

Resources for Children and Adolescents:

A. Kindergarten Students / Elementary School Students

1. American Red Cross – Courses Free of Charge
<https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class>
2. Caldecott Medal Winners and Honor Books
<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/caldecottmedal/caldecottmedal>
3. City of Houston - Free Tennis Class for Children
<http://houstonyouthtennis.camp7.org/>
4. City of Houston – The Mayor’s Back 2 School Fest (free school supplies)
<http://www.mayorsbacktoschoolfesthouston.org/>
5. Discovery Green – Young Writers Workshop for Kindergarten to 3rd Grade students (free admission)
<http://www.discoverygreen.com/1144115>
6. Harris County Public Library – Summer Reading Program
<https://www.hcpl.net/page/summer-reading-program>
7. Houston Children’s Museum – Action-Packed Summer
<https://www.cmhouston.org/events>
8. Houston Museum District (free admission time)
<http://houstonmuseumdistrict.org/free-admission-times/>
9. Houston Public Library – Summer Reading Program
<https://houstonlibrary.org/kids>
10. Kids Triathlon
<https://www.trisignup.com/race/tx/katy/typhoontexaskidstri>
11. National Society for Black Engineers – Summer Engineering Experience for Kids (free program)
<https://seeknsbe.smapply.io>
12. Progressive Phonics
<http://www.progressivephonics.com/>
13. The First Tee of Greater Houston - Free Golf Course for Children (\$30 annual membership fee)
<https://firstteegreaterhouston.org>

14. Workforce Solutions – Financial Aid for Child Care

<http://www.wrksolutions.com/for-individuals/financial-aid-support/financial-aid-for-child-care>

B. Free Animated Story Books

1. TumbleBook Library – animated story books in English, Spanish, and French for Kindergarten to 7th Grade students

<https://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/Default.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fHome.aspx%3fcategoryID%3d77&categoryID=77>

2. Inkless Tales – Animated Stories and Poems

<http://www.inklesstaes.com/stories/>

3. British Council – short stories

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/short-stories>

4. Fables from Aesop

<http://www.taleswithmorals.com/>

5. Starfall stories

<http://www.starfall.com/n/level-c/fiction-nonfiction/play.htm?f>
<http://www.starfall.com/n/level-c/folk-tales/load.htm?f>
<http://www.starfall.com/n/level-c/greek-myths/load.htm?f>
<http://www.starfall.com/n/level-c/chinese-fables/load.htm?f>

6. RIF Reading Planet

<https://www.rif.org/reading-planet/content>

7. Silly Books

<https://growingbookbybook.com/silly-books-for-kids/>

8. Stories from BBC Broadcast

http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/schoolradio/subjects/english/jack_and_the_giant_beanstalk

9. Fairy Tale Land

http://www.lancsnfl.ac.uk/curriculum/literacy/lit_site/html/fiction/fairytale2/fairytale.htm

10. Pre-School library

<http://storyplacepreschool.com>

11. Bookbox – Please download pdf and mp3 from this webpage

- <http://www.bookbox.com/free-stuff/pdfs>
<http://www.bookbox.com/free-stuff/mp3>
12. Scholastic Clifford Interactive Storybooks
<http://teacher.scholastic.com/clifford1/>
 13. Kiz Club
<http://www.kizclub.com/reading1.htm>
 14. ZiggityZoom Stories
<https://ziggityzoom.com/learning/stories/>
 15. Myths and Legends
<https://www.mythpodcast.com/>
 16. Loosey Goosey Rhymes
<https://www.english-guide.org/node/3467>
 17. Oxford Owl – 250 Free eBooks (Please register before you read e-books.)
<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/welcome/for-home/reading-owl/find-a-book>
 18. Lil' Fingers Online Story Books
http://www.lil-fingers.com/storybooks/index.php?__hstc=38046780.ab9431a72510a1fcb30d99d44e02769a.1396462181599.1396462181599.1396462181599.1&__hssc=38046780.6.1396462181599&__hsfp=3825133826
 19. International Children's Digital Library – Children Books in different languages
<http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>
 20. Beantime Stories
http://www.meddybemps.com/5.1.html?__hstc=38046780.ab9431a72510a1fcb30d99d44e02769a.1396462181599.1396462181599.1396462181599.1&__hssc=38046780.12.1396462181599&__hsfp=3825133826

