



COLLEGE BOUND

FINANCIAL AID

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A few guidelines to apply for financial aid:

1. Apply for outside scholarships:

- o The deadlines are often earlier than the federal aid programs
- o Every dollar counts

- o Check local organizations, WAIS is guaranteed at least one scholarship from the following organizations: Houston Endowment, Rotary Club, Houston Rodeo and Livestock Show.
- o Check your company
- o Check Mrs. Martin's website for a list of scholarships at
<http://wais.springbranchisd.com/Faculty/martinb/>
- o Other sources:
 - * [Www.Scholarships.com](http://www.Scholarships.com)
 - * [Www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
 - * [Www.meritaid.com](http://www.meritaid.com)
 - * [Www.Findtuition.com](http://www.Findtuition.com)

2. Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Texas Application for State Financial Aid by March 31, 2010

- * Calculate your taxable income early
- * File early because some of the funds are disbursed on a first come first serve basis.
- * Get your pin numbers (parents and students both) at www.pin.ed.gov
- * Get all financial documents ready and fill out your FAFSA 2010-2011 (for seniors) application at www.FAFSA.gov.

- o The FAFSA application will determine your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) according to family income, assets and number of dependents
- o Colleges then use the EFC to determine your financial needs
- o You can list up to 10 schools to which you EFC will be sent.
- o Need based financial help includes:
 - * Pell Grants
 - * Smart Grants
 - * Texas Grants
 - * SOG
- o Useful sites:
 - * [Www.FAFSA4caster.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA4caster.ed.gov) for estimated EFC
 - * [Www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)
 - * [Www.adventuresineducation.org](http://www.adventuresineducation.org)

3. Accept or decline FAFSA help by May 1st 2010

THE DISTRICT WILL BE HOSTING **MORE FINANCIAL AID OVERVIEWS SESSIONS AND FAFSA WORKSHOPS**, GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SPRINGBRANCHISD.COM/FINANCIALAID.HTM](http://www.springbranchisd.com/financialaid.htm) FOR MORE INFORMATION AND SCHEDULE

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK MRS MARTIN'S WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL INFO AT:[HTTP://WAIS.SPRINGBRANCHISD.COM/FACULTY/MARTINB/DEFAULT.HTM](http://wais.springbranchisd.com/faculty/martinb/default.htm)