**Step-by-Step Guide to Enrolling in Blinn College (Class of 2026)**

*A structured plan for transitioning from high school to Blinn College with links, deadlines, and essential resources.*

**📅 Timeline Overview (2025-2026)**

| **Timeframe** | **Action Item** | **Links & Resources** |
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| **Spring 2025 (Junior Year)** | Career Exploration & College Research | [Texas Reality Check](https://texasrealitycheck.com/), [My Next Move](https://www.mynextmove.org/) |
| **Summer 2025 (Before Senior Year)** | Explore Financial Aid & Scholarships | [FAFSA](https://studentaid.gov/), Blinn Scholarships |
| **~~Fall 2025 (Senior Year - Aug to Dec)~~** | ~~Apply to Blinn College via ApplyTexas~~ | [~~Apply Texas~~](https://www.applytexas.org/) |
| **October 2025** | Complete the FAFSA | [FAFSA Application](https://studentaid.gov/) |
| **November 2025 - March 2026** | Take the TSI (if needed) | Blinn TSI Information |
| **Spring 2026 (Jan - May)** | Meet with an Academic Advisor & Choose Classes | Blinn Advising |
| **Summer 2026 (Before College Starts)** | Attend New Student Orientation | Blinn Orientation |
| **August 2026** | Move-in (if applicable) & Start First Semester | Blinn Housing |

**Step 1: Research & Career Planning (Spring-Summer 2025)**

Before applying, your mentee should explore career options and determine whether they want to:

* **Earn an Associate’s Degree** (AA, AS, AAS) and transfer to a university.
* **Get a Technical Certificate** for immediate employment.

🔗 **Resources:**

* Career Exploration: [My Next Move](https://www.mynextmove.org/)
* Salary & Job Outlook: [Texas Reality Check](https://texasrealitycheck.com/)
* Blinn’s Degree Plans: Blinn Programs

📌 **Action Steps:** ✅ Research careers and job demand.  
✅ Decide on a transfer vs. workforce program.  
✅ Identify potential universities if planning to transfer.

**Step 2: Apply to Blinn College (Fall 2025)**

Blinn College applications open **August 2025**. Apply early for better class selection.

🔗 **How to Apply:**

1. Visit [**ApplyTexas**](https://www.applytexas.org/).
2. Create an account and **choose Blinn College**.
3. Complete the application and **submit it by November 2025**.
4. Pay the application fee (if applicable).

📌 **Action Steps:** ✅ Apply on ApplyTexas.  
✅ Request **high school transcript** from the counselor.  
✅ Send **SAT/ACT scores** (optional, unless using them to waive TSI).

**Step 3: Apply for Financial Aid (October 1, 2025 - March 2026)**

The **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)** opens on **October 1, 2025**.

🔗 **Resources:**

* FAFSA Application: [FAFSA Website](https://studentaid.gov/)
* Blinn’s Financial Aid Office: Blinn Financial Aid

📌 **Action Steps:** ✅ Fill out **FAFSA by March 1, 2026** for priority aid.  
✅ Apply for **Blinn Scholarships**: Blinn Scholarships.  
✅ Look into **work-study jobs & grants**.

**Step 4: Placement Testing (November 2025 - March 2026)**

If your mentee does **not** meet the exemption criteria, they will need to take the **TSI (Texas Success Initiative) test** for placement in English & Math.

🔗 **Resources:**

* Check TSI exemptions: TSI Requirements
* Study for the TSI: Free Practice Tests

📌 **Action Steps:** ✅ Confirm if SAT/ACT scores **exempt** them from TSI.  
✅ Take the **TSI before March 2026** if required.  
✅ Review **study materials** to prepare.

**Step 5: Meet with an Advisor & Choose Classes (Spring 2026)**

Once accepted, **schedule an advising appointment** to:

* **Choose first-semester classes** (core subjects like English, Math, etc.).
* Understand **degree requirements**.
* Plan for **full-time (12+ credit hours) vs. part-time enrollment**.

🔗 **Resources:**

* Blinn College Advising: Blinn Academic Advising

📌 **Action Steps:** ✅ Book a **Blinn advising appointment** (February-March 2026).  
✅ Plan **first-semester schedule** based on degree choice.  
✅ Register for **fall classes by April-May 2026**.

**Step 6: Prepare for College (Summer 2026)**

**1. Attend New Student Orientation**

Orientation helps students navigate Blinn’s resources, financial aid, and course management.

🔗 **Resources:**

* Blinn Orientation: New Student Orientation

📌 **Action Steps:** ✅ **Sign up for orientation** (May-June 2026).  
✅ Learn **how to use myBlinn & D2L (online learning system)**.

**2. Secure Housing & Transportation**

If living off-campus, your mentee should arrange **housing & transportation**.

🔗 **Resources:**

* **Blinn Housing** (if applicable): Blinn Housing
* **Public Transport** (if commuting): [Bryan/College Station Transit](https://www.btd.org/)

📌 **Action Steps:** ✅ Arrange housing **by July 2026**.  
✅ Get a **parking permit or bus pass**.

**3. Buy Books & Supplies**

🔗 **Resources:**

* Compare prices at the **Blinn Bookstore** vs. Amazon & Chegg.

📌 **Action Steps:** ✅ Purchase **books & supplies before August 2026**.

**Step 7: Succeed in the First Semester (Fall 2026)**

Encourage your mentee to **get involved and stay on track**.

**1. Use Campus Resources**

🔗 **Resources:**

* **Tutoring**: Writing Center | Math Lab
* **Disability Services**: Blinn ADA Services

📌 **Action Steps:** ✅ Use **tutoring and academic help** early.  
✅ Meet with a **professor or advisor if struggling**.

**2. Plan for Transfer to a University (If Applicable)**

Blinn has **partnerships with Texas A&M, Texas State, UH, etc.**

🔗 **Resources:**

* Transfer Planning: Blinn Transfer Info

📌 **Action Steps:** ✅ Research **transfer programs** by Spring 2027.  
✅ Meet with **a transfer advisor** by Fall 2027.

**Final Notes for Your Mentee**

✅ Stay ahead of deadlines.  
✅ Take advantage of tutoring & advising.  
✅ Plan for **either a career or university transfer** early.  
✅ Enjoy the journey! 🎓