C. Middle School Students

1. Astro Urban Youth Academy – Free Summer Baseball & Softball league
http://houston.astros.mlb.com/hou/community/uya_baseball_softball.jsp
2. Baylor College of Medicine – Saturday Morning Science (For 6th to 12th Grade students, no registration fee)
<https://www.bcm.edu/about-us/diversity-equity-and-inclusion/programs/saturday-morning-science>

3. Bayou Bend Summer History Camp – Ages 9 to 13 students are eligible to apply (\$375 General Admission, \$350 MFAH Members, scholarships available)
<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Register-Now--Bayou-Bend-Summer-History-Camp.html?soid=1110246783257&aid=kkqUmpCwp1U>
4. Breakthrough Houston – Summer Program for Middle School and High School Students (tuition free)
<https://breakthroughhouston.org/our-mission/>
5. City of Houston (Houston Parks and Recreation Department) – After-School Enrichment Program (free program) & Summer Enrichment Program (\$30/child/week)
<https://www.houstontx.gov/parks/youthsports-recreation.html>
6. CK-12 Education
<https://www.ck12info.org/about-us/>
7. Houston Scholar Program
<http://www.houstontx.gov/education/ccp-scholarships.html>
8. Houston Soccer for Success Program (free program)
<http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org/our-programs/soccer-for-success>
<https://www.facebook.com/HoustonSFS>
9. Jack Kent Cooke Foundation – Young Scholars Program
<http://www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/young-scholars/>
10. Kinkaid School – The Kinkaid Engineering, Math & Science Institute for Houston area public school students (summer program, tuition free, 8th Grade students in Houston area are eligible to apply)
<https://www.kinkaid.org/student-life/summer>
11. National Society of Black Engineers – Summer Engineering Experience for Kids (summer program, tuition free)
<http://www.nsbe.org/seek.aspx>
12. Newbery Medal and Honor Books
<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/newberymedal>
13. Rice University – Schlumberger Rice Computer Engineering Design Academy for Middle School Girls (summer program, girls attending 8th Grade after the summers are eligible, tuition free)
<http://www.rstem.rice.edu/#!computer-engineering-design-academy/ccvk>
14. The Greater Houston Teen Book Convention
<http://www.teenbookcon.org/>

15. The Harris Foundation – Summer Science Camp (tuition free)
<https://theharrisinstitute.org/embhssc/>
16. The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston – Free Admission on Thursday
<http://www.mfah.org/visit/visiting-mfah-free/>
17. Writers in the Schools – Free Writing Workshops + Slams
<http://witshouston.org/programs/performance/>
18. University of Houston – CUB Summer Program (\$162-\$200)
<https://uh.edu/recreation/sports-programs/family-programs/summer-camp/>
19. University of Houston Downtown – Summer Camp (Engineering, Science, Language, Writing, & Summer Academy)
<https://www.uhd.edu/academics/continuing-education/applied-business-technology-center/kids/pages/kids-index.aspx>
20. University of Houston – Girl Coding Academy
<http://codecougars.org>
21. University of Houston – Full STEM Ahead! Camp (\$100-\$325/student)
<https://uh.edu/nsm/teachhouston/summer-camps/>
22. University of Houston & Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) – Design You Code Camp (no cost)
<https://uh.edu/technology/departments/hdcs/designyou/index>

