

SMU



70% of first-year students receive scholarships and/or grants



Average first-year gift aid package – money that doesn't need to be paid back – is **\$35,884**



75% of students **graduate without debt**



\$164 million + in SMU scholarships and grants awarded last year



SMU alumni among the **highest-paid graduates** across a range of fields (College Factual 2023)

APPLY BY NOV. 1 OR JAN. 15 to be considered for academic scholarships

SMU does not require standardized test scores.

[SMU.EDU/APPLY](https://www.smu.edu/apply)

See how we reward your hard work

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID AT SMU

When you **apply to SMU**, you are **automatically considered for a range of SMU scholarships**. We also work hard to consider your family's financial circumstances and do our best to support your educational goals.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

We reward outstanding academic achievement in a variety of ways. Many scholarships can be combined.

PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARS (*separate essay statement required*) SMU's most prestigious academic award covers full tuition and fees, tuition for study abroad, and on-campus room and board (*under certain conditions*). [smu.edu/ps](https://www.smu.edu/ps)

MUSTANG SCHOLARS Awarded to high-achieving Dallas County students who are Pell-eligible and interested in improving Dallas County communities. [smu.edu/mustangscholars](https://www.smu.edu/mustangscholars)

HUNT LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS (*Separate essay and YouTube video statement required.*) Eligibility includes demonstrated extraordinary leadership. [smu.edu/hunt](https://www.smu.edu/hunt)

SCHOOL-SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS Awarded to selected students who express an academic interest in any of our five undergraduate schools.

Specific scholarships are available for **National Merit Scholars, International Baccalaureate Diploma** candidates and other top applicants. [smu.edu/academicscholarships](https://www.smu.edu/academicscholarships)

NEED-BASED ASSISTANCE

We offer a variety of options to meet your needs. These include SMU-funded institutional awards as well as state and federal sources of financial assistance, depending on financial need and residency.

HOW TO APPLY

Submit these forms* by your chosen application deadline: **November 1** for Early Decision I and Early Action or **January 15** for Early Decision II and Regular Decision. These are the priority deadlines.

#1—FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

U.S. and eligible non-citizens seeking eligibility for federal and state sources of aid must submit the FAFSA** each year. fafsa.gov. SMU school code 003613.

**We will notify you via email when the FAFSA form is available.

*TEXAS APPLICATION FOR STATE FINANCIAL AID (TASFA)

Students who classify as Texas residents but are not eligible for FAFSA are encouraged to complete the TASFA each year. www.collegeforalltexas.com. Submit your completed TASFA to fa.verification@smu.edu.

#2—THE CSS PROFILE™

For SMU-funded opportunity awards, you must submit a CSS PROFILE™ financial aid application each year. cssprofile.collegeboard.org. SMU school code 6660.

Our financial aid advisors will use the FAFSA, CSS PROFILE™ and/or TASFA to award a financial aid package containing federal, state and SMU-funded institutional awards. This aid package will also include any scholarships you've been offered.

FAQS

MORE QUESTIONS?

ugadmission@smu.edu
214-768-2058 or
1-800-323-0672
Text us at 214-768-9990



HOW DO I APPLY FOR ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS?

When you submit your application for admission by January 15, you are automatically considered for SMU's generous scholarship opportunities. To be considered for the President's Scholarship, you must also submit an additional essay statement. smu.edu/ps. To be considered for the Hunt Leadership Scholarship, you also must submit an additional essay and a YouTube video statement. smu.edu/hunt

WHAT KIND OF FINANCIAL AID IS AVAILABLE?

Academic scholarships, grants, loans and work-study awards.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID?

All applicants are considered for academic scholarships. U.S. and eligible non-citizens who submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and CSS PROFILE™ are considered for need-based financial aid.

WHAT DOES IT COST TO ATTEND SMU?

Regardless of a student's state of residency or citizenship, tuition and fees for the 2023–24 academic year are \$64,460; the estimated average housing and dining charges are \$18,230.

WILL I HAVE A FINANCIAL AID ADVISOR AT SMU?

All financial aid advisors are available to assist any student or parent with questions.

WHEN DO I APPLY TO SMU?

Application deadlines are **November 1** for Early Decision I and Early Action or **January 15** for Early Decision II and Regular Decision.

WHEN DO I APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID?

The priority deadline to apply for institutional aid corresponds with your chosen application deadline. To be considered for SMU-funded institutional aid, file the CSS PROFILE™; for Federal need-based aid, submit the FAFSA form.**

*** We will notify you via email when the FAFSA form is available.*

HOW DOES SMU DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

SMU receives information from your FAFSA, CSS PROFILE™ and TASFA and compares the cost of attending SMU with the Student Aid Index (SAI) and the CSS PROFILE™ data to determine your financial aid package.

WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY AWARD NOTIFICATION?

Most academic scholarships are awarded at the time of admission. For need-based awards, SMU must receive and review your electronic FAFSA (or TASFA*) and CSS PROFILE™ before your award is posted.

WHAT IF I RECEIVE AN OFF-CAMPUS SCHOLARSHIP?

You should notify the Office of Student Financial Services of any expected scholarships from outside sources.

HOW DO I ACCEPT MY FINANCIAL AID AWARDS?

Pay your enrollment deposit, then go online to accept or decline any specific awards. If you have questions, please contact a financial aid advisor in the Office of Student Financial Services.

DOES SMU OFFER TUITION PAYMENT OPTIONS?

SMU offers several monthly payment plans. smu.edu/paymentplans

