



SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

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MYTHS AND FACTS ABOUT FINANCIAL AID

Myth

- “My parents make too much money, so I’ll never qualify.”
- “Only people with perfect GPAs get scholarships.”
- “You can only get financial aid if you pay someone to help you find it.”

Fact

- Even millionaires can receive financial aid.
- Scholarships are not always awarded based solely on GPA.
- You do not need to pay anyone for financial aid help.



SERVICES WE PROVIDE

Advising on student aid

Scholarships

71% of the student body are receiving financial aid!

Federal, State Institutional and Alternative Loans

Grants

Student Employment

Money Management

Veteran Services

Texas A&M disburses \$534 million in financial aid annually.

19% in Scholarships

35% in Loans

15% in Grants

11% Tuition Waivers

20% in Student Employment

TYPES OF AID

GRANTS

- Federal Pell Grant
- TEXAS Grant – Public Colleges & Universities*
- Supplemental Opportunity Grant (SEOG)
- Texas Public Education Grant (TPEG)

JOBS

- Jobs for Aggies
 - On and off campus jobs
 - Flexible hours
 - Jobsforaggies.tamu.edu
- General Listings in the BCS community
- Work Study
 - Employer incentive

LOANS

NEED-BASED

- Direct Stafford Loan (Subsidized)
- Perkins Loan
- B-On-Time Loan

NON NEED-BASED

- Direct Stafford Loan (Unsubsidized)
- PLUS Loan
- College Access Loan
- Alternative Loans

SCHOLARSHIPS

HOW TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

STEP ONE

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) every year by the March 15th priority deadline.

(The FAFSA becomes available January 1st annually.)

Apply online at: www.fafsa.gov

The U.S. Department of Education determines the expected family contribution (EFC) using:

- Parent and Student income and assets
- Number of household members
- Number in college



HOW THE FAFSA INFORMATION IS USED

Using the information reported on the FAFSA, the financial aid office will calculate your 'Financial Need' based on the following formula:

$$\text{Cost of Attendance} - \text{Expected Family Contribution} = \text{Financial Need}$$

*Filling out the FAFSA will never disqualify you from being considered for any financial aid or scholarships for which you are eligible.



EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

- Loss of employment or reduction of income
- Death or illness in the family
- Medical or dental expenses not covered by insurance
- Any other circumstance that results in a change in the family's financial status



HOW TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

STEP TWO

Apply for Scholarships:

ApplyTexas Application

TAMU University Scholarship Application

Departmental/College Scholarships

Outside Scholarships



WHERE TO FIND OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

- Departmental/College Scholarships
- Outside Scholarships
 - Credible Scholarship Search Engines:
<https://scholarships.tamu.edu/Outside-Scholarships.aspx#1-ScholarshipSearchEngines>
 - Local businesses and civic organizations (Rotary, City Council, Churches, Military organizations, etc.)
 - School clubs (PTSA, Booster, 4H, FFA, etc.)
 - Parents' places of employment
 - Check with High School College and Career Liaisons



HOW ARE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED?

- Scholarships may be awarded on the basis of:
 - Academic Merit
 - Extracurricular Involvement
 - Financial Need
 - Talent
 - Member of a particular group or organization
 - Leadership and participation
 - City or County code, High School code, etc.
 - College or Major
 - ...Any combination of the above and more



SCHOLARSHIP TIPS

- It is incredibly important that students fill out scholarship applications with as much detail and precision as possible.
- Do not enter "I don't know" for short answer responses.
- Do not leave any blanks or questions empty/unanswered.
- These applications are your opportunity to list out everything you have accomplished, your leadership, activities, etc. and you should therefore spend as much time as necessary to fill out as thorough an application as possible. Do not sell yourself short on listing out your accomplishments!
- Do not be afraid to ask around for additional scholarship opportunities.



