading it get to know you on a more personal level.

Every student's essay will be different - that's the point! Your essay should be unique to YOU. While there's no such thing as a "perfect" college essay, there are [a few things you can do](#) to make sure yours is as well-written, honest, and authentic as possible.



### Choose a prompt that interests you.

Be sure to respond specifically to the prompts. Choose a prompt that will help you tell your story in the best and most effective way. No matter what prompt you choose, make sure you fully respond to the prompt in your essay. Here's a [list of common topics](#).



### Follow a 5-paragraph essay structure.

Make an [outline for your essay](#) and be sure to include an introduction that states the main topic or theme of your essay, three body paragraphs to explore and break down the topic or theme, and a conclusion paragraph that summarizes what you just wrote about and shares your hopes for the future.



### Have someone review your essay.

Before you submit your essay, be sure to have someone else proofread it for you. They can check spelling and grammar, give feedback on how well your essay answered the prompt, help you strengthen the main theme of your essay and more. We're here to help! [Submit your essay to us](#) for a free professional review. We'll send you actionable feedback within a week.



### Know and avoid the myths of college application essays.

Your college essay doesn't need to be a masterpiece, you don't need an incredible life story to write an interesting essay, and you don't need to share everything you've ever accomplished in your essay. Learn why these [common college essay myths](#) are just myths.

We'll review your essay for  
**FREE!**

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# Searching Colleges



Compare colleges using the **U.S. Department of Education College Scorecard**

- Academic programs available
- Review graduation rates
- Enrollment
- Tuition costs
- Average salary after graduation
- Student body demographics

## Graduation Rate

### 2-YEAR SCHOOLS

El Paso Community College



### 4-YEAR SCHOOLS

The University of Texas at El Paso



New Mexico State University-Main Campus



St. Mary's University



Arizona State University Campus Immersion



## Median Earnings

The median earnings of former students who received federal financial aid at 10 years after entering the school.

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# Cost of Tuition & Fees

TYPE OF COLLEGE	AVERAGE PUBLISHED YEARLY TUITION AND FEES*
Public Two-Year College (in-district students)	\$3,440
Public Four-Year College (in-state students)	\$9,410
Public Four-Year College (out-of-state students)	\$23,890
Private Four-Year College	\$32,410

\*These numbers are based on published tuition costs, not what students actually end up paying out of their own pockets.

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# Types of College Expenses

## Direct Expenses

Money paid directly to the college

- **Tuition & Fees:** costs to attend a class plus fees such as lab fees, library fees, tutoring centers, etc.
- **Room & Board:** housing/dorms and meal plans






## Indirect Expenses

Additional expenses associated with attending college

- **Books & Supplies:** required books and/or equipment, laptop, tablet, printer, etc.
- **Travel & Miscellaneous Expenses:** flight/bus tickets back home, gas/ toiletries



# How much do you think it costs to attend college for one (1) year?

	 EPCC	 UTEP	 NMSU (w/out of state waiver)	 St. Mary's University	 Arizona State University
Tuition and Fees	\$ 3,264.00	\$ 8,508.00	\$ 13,687.00	\$ 36,242.00	\$ 31,450.00
Books and Supplies	\$ 1,291.00	\$ 1,646.00	\$ 1,240.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 1,320.00
Transportation	\$ 2,849.00	\$ 2,284.00	\$ 1,746.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 2,376.00
Meals			\$ 5,520.00	\$ 4,364.00	\$ 6,633.00
Housing			\$ 6,506.00	\$ 7,356.00	\$ 9,458.00
Parking Permit	\$ 40.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 87.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 720.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,444.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,663.00</b>	<b>\$ 28,786.00</b>	<b>\$ 52,497.00</b>	<b>\$ 51,957.00</b>

*\*Based on full time enrollment and cost of attendance for fall and spring semesters (2023-24)*



# Financial Aid Resources



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Survey

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Suicide Prevention Resources

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UP  
FOR SAFETY

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- Students enrolled in **12th grade** must do one of the following in order to graduate:
  - Complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
  - Complete and submit a Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA)

*\*Source: Texas Education Agency*

<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/college-career-and-military-prep/financial-aid-requirement>