D. High School Students

Part 1 – Awards Program

1. National Youngarts Foundation – U.S. Presidential Scholars in the Arts
<http://www.youngarts.org/us-presidential-scholars-arts>
<http://www.youngarts.org/apply>
2. Texas High School Aerospace Scholars
https://www.nasa.gov/centers/johnson/stem/High_School_Aerospace_Scholars.html
3. Texas Music Educators Association - Texas Music Scholars
<http://www.tmea.org/programs/tms>
4. Texas Scholar Award
<https://tx50000506.schoolwires.net/Page/1378>

5. The Miss High School America Scholarship Pageant
http://www.americashighschoolpageant.com/miss_high_school_america.php
6. The National Society of High School Scholars
<https://www.nshss.org/scholarships/>
7. The President's Volunteer Service Award
<http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/>
8. U.S. Presidential Scholars Program
<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/psp/index.html>

Part 2 - College and Career Mentor Program

1. Defense Health Agency – Medical Education & Training
<http://www.metc.mil/>
2. Free College and Career Prep Mentor Program
<https://www.houstonisd.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=186821&dataid=178325&FileName=Youth%20Mentoring.pdf>

<https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/180163>
3. Graduation Game Plan – Free College Planning and Mentoring
https://www.houstontx.gov/education/college_planning_help.html
4. Houston Zoo, Inc. – Job Shadow Program for High School Students
<https://www.houstonzoo.org/make-memories/teens/>
5. QuestBridge College Prep Scholarship – for low-income high school juniors
<https://www.questbridge.org/high-school-students/college-prep-scholars>
6. U.S. Department of Labor – Job Corps (career technical training and education program – free program)
<https://recruiting.jobcorps.gov/Home/Information>
7. Virtual University Tours
<https://www.youvisit.com/collegesearch/>
8. YouthBuild Houston – A SER-Jobs for Progress Program
<https://serjobs.org/programs/training/youthbuild/>

Part 3 – Free Online Learning

1. CK-12 Education

- <http://www.ck12.org/student/>
2. Khan Academy
<https://www.khanacademy.org/>
 3. Khan Academy - Free SAT Prep
<https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>
 4. Learn to Type Free
<http://www.typing.com/>
 5. Microsoft Office Training and Tutorials
<https://support.office.com/en-us/article/Office-training-and-tutorials-b8f02f81-ec85-4493-a39b-4c48e6bc4bfb?legRedir=true&CorrelationId=b5958696-a887-45ac-b6a3-75bda2f02fe9&ui=en-US&rs=en-US&ad=US>
 6. Sparknotes
<http://www.sparknotes.com/sparknotes/>

Part 4 – Regular Program

1. Baylor College of Medicine – Saturday Morning Science 2 (For 7th to 12th Grade students, \$40.00 registration fee, tuition free, and breakfast will be provided)
<https://www.bcm.edu/about-us/diversity-equity-and-inclusion/programs/saturday-morning-science-summer-research-program-0>
2. Breakthrough Houston – Enrichment Program for Middle School and High School Students (tuition free)
<https://breakthroughhouston.org/our-mission/>
3. Home Depot – Free Weekly Workshops & Home Improvement Workshop
<https://www.homedepot.com/workshops/>
4. Rice University Glasscock School of Continuing Studies – AP Exam Review (\$30 per subject)
<http://collegeready.rice.edu/ap-exam-review>
5. Texas Tech University – Clark Scholars Program (tuition free, \$750 tax-free stipend, and free room and board)
<http://www.depts.ttu.edu/honors/academicsandenrichment/affiliatedandhighschool/clarks/index.php>
6. University of North Texas – Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science (tuition free)

The Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science (TAMS) is a residential program located at the University of North Texas in Denton that is focused on students who wish to pursue a career in mathematics, science, or engineering. The program admits up to 200 students every year from public and private high schools from across Texas. After two years (four semesters) at TAMS, students graduate with a high school diploma and about 60 college credits - which may be enough to start the college junior year at UNT or other universities.

