

Internet Resources

www.finaid.org

www.fastweb.com

www.texasuitionpromisefund.com

www.window.state.tx.us/scholars

www.fafsa.ed.gov

www.supercollege.com

www.ed.gov/finaid.html

www.collegeboard.com

www.matchthepromise.org

www.tgtp.org

www.everychanceeverytexan.org



Facts:

- GED (General Equivalency Diploma) limits its opportunities
- A high school diploma opens doors
- The recommended or distinguished high school plan prepares students for college and helps avoid costly remedial classes in college.
- These plans open the door to Texas Grant opportunities.
- Research indicates that people with more education earn more money.

Top Ten Reasons to Continue Your Education

10. Fulfill a dream-or begin one.
9. Have fun.
8. Make connections that can link you to future jobs.
7. Become part of a cultural stew.
6. Meet new people.
5. Do what you love doing and get paid for it.
4. Exercise your mind.
3. Earn a higher income.
2. Learn critical-thinking and analytical Skills.
1. Don't get left behind.

College Connections



Your Key to the Future

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It is never too early to plan for college with the Texas Tuition Promise Fund:

The Texas Tuition Promise Fund is a Section 529 prepaid tuition plan. It allows you to lock in the cost of undergraduate college tuition and required fees, protecting you against future tuition inflation.

- It is maintained by the Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board.
- You lock in today's tuition for tomorrow.
- Pick a tuition unit type—three options to fit your needs
- You choose how to pay—Pay-As-You-Go, Lump Sum Plan, Installment Plan
- Anyone can help you purchase tuition units, including relatives, friends, etc.
- Open multiple contract, upgrade a contract or downgrade a contract or purchase more than one tuition unit type.
- Any Texan is eligible. For more information, please visit www.texastuitionpromisefund.com



More than \$3,010,000 in financial aid is awarded to students in Texas each year

Grants= 37.2%
Work Study= 2.0%
Loans= 60.8%

However, loans are repaid with interest currently up to 8%. By investing today in your child's college education, you could save yourself and your child the hassles of repaying loans.

There are many options that allow you to save for child's education

Which choice fits your individual needs?

- Education 529 Savings Plan
- Investment Opportunity
- Coverdell Savings Plan
- Texas Tuition Promise Fund
- UTMA Plan
- Loans (401K, home equity, PLUS, Perkins, etc.)

Contact a financial professional for more information on your college savings plans.



A diploma with no bills attached will make a great graduation gift!