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HOWDY!

Congratulations on being selected as a scholarship recipient at Texas A&M University for 2021 – 2022!

Texas A&M University, in cooperation with Scholarships & Financial Aid, chooses to invest a substantial amount of financial support in assisting you while you pursue your educational goals. You are part of a world-class research institution which positively impacts the local community, the state, and the world. We are confident that you will feel that positive impact and leave a perpetual legacy in your community and area of study as you learn and live the core values of Texas A&M: Excellence, Integrity, Leadership, Loyalty, Respect, and Selfless Service.

This handbook will serve as a resource related to your scholarship(s) administered by Scholarships & Financial Aid. Included are descriptions of our scholarship programs and opportunities, scholarship policies, specific requirements for scholarships, scholarship request forms, and helpful information about campus resources.

Again, congratulations on your achievements.

We are glad you are a part of the Aggie family!

Thanks & gig 'em,

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SCHOLARSHIP SOURCES

Texas A&M University

Texas A&M University is pleased to be able to provide funding for scholarships. The University is committed to supporting the best scholars from various educational, socio-economic, and geographic backgrounds. Funding provided for first-generation college students, National Scholars, students from underrepresented Texas high schools, and other populations is a clear representation of Texas A&M University’s commitment to fostering the potential in all students for the betterment of the University, the State of Texas, and the world.

Texas A&M Foundation

The Texas A&M Foundation’s mission is to raise major gift and endowed funds and manage assets to enhance the academic excellence, Aggie spirit, and affordability of Texas A&M University. Former students and friends of Texas A&M provide gifts to the Texas A&M Foundation. These gifts are endowed to preserve the principle gift and provide a steady income of interest which is used to fund scholarships for current and future Aggies. Each scholarship is set up to be offered according to donor’s wishes. The Texas A&M Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

Scholarships funded through endowments at the Texas A&M Foundation generally require the recipient to write a thank you note and attend a donor event either in the fall or spring, depending on the scholarship. More information will be provided if you are receiving a scholarship from the Texas A&M Foundation.

Association of Former Students

The Association of Former Students provides scholarship funds to Scholarships & Financial Aid for new freshman, transfer, and continuing students. These funds are provided by former students and friends of Texas A&M in the form of small annual contributions to the Annual Fund. Collectively, these donations combine to impact the Aggie experience. In addition, the Association of Former Students provides scholarships through endowments provided through the generous donations of family and friends to honor or memorialize former or deceased students or friends of Texas A&M.

Scholarships funded by the Association of Former Students generally require the recipient to write a thank you note and attend a donor event each spring. More information will be provided if you are receiving a scholarship from the Association of Former Students.

Outside Scholarships

A large amount of scholarship funding for our students comes from outside of Texas A&M University. Students seek out, apply for, and are offered these scholarships from local, state, and national organizations. Students then bring these awards with them to Texas A&M and utilize them toward the total cost of attendance.

All outside scholarships should be reported to Scholarships & Financial Aid at Texas A&M University every year via the Report Outside Scholarships and Resources form on the Scholarships & Financial portal. Due to federal regulations regarding aid eligibility, receiving additional scholarship funds (either from inside or outside the university) may impact your eligibility for certain aid programs. Your current financial aid package may require adjustment. If Scholarships & Financial Aid receives a scholarship after aid has disbursed for the semester, you may be required to repay any aid for which you no longer qualify.
SCHOLARSHIP POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Scholarship Satisfactory Academic Progress

Scholarship recipients are expected to maintain Scholarship Satisfactory Academic Progress (Scholarship SAP) for each scholarship received. If you receive more than one scholarship, each scholarship is administered separately and may have unique requirements. The terms of each scholarship are listed beginning on page 9.

Grades (GPR Requirements)

- Most scholarship programs require you to maintain a minimum cumulative GPR. Minimum GPR requirements are listed beginning on page 9.
- Scholarship recipients who earn a cumulative GPR less than 2.0 will be automatically suspended. You will be given the opportunity to appeal the suspension and, if granted, continue receiving your scholarship(s) payment(s). If you do not submit an appeal or the appeal is denied, your scholarship(s) payment(s) will remain cancelled.
- The first time your cumulative GPR falls below the minimum requirement for your scholarship(s), you will be placed on scholarship probation as long as the cumulative GPR is at or above a 2.0. (Falling below a cumulative 2.0 will result in automatic loss of eligibility.) During the following probationary semester, you will continue receiving your scholarship(s) payment(s) while working towards regaining the required GPR. Students on scholarship probation will be required to attend mandatory advising.
- The second (or any subsequent) semester your cumulative GPR falls below the minimum requirement for your scholarship(s), you will be placed on scholarship suspension. You will lose (forfeit) payment for each semester your cumulative GPR is below the requirement. You will be given the opportunity to appeal; if granted, you will continue receiving your scholarship(s) payment(s). If you do not submit an appeal or the appeal is denied, your scholarship(s) payment(s) will remain cancelled. Students with granted appeals will be required to attend mandatory advising.
- Students who later earn the required cumulative GPR for their scholarship(s) while suspended due to denial of an appeal or failure to submit an appeal, may request to have any remaining scholarship payments reinstated. Reinstatement is not available for all scholarships and is often subject to donor approval. See the list of scholarships eligible for reinstatement on the Request for Scholarship Reinstatement form on page 21.

