

## EAST TEXAS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER

The East Texas Educational Opportunity Center (ETEOP) is funded by the U.S. Department of Education under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. The ETEOC is one of five federal TRIO programs designed to provide (1) academic support to insure that high school students graduate; (2) information about careers, colleges and financial aid to insure that everyone who has the desire may enroll in a post secondary educational or training program after high school; (3) academic support to insure that once enrolled in college, students graduate and to on to pursue graduate or professional degrees. Among the services provided by the ETEOC are:

- **Financial Aid Counseling:** The ETEOC library has information about the different sources and types of student financial aid available for post-secondary education; about the various application forms required to obtain financial aid; the financial aid award process; and established deadlines for applying for financial aid. Printed and computerized resources are available for prospective students interested in additional non-federal grants and scholarships.
- **FAFSA Forms:** The ETEOC can assist families in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- **Academic Counseling:** The ETEOC helps prospective students understand admissions requirements relative to entrance/placement exams; high school or college units or credits; and high school or college transcripts. Printed and computerized material is available to help clients prepare for the ACT/SAT/THEA exams. The Center assists clients in registering for those exams.
- **College Selection Counseling:** The ETEOC library contains information about two-and four-year colleges and universities, as well as vocational and trade schools throughout the United States. This information includes size and location, admissions requirements and deadlines, testing requirements, financial aid practices and policies, and athletic and other extracurricular activities.
- **Career Counseling:** This service provides information about (1) high-demand careers in the East Texas area as well as across the country; (2) type of work performed, working conditions and suitable personal qualities for specific careers; (3) type of training required for the career; (4) where the training is provided; and (5) the transferability of skills to another occupation. Career interest and aptitude assessments are provided to help clients make decisions about careers that are most suited to them.
- **Application Assistance:** The ETEOC provides assistance completing application forms for college admission, student financial aid, student housing, SAT/ACT/THEA exams.
- **Fee Waivers:** The ETEOC has SAT and ACT fee waivers for eligible students.



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