<http://tams.unt.edu/>

Part 5 – Summer Program

1. Asian American Journalists Association – JCamp (summer camp, tuition free, travel, meals and lodging covered by Asian American Journalists Association’s Partners)
<https://www.aaja.org/programs-and-initiatives/jcamp/>
2. Carnegie Mellon University – Summer Academy for Math and Science (tuition free)
<https://www.cmu.edu/pre-college/academic-programs/sams.html>
3. High School Workshop in Experimental Economics (tuition free, travel scholarship available for students to apply)
<https://www.chapman.edu/research/institutes-and-centers/economic-science-institute/conferences-and-workshops/high-school-workshop.aspx>
4. Iowa State University – Carver Summer Research Internship Program (stipend available)
<https://www.diversity.cals.iastate.edu/george-washington-carver-internship-program>
5. Lamar University – Texas Governor’s School (tuition free)
<https://www.lamar.edu/education/partnerships-and-initiatives/texas-governors-school/tgs-classes.html>
6. LEDA Scholars Program (summer program, tuition free)
<https://ledascholars.org/our-program/leda-scholars-program/recruitment-admissions/apply/>
7. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) – Minority Introduction to Engineering and Science (tuition free)
<http://oeop.mit.edu/programs/mites/program-details>
8. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) – Office of Engineering Outreach Programs (tuition free)
<http://mitesapp.mit.edu/>

9. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) – Research Science Institute (tuition free)
<http://www.cce.org/research-science-institute>
10. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) – Outreach Programs (STEM)
<https://science.mit.edu/diversity-and-inclusion/outreach-programs/#K-12>
11. National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases – Short-Term Research Experience for Underrepresented Persons (tuition free)
<https://www.niddk.nih.gov/research-funding/research-programs/diversity-programs/research-training-opportunities-students/short-term-research-experience-underrepresented-persons-step-up>
12. NSLI For Youth Scholarships to Study Language Abroad (tuition free)
<http://www.nsliforyouth.org/>
13. Prep for Prep – Houston
<https://www.prepforprep.org/list-detail?pk=58646>
14. Rice University – Energy Explorations Academy (summer program, tuition free)
<http://www.rstem.rice.edu/#!/schlumberger-energy-explorations-academy/c1rb>
15. The Rockefeller University – Summer Science Research Program (tuition free)
<https://www.rockefeller.edu/outreach/lab-initiative/summer-science/>
16. Roswell Park Cancer Institute – Summer Cancer Research Experience Program for High School Students (tuition free)
<https://www.roswellpark.org/education/summer-programs/high-school-students>
17. Society for the Performing Arts – School Program
<https://performingartshouston.org/school-programs/>
18. St. Mary’s University at San Antonio – Pre-engineering Robotics and Java Programming Summer Program (tuition free)
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/outreach/summer-camps/robotics-and-java-camp/>
19. Summer Program for Sophomores and Juniors - Telluride Association Summer Seminars (TASS)
<https://www.tellurideassociation.org/news/tass-update-letter-to-students/>
20. Texas A&M University Governor’s School in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
<https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/education-human-development/teaching-learning-culture/science-technology-engineering-mathematics-education-certificate/#programrequirementstext>

21. Texas A&M University – Summer Mathematics Research Training High School Camp
<http://www.math.tamu.edu/outreach/Camp/>
22. The Aspen Institute – Bezos Scholars Program
<https://www.bezosfamilyfoundation.org/programs>
23. The Jackson Laboratory – Summer Student Program (free program, \$4,500 stipend)
<http://education.jax.org/summerstudent/index.html>
24. The Louis August Jonas Foundation – Rising Sun Program (tuition free)
<http://www.lajf.org/>
25. The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center – High School Summer Program
<http://www.mdanderson.org/education-and-research/education-and-training/schools-and-programs/summer-science-programs/high-school-program/high-school-summer-program.html>
26. The University of Utah – Summer Program for Undergraduate Research (SPUR)
<https://our.utah.edu/spur/>
27. Tyler Junior College – TJC Summer Camps
<https://www.tjcsummercamps.com>
28. University of Chicago – Young Scholars Program (tuition free)
<https://mathematics.uchicago.edu/young-scholars-program/>
29. University of Houston – Pharmacy Summer Camp (\$300/student)
<https://uh.edu/pharmacy/news-and-events/events/summer-camp/>
30. University of Houston Downtown – Houston Pre-Freshman Enrichment Program (tuition free)
<https://www.uhd.edu/academics/sciences/houston-prep/Pages/default.aspx#:~:text=It%20is%20with%20great%20pleasure,the%20University%20of%20Houston%2DDowntown.>
31. University of Texas at Austin McCombs School of Business – The Academy for Rising Leaders (tuition free)
<https://www.mcombs.utexas.edu/undergraduate/subiendo/>
32. University of Houston Bauer College of Business – Business Summer Camps for High School Students (tuition free)
<http://www.bauer.uh.edu/prospective/undergraduates/summer-camp.php>

