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Kitty asked me to respond to your email. I am the Lead Counselor at **Flower Mound High School**.

About two weeks ago, we gave to each of our seniors a form to fill out concerning several items and one of them was scholarships. They self-reported but we had them sign that the above information was correct and they were taking complete responsibility for it, etc. We looked at them pretty closely and they all seemed above board. We do not publicly announce scholarships with the exception of our Academy Appointments and our ROTC scholarships. We do count those into our total scholarship monies.

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#2.

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I am a high school counselor at **The Colony High School** and I have also been in College Counseling at a private school for many years.

Scholarships are usually self-reported because few schools and few programs give the school any verification. We make public announcements and spread the word to turn in all offers to the Counseling Office, BUT they must be accompanied by a copy of a verification letter and they must NOT be a part or awarded as part of a financial aid package. This is the difficult part because some schools do list scholarships as part of aid and thus we do report those gift awards not grants. Most very competitive schools offer not scholarships but only gift aid such as Harvard, Columbia, Rice, etc....

I am usually aware of some students who qualify and go after them for the back-up paper work to encourage everyone to participate. We report military packages as part of this. The most difficulty comes from the athletes when they receive so many letters which are generally no true offers until paper work is signed--in other words only the award to the final school.

This is the process used at several private schools and one recommended by a supporting professional organization. If they do not have a verifying letter or personal call to the counselor from the college--there is not a listing given.

Myrna Tenholder, Past President of TACAC

#3.

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1) Are all offerings reported?

Only offers accepted by the student are reported.

2) How are offers verified? For example, self-identified through forms, parent signatures, college letters, etc.
(I am finding most high schools are indicating "self-identified" by students. If your process is different, I would welcome the "how" of how you verify.)

Self Identified

3) Do you include military offers in your total?
Yes, but only if accepted.

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