AMC SPECIFIC PASS THRU SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

- Confirmation of Scholarship Processes
 - Annually in early Spring
- We prefer to have all outside scholarship information and checks submitted to SFAID Office by July 1st.
- Documents
 - Criteria Agreement Template
http://aggiemoms.aggienetwork.com/sites/aggiemoms.aggienetwork.com/files/TAMUScholarshipOfficeCriteriaTemplate2014_0.pdf
 - Scholarship Donor Form
<https://scholarships.tamu.edu/Scholarships/files/d4/d4b03be5-7d76-45b7-822b-cb5e50d1c4e6.pdf>
- *We will not have criteria on file for clubs whose awarding process is handled internally.*



SCHOLARSHIP DONOR FORM

FROM: _____

Organization/Donor _____ Contact Person _____

Street/Mailing Address _____ * TaxID Number of Organization/Donor _____

City State Zip _____ Email address and or Telephone Number _____

* Tax ID Number is very important for timely refund of scholarship money to donor in the event the student does not meet minimum requirements for receiving funds.

Enclosed is a check(s) in the amount of \$ _____ (total dollar amount for all checks) for payment of the _____ Scholarship for academic year _____ for the following student(s):

Please place an X in the appropriate payment box

SSN or TAMU UIN	Student Name	Total Payment	Split Fall/Spring	Fall Only	Spring Only	SS I	SS II

If additional space is needed, please attach an additional page.

** According to Financial Aid policy, if no individual semester is marked, the payment will be divided equally between the Fall and Spring semesters or Summer Sessions I and II.

If the student(s) is registered less than full-time (12 hours for undergraduate or 9 hours for graduate) or in a cooperative education program, may this student receive this scholarship? YES NO

Would you like us to confirm this student's participation in an educational experience outside the U.S. prior to awarding this scholarship? YES NO

Which campus will the student be attending?

CS GV HSC

Checks must be made payable to Texas A&M University, and may be mailed to

Texas A&M University
Scholarships & Financial Aid
P.O. Box 30016
College Station, TX 77842-3016

Texas A&M University
Scholarships & Financial Aid-
Galveston Processing
P.O. Box 40005
College Station, TX 77842-3016

Texas A&M University-Health Science Center
Division of Student Services
Financial Aid Office
8447 State HWY 47
Bryan, TX 77807-3260

Refund Policy: In the event that a student fails to enroll full-time, and you have indicated that they are not eligible to receive the scholarship, refunds will be sent to the donor after the fifth week of each semester. Refunds may also be requested by contacting our department in writing. For additional assistance, please call (979) 845-3982.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA AGREEMENT

Template for Texas A&M Aggie Mother's Club Scholarships

NOTE: This template is meant to provide a basic format which Aggie Mothers' Clubs may choose to use in defining their scholarship criteria. The finalized version of this agreement will be kept on file at Scholarships & Financial Aid at Texas A&M University. The content of each of the following sections is meant to be an example. Please use the basic format of the following letter, but know that the content of the letter is to be determined per your club. This agreement should be based upon your club's discussion and must be in conjunction with scholarship guidelines as determined by the Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs.

<CLUB LETTERHEAD>

 (Club Name) A&M Mother's Club: Scholarship Criteria Agreement
Date of Agreement: ___/___/_____

PURPOSE: *To encourage students to continue their pursuit of an education in the academic, technical or vocational field at Texas A&M University, College Station.*

CRITERIA: *(Qualities which students must possess in order to be eligible for this scholarship)*

1. Must have attended high school or have parents living in (County/City Name)
2. Must have an overall GPA of (#)
3. Applicant must be a full-time, (12 credit hours or more) undergraduate student.
 Student is eligible for scholarships if they are less than full time and are enrolled in an internship/cooperative or are in their graduating semester
(Applies if box is checked)
4. Must have completed (#) hours at Texas A&M University – College Station.

CONTACT:

Name of Club: _____

President or Scholarship Chair Name: _____

Contact Phone #: (____) _____ Email: _____

HELPFUL WEBSITES

- www.CollegeforAllTexans.com
 - Information on Exemptions and Waivers
- www.AdventuresinEducation.org
 - College and Career Planning
 - Student Loan Inquiry
- www.FinAid.org
 - “SmartStudent” Guide to Financial Aid
 - Calculate your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)



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