Hours (Enrollment and the 30/60/90 Hour Rule)

- Undergraduate scholarship recipients must be enrolled full-time (12 hours every fall and spring semester) at Texas A&M University. Blinn TEAM students should be enrolled in 12 hours total per fall and spring.
- The 30/60/90 Hour Rule is designed to encourage successful course completion and timely persistence to degree. You are required to have 30 total earned credits by the end of your first academic year, 60 total earned credits by the end of your second academic year, and 90 earned credits by the end of your third academic year. An academic year is defined as fall – spring – summer (in that order). Transfer credit, dual credit, or AP/IB credit will count toward the 30/60/90 Hour Rule. Unsatisfactory or incomplete grades (F, U, I, X, W, or NG) will not count towards the total earned hours requirement.
- Hours earned at another institution over a summer semester will also count. You will have until the 12th class day of the following fall semester to submit your transcript to the Office of Admissions.
- Students who have not earned the appropriate number of hours by the conclusion of the spring semester will be reminded of the 30/60/90 Hour Rule via email. You will have until the close of the summer semester to earn any remaining hours.
Communication from Scholarships & Financial Aid

In accordance with Texas A&M University policy, Scholarships & Financial Aid will communicate with you directly through your official Texas A&M email address and/or permanent telephone number. Information regarding scholarship offers, continued eligibility, and other requirements will be sent to your TAMU email address. Updates to this contact information can be made through the My Records tab on howdy.tamu.edu.

Co-ops & Internships

You must be considered full-time enrolled by the Registrar’s Office in order to receive scholarship payments while enrolled in a co-op or internship experience. Some scholarships can be deferred during this time (see Request for Scholarship Deferment form on page 20). You may lose eligibility for your scholarship if you enroll less than full-time, are not identified as full-time equivalent by the Registrar’s Office, or have not requested the deferment of your scholarship (if applicable).

Grade Changes & No Grades (NG)

It is your responsibility to notify Scholarships & Financial Aid of a grade change which may change your eligibility (ex. raises your cumulative GPR to or above the requirement).

Any requests for reinstatement after deferment, suspension, or a grade change must be received by Scholarships & Financial Aid prior to the 12th class day of the semester for which the payment is being requested. If a request for reinstatement is not submitted or submitted after the 12th class day, you will lose/forfeit that semester’s payment. Request for reinstatement for previous semesters will not be considered.

Courses with an Incomplete (I) or X grade will not count towards hours completed for a scholarship. Per University policy, X grades should be resolved within 30 days from the beginning of the subsequent semester; Incomplete (I) grades must be completed by the last class day of the following semester. Courses reported as No Grades (NG) will be considered equivalent to a Q-dropped course regarding scholarship eligibility. NG courses will not count as hours successfully completed for scholarship eligibility.

Graduating Seniors Enrolled Less Than Full-time (12 hours)

If you are enrolled less than full-time (12 hours for undergraduates) in your final semester prior to graduation you may be eligible to receive a remaining scholarship payment. This policy varies by scholarship. You must apply for graduation and have a diploma fee on file before the scholarship will be permitted to pay. No request is necessary. Scholarships & Financial Aid will determine eligibility and act based upon scholarship criteria and student eligibility.

Mid-Term Grades

Mid-term grades will be evaluated only for first-year scholarship recipients (receiving multi-year scholarships) each fall and spring semester to ensure you are on track to obtain the required GPR for their scholarship. Mid-term standing is evaluated using official grades reported to the Registrar’s Office by the appropriate deadline each semester.

Scholarship recipients who are not currently meeting the required GPR for their scholarship(s) will be notified via email with information regarding their current scholarship satisfactory academic progress standing.

Remaining Payments after Graduation

Students who graduate with scholarship payments remaining may be able to use the payments for graduate or professional studies at Texas A&M University, including master, doctoral, law, and professional health programs. You must continue to be enrolled full-time (9 hours for graduate students) to receive payment. This is not available for all scholarships. If you graduate with remaining scholarship payments and do not continue into a graduate or professional program at Texas A&M, all remaining payments will be removed/forfeited and the scholarship will be offered to another deserving student.
Scholarship Deferment

Once you have begun enrollment at Texas A&M, scholarship payments may be deferred for documented health reasons, religious missions, military leave, or academic experiential learning opportunities such as co-op, internship, or education abroad. Deferment is not available for all scholarships. See Request for Scholarship Deferment form on page 20. You may not defer your scholarship(s) to avoid probation or suspension for failure to maintain the appropriate cumulative GPR or complete the required number of hours.

During the deferment period, you may NOT attend another college or university. Credit earned during the deferment period will result in termination of the scholarship. The only exception is participation in a Texas A&M-approved credit-bearing education abroad program.

Scholarship Reinstatement

Scholarship payments may be reinstated after an approved deferment. Additionally, some scholarships may be reinstated after you lose eligibility, and once you are again meeting the minimum requirements. Payments forfeited for less than full-time enrollment or lost due to scholarship suspension are not eligible for reinstatement. Reinstatement is not available for all scholarships. See Request for Scholarship Reinstatement form on page 21.

If a leave of absence requires readmission to Texas A&M University, you may submit a Scholarship Reinstatement request (for applicable scholarship programs). Reinstatement is subject to fund availability and is not guaranteed.

Any requests for reinstatement after deferment, suspension, or a grade change must be received by Scholarships & Financial Aid prior to the 12th class day of the semester for which the payment is being requested. If a request for reinstatement is not received by the 12th class day, you will forfeit that semester’s stipend. Request for reinstatement for previous semesters will not be considered.

Summer Scholarship Payments

Students with certain academic scholarships may request to use one of their 8 regular scholarship payments (scheduled one per fall and spring for 4 years) during the summer semester while enrolled at Texas A&M. See Request for Summer Payment form on page 23 for a list of eligible scholarships and enrollment requirements. A regular stipend payment will only be applied to the summer term a student is enrolled if it is requested. Otherwise, the scholarship will remain as originally scheduled (one per fall and spring for 4 years).

Withdrawals

Courses recorded as Withdrawn (W) will not count towards hours completed for a scholarship. If you intend to