33. Welch Summer Scholar Program and Summer Seminar Series at Underway (free program)
<https://sites.cns.utexas.edu/wssp/home>
34. Wonder Works – Pre-college Summer Programs in Arts and Humanities (full-tuition waivers are available)
<https://www.wonderworkshouston.org>

E. New Immigrants

1. Houston Public Library – Free Computer Class
<https://houstonlibrary.libcal.com/event/9118994>
2. Harris County of Education – Certification Program, GED, and English as a Second Language (tuition free)
<https://www.hcde-texas.org/adult-education>
3. Houston Community College – Adult Education and Literacy Program GED and English as a Second Language (tuition free, registration fee: \$25)
<https://www.hccs.edu/programs/adult-education/>
4. Houston Community College – Workforce & Career Training
<https://www.hccs.edu/programs/adult-education/workforce--career-training/>
5. Kentucky Fried Chicken Foundation – Rise with GEDWorks
<https://kfcfoundation.org/rise/>
6. Literacy Advance of Houston – Adult Basic Education (ABE), and English as a Second Language (tuition free)
<http://www.houstontx.gov/education/adult/>
<https://www.mamhouston.org/literacyadvance>
7. Starbucks College Achievement Plan
<http://www.starbucks.com/careers/college-plan>

F. Scholarship Information

1. College offering free tuition based on family income
http://www.garlandisdschools.net/uploaded/high_schools/shs/documents/counselors/Colleges_Offering_Free_Tuition_Based_on_Family_Income_2012_.pdf
2. Freshman Admission Requirements Tuition Guarantee Programs
<http://www.houstonisd.org/cms/lib2/TX01001591/Centricity/Domain/27541/Free%20Tuition%20and%20Admission.pdf>
3. Go to College for free!

<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/paying-for-college/articles/2012/06/12/save-money-by-attending-tuition-free-colleges>

4. Katy ISD – Scholarship Information
<https://staff.katyisd.org/sites/MRHSCollegeAdvisor/Pages/Scholarship-Info.aspx>
5. Questbridge - Scholarship for low-income students
<https://www.questbridge.org>
6. Texas Tuition Promise Fund (529 College Savings Plan)
<https://www.texastuitionpromisefund.com/>

G. Other Programs / Resources

1. Houston Independent School District – Free summer meals for all children ages 1-18
<http://www.houstonisd.org/freesummermeals>
2. WIC – Women, Infants, and Children Program
<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/wichd/>
3. How to Get Help (CHIP / Medicaid / Food Stamps etc.)
<https://yourtexasbenefits.com/Learn/Home>
4. Houston Family Magazine
<http://www.houstonfamilymagazine.com/>
5. Houston on the Cheap
<http://www.houstononthecheap.com/>
6. Houston Low Income Clinics
<https://www.freeclinics.com/cit/tx-houston>
7. Greater Houston Area Low Cost Dental Care
<https://www.freedentalcare.us/co/tx-harris>
8. Comcast – Affordable Internet (\$9.95 + Tax per month) and Low-Cost Computer (\$149.99 + Tax)
<http://www.internetessentials.com/>