

GRADUATION CHECKLIST



To prepare yourself for a smooth graduation experience, follow this checklist.

FINANCIAL AID

Graduates With Student Loans*

Step 1: Complete exit counseling at:
<https://studentloans.gov>
Log in using your FSA ID.

Step 2: Contact your loan servicer.

*Mandatory for release of TSTC transcripts.

Student Loan Repayments

Options available when situations change:

In-School Deferment

Any students who are planning on attending another college at least half-time qualify for an in-school deferment and can postpone their payments while in school.

Economic Hardships

If you are unable to make your payments, you must contact your lender(s) to apply for a Forbearance or an Income-Based Repayment Plan.

COMMENCEMENT

Before Graduation Day:

Clear any account holds, including:

- Unpaid previous balance.
- Unreturned book loan.
- Library hold.
- Disciplinary office hold.
- Transcripts.

For assistance, meet with your enrollment coach:
tstc.edu/meetwithcoach

Ceremony attire:

- Black cap/gown/tassel.
Contact the [Campus Store](#) to purchase.
- Caps can be decorated but cannot display offensive or inappropriate material.
- Please wear appropriate attire underneath the gown.
- Be respectful of others.

If your campus uses tickets, follow these guidelines:

- ALL guests need a ticket, including children.
- Graduates do NOT need a ticket.
- Once tickets are available to be picked up, you will receive an email notification.
- Any tickets that are not picked up will be available as extras.

Graduation Day:

- Graduates need to arrive on time as stated on the Graduation Day email.
- Guests should arrive no later than 10 minutes before start of event.
- Graduates must check in and pick up their name card.
- Veterans qualify for a veteran cord.
- Honor cords/medallions will be given based on:
 - 3.5 to 3.999 cumulative GPA — Honor Cord
 - 4.0 cumulative GPA — Board of Regents Medallion



GOWNS for GRADS

If you need assistance with a cap and gown, please email: cultureofcaring@tstc.edu
Not offered at all campuses, and quantities and sizes are limited.

Full details are available at:
tstc.edu/graduation



Benefits include:

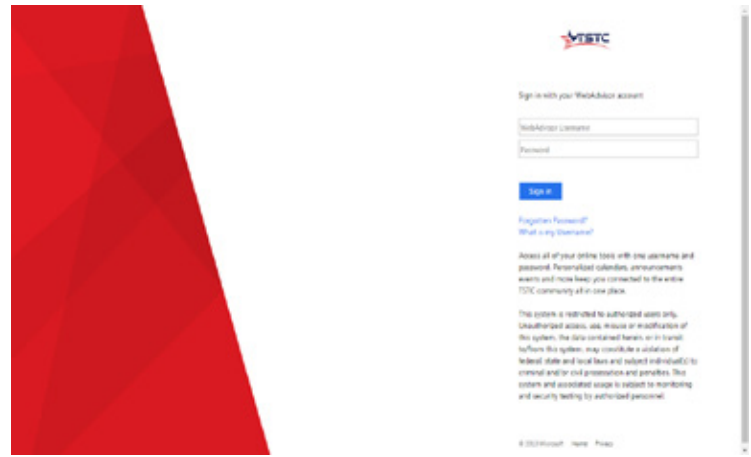
- Stay connected with TSTC alumni.
- Job search assistance.
- Employer spotlights.
- Merchant discounts.
- Transcripts and diplomas.
- Campus events.
- News and updates.

Connect with the Alumni Network:

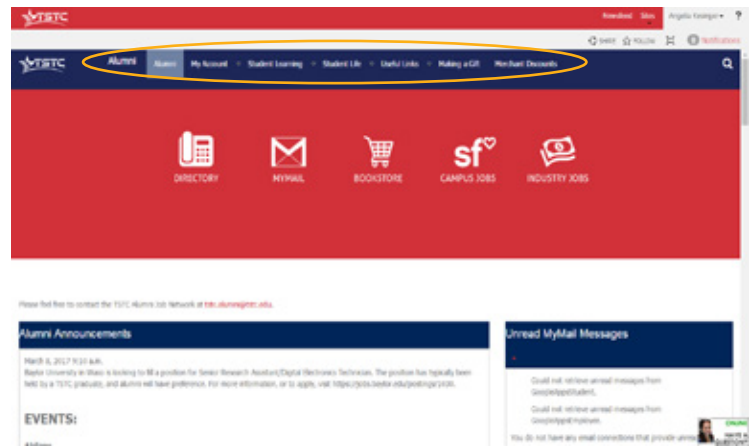
- www.tstc.edu/alumni
- www.facebook.com/TSTCALumniNetwork
- <https://portal.tstc.edu/alumni>
- <https://www.linkedin.com/in/tstcalumninetwork>

Join 70,000+ TSTC graduates already in our network!

Alumni Portal Login



Alumni Portal



Benefits include:

- Job search.
- Résumé writing.
- Career research.
- Interview preparation.
- Online networking.
- Job fairs.



To access a list of jobs open to students, go to: hireTSTC.com

Log in with your WebAdvisor ID and your FULL Student ID as the password.

Don't forget to complete the Graduate Exit Survey

You did it! A big, huge CONGRATULATIONS to you. You have finished an amazing journey with us here at TSTC. Now you begin another exciting journey that will impact your whole future, your workforce journey! We want you to know that you can count on Career Services to assist you with this journey.

We are here to assist you with résumé writing, interviewing skills, job search, career research, online networking, job fairs and so many other services to assist you in securing employment in your chosen field of study. You may reach us via telephone or email. We are always ready to be of service to you. We want you to find the job you will be happy with.

Click on the link above to fill out the Graduate Exit Survey. We would truly appreciate your assistance in collecting this information we need. Again, thank you so much for helping us with this matter.

All graduates who fill out the survey by their graduation date will be entered to win one of 10 \$25 Amazon gift cards!