



Suggested copy for High School Newsletters:

Find a College and Funding using TOPQUEST for FREE!

Do you want to go to college? Are you confused about which college is best for you or how you would pay for it?

Maybe you should go see your counselor now.

Katy ISD has partnered with **CollegiateZone** to give **freshmen and sophomores** free access to **TOPQUEST** (topquest.net), a one-of-a-kind, online College Prep System. Ask your counselor for a User ID. Juniors and seniors pay an annual fee of just \$59.99.

TOPQUEST (TQ) simplifies the college prep process. The service allows students to search, match and apply to colleges (all 4,077 accredited colleges are in the TQ database). The elaborate search logic tool automatically matches and qualifies you based on your SAT, ACT, GPA, class ranking, and personal criteria to give you more specific detailed search-match results. We know that if you're a freshman you have not taken the college entrance exams, however you can enter in "dream scores" to see requirements of schools that may be of interest and then work towards that goal.

You can also use TQ to search and match to funding. TOPQUEST is the *only* college prep service with thousands of records of funding, including college-specific scholarships, grants, financial aid, work study and more.

Once you get a User ID from your counselor, follow these simple instructions:

- Go to topquest.net
- Select Sign Up
- Answer yes to "Do you have a CollegiateZone ID Card?" Then, enter your User ID.
- From here, follow the prompts. After your initial log in, you will be able to create a personal password.

How it works...

- First, you complete the online **CZ College Prep Form**, a detailed profile which includes all common questions by U.S. Colleges and Universities. *Once you complete the first section of your profile, you immediately become searchable by colleges that have access to the TQ system.* You can build your profile at your leisure giving you plenty of time to complete it before you begin the admissions/scholarship application process as a junior/senior.
- Search and match to colleges and for funding.
- As a junior/senior, once you are ready to apply to your TOPQUEST-matched colleges, you install the unique **CZ Auto-fill Tool™** which takes your information from the College Prep Form and populates all online admissions, scholarship, loan, and financial aid applications (including the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form -FAFSA), saving you hours!

If you have other questions, visit topquest.net or call us at 713.334.5400.

CollegiateZone (CZ), home of TOPQUEST (www.topquest.net), provides college development tools for all students and now includes MindSight™, a College Academic Transition Tool.