COLLEGE PORTFOLIO & RESEARCH PROJECT
OVERVIEW

The purpose of this project is to expose you to the college application process while utilizing research skills to acquire knowledge of a variety of colleges and universities.

Your completed portfolio and research project will consist of:

A Resume: A completed and typed student resume that will include your name, contact information, educational experience, work experience, awards and achievements, volunteer work, hobbies and interests, skills and languages, and three references and their contact information.

A Completed Application: A completed Texas Common Application, or an application from the college or university of your choice (must be approved). This will include the completed responses to the required essay prompts and letters of recommendation. If your chosen college or university does not require essay responses, you will complete the ones from the Texas Common.

FAFSA ID #: Completed registration for a Federal Student Aid ID

College/University Research Paper: MLA style research paper on the college or university of your choice. This will include:

- an introduction providing a brief overview of the institution
- a history of the institution
- overview of their curriculum and degree offerings/specialties
- clubs and organizations of interest (i.e. athletic teams/organizations/outreach programs/fraternities and sororities)
- key demographics and statistics including student population and breakdown by age, sex, race or cultural identity, and economic diversity and impact
- tuition costs, acceptance percentage, rate of success, housing options and costs, and work-study options
- information about the host city, noting places of interest and historical relevance
- a conclusion explaining the reasoning for your choice
- a properly formatted works cited page

Information presented should reflect the wishes of the client (you)

Secure sources for three letters of recommendation: These can come from current or previous teachers, employers, or personal friend.