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# Scholarships & Financial Aid



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# General Information about Scholarships & Financial Aid

**72% of the student body are receiving some form of financial aid**



# Services we Provide

- Advising on student aid
- Grants
- Scholarships
- Federal, State, Institutional, & Alternative Loans
- Short-term Loans
- Student Employment Office
- Money Education Center
- Veteran Services Office

**Texas A&M disburses \$783 million in financial aid annually.**

**17% in Scholarships**

**37% in Loans**

**13% in Grants**

**17% Tuition Waivers**

**16% in Student Employment**

# Important Notes

- Incoming freshman apply for scholarships along with admission to the University
- Two applications are accepted:
  - ApplyTexas
  - The Coalition

\*Students need only submit one application

- Application deadline for Fall 2019:
  - December 1, 2018



# Important Notes

- For the 2019-2020 academic year, the FAFSA will be available starting October 1
- Texas A&M is encouraging all students to submit the FAFSA by December 15 to maximize financial aid opportunities
- Freshman awarding will happen at the end of January
- Continuing student awarding will happen in June, after spring grades have been posted
- Remember, financial aid is awarded on a first-come, first served basis



# Types of Aid

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## GRANTS \*

- Federal Pell Grant
- TEXAS Grant
- Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)
- Texas Public Education Grant (TPEG)

## EMPLOYMENT

- Jobs for Aggies
  - On-and off-campus jobs
  - Flexible hours
  - [Jobsforaggies.tamu.edu](http://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)
- Parent PLUS Loan
- Graduate Plus Loans
- College Access Loan
- Alternative Loans

## SCHOLARSHIPS

**Texas A&M University  
Mothers' Club  
Information**



Does your club provide scholarships to Aggie students?

Yes

Need to submit Form G to the Federation AND [at minimum] donor form to SFA

No

Need to submit Form G to the Federation

Are your scholarships SFA selected or Club-selected?

SFA selected

Club selected

Submit completed donor form with payment

It is best to contact SFA to make sure there are no revisions needed for that year's criteria, award letter etc.

Submit completed donor form with payment

**RECOMMENDATION:** Retain records for 1 academic year (AY) for students who were not selected and AY+1 for students who were selected





# SFA Selected

## BENEFITS

- Removes Club from 'blame' when a parent questions the selection/recipient
- Larger applicant pool to consider
- Less time-consuming for Club
- Auditing falls on TAMU-SFA

## CONSIDERATIONS

- Typically a larger population of students is considered
- Occasionally, Club criteria must be revised based SFA awarding requirements
- Awarding and recognition time frames based on when awarding data becomes available and SFA awarding timeline



# SFA Selected

## Time Frame of Data Availability

- FRESHMAN

Data becomes available starting Dec 1 for the following academic year  
If financial need is considered, student must have FAFSA on file at time of awarding

- CONTINUING STUDENTS

Data available after February 10 for the following academic year  
If financial need is considered, student must have FAFSA on file at time of awarding

- TRANSFER STUDENTS

FALL/SUMMER ADMITS: Data available after June 10

SPRING ADMITS: Data available after November 25

If financial need is considered, student must have FAFSA on file at time of awarding



# We would like for SFA to select? How do we get started?

## STEP ONE:

Contact the SFA with details of your current scholarship process (if applicable) and what changes, if any, you would like to put in place. Discuss what population of students (i.e. freshman, continuing undergraduate, transfer, graduate) you are hoping to award. Discuss timeline keeping any recognition ceremonies in mind.

## STEP TWO:

Draft the selection criteria (Scholarship Criteria Agreement Template on next slide can be used as an example) and finalize based upon Federation regulations, Club desires, and SFA procedures.

## STEP THREE:

SFA will keep this criteria on file, will award based on this criteria (once payment has been received or club has made contact notifying that payment will be sent), will contact the awarded students with award letters and will contact the club once awardees are selected. Club will need to follow up if any amendments need to be made.

\*Preferred that this process be completed by July 1



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*A document similar to this should be on file with SFA for Clubs whose scholarships are SFA Selected\*\*

# Club Selected

- SFA Preference is to have all outside scholarship information and checks submitted to SFA by July 1
- Please include completed Donor form
- Suggested to retain records for 1 academic year (AY) for students who were not selected and AY+1 for students who were selected
- Be aware of Federation regulations related to scholarship awarding

NOTE: SFA does 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.

\*\*This document should be sent in with all Club Scholarship checks regardless of whether it is SFA Selected or Club Selected to help us know **HOW** to disburse the funds.\*\*



# Reminder

Please include your Club's scholarship contact information on the SFA Sign-in sheet for future contact purposes



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