## How do you Apply for Financial Aid?



### FAFSA

Free Application for  
Federal Student Aid



Financial aid for students who are US citizens  
or US Permanent residents



Apply online: <https://studentaid.gov/>



Application available October 1st



Texas priority deadline is January 15th



### TASFA

Texas Application for  
State Financial Aid



Financial aid for students who are foreign/non-  
citizens but are classified as a Texas Resident



Download the Application  
at: [https://www.highered.texas.gov/our-  
work/empowering-our-students/tasfa/](https://www.highered.texas.gov/our-work/empowering-our-students/tasfa/)



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**What is FAFSA?**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NmEP38x-1Z8>

**What is TASFA?**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WBLGpShxsxl&t=20s>

# Scholarship Resources



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**Scholarship Alerts!**

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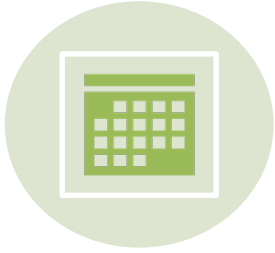


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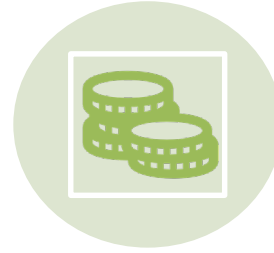
# Scholarship Do's & Don'ts



DO PLAN AHEAD



DO STAY ORGANIZED



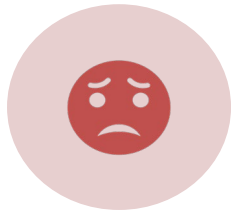
DO APPLY TO A VARIETY  
OF SCHOLARSHIPS



DO ASK QUESTIONS – SEE  
YOUR SCHOOL  
COUNSELOR OR GO  
CENTER SPECIALIST



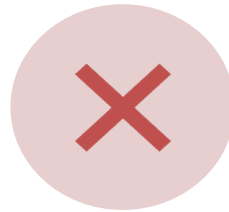
DO CONTINUE TO APPLY  
THROUGHOUT COLLEGE  
AND BEYOND



DON'T GET  
OVERWHELMED



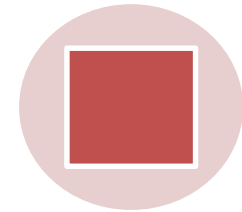
DON'T IGNORE SMALL  
AWARDS



DON'T FALL FOR  
SCAMS



DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE  
LAST MINUTE TO  
APPLY



DON'T ASSUME THAT  
YOU DON'T QUALIFY!



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## Over 31 Years of "Fulfilling Dreams by Investing in the Future"

The Ysleta Education Foundation (YEF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that was established in 1992 to provide financial assistance to students in the Ysleta Independent School District (YISD). YEF is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of community members and the YISD Superintendent, who serves as an ex-officio member.

YEF has been fulfilling students' dreams by providing scholarships to graduating students for over **31** years. With the support of YISD's Employee Pledge Drive and sponsorships/donations from community organizations, YEF has awarded over **2,000** scholarships totaling more than **\$4.7 million** to well-deserving students. These students represent a broad spectrum of excellence in academics, leadership, and community service, as well as attending and graduating from colleges and universities across the United States.

Funds can only be used for tuition, books, housing, and related expenses. Awards are made on a one-time, non-renewable basis without regard to race, creed, color, sex, religion, or national origin.

## YISD - Class of 2023

**68%** students  
received funding  
towards their  
college education

Earning a total of  
**\$265,508,413.52**

Rank	Provider	Number of Occurrences
1	The University of Texas at El Paso	1319
2	New Mexico State University	1189
3	Ysleta ISD	864
4	El Paso Community College District	259
5	Ysleta Education Foundation	124
6	University of Texas at Austin	92
7	University of New Mexico	43
8	The University of Texas at San Antonio	35
9	McMurry University	20
10	St. Mary's University	20

# Homework

1. Visit YISD College Admissions website

**Download Get Accepted Guide  
and review together**

2. Visit YISD Scholarship website

**Find at least ONE scholarship to  
apply to**

3. Visit USDE College Scorecard

**Research colleges interested in  
and compare**



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# THANK YOU



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