

SMU



67% 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 **\$34,554**



73% of undergraduate students graduate without debt



\$181 million+ in SMU scholarships and grants awarded last year



SMU alumni among the **highest-paid graduates** across a range of fields (College Factual 2024)

**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)

Scholarships and financial aid at SMU

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

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Outstanding academic achievement is rewarded through a variety of scholarships, which can often 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 housing and meal plan (*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 exceptional 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 have several need-based programs available to help meet your educational expenses. These include SMU-funded financial aid offers 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.

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

U.S. and eligible noncitizens seeking eligibility for federal and state sources of aid must submit the FAFSA each year. studentaid.gov. SMU school code 003613.

*TEXAS APPLICATION FOR STATE FINANCIAL AID (TASFA)

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

#2 – THE CSS PROFILE™

For SMU-funded institutional offers, submit a CSS PROFILE™ application each year. cssprofile.collegeboard.org. SMU school code 6660.

Our financial aid staff will use the FAFSA or TASFA and the CSS Profile™ to provide a financial aid offer which includes a variety of federal, state and SMU-funded financial offers.

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 scholarships. To be considered for the President's Scholarship (smu.edu/ps), you must submit an additional essay. To be considered for the Hunt Leadership Scholarship (smu.edu/hunt), you must submit an additional essay and a YouTube video statement.

WHAT KIND OF FINANCIAL AID IS AVAILABLE?

Scholarships, grants and self-help aid such as loans and work-study opportunities.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID?

All applicants are considered for academic scholarships. U.S. and eligible noncitizens who submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA), along with the CSS Profile™, are considered for need-based and self-help financial aid.

WHAT DOES IT COST TO ATTEND SMU?

Regardless of a student's state of residency or citizenship, tuition and fees for the current 2024–2025 academic year are \$67,038; the estimated average housing and meal plans are \$19,064.

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 need-based aid, file the CSS Profile™. To be considered for federal need-based aid, submit the FAFSA form.

HOW DOES SMU DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

SMU receives information from your FAFSA or TASFA, along with the CSS Profile™, and compares the cost of attending SMU with the Student Aid Index (SAI) 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 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 Student Financial Services.

DOES SMU OFFER TUITION PAYMENT OPTIONS?

SMU offers monthly payment plan options. smu.edu/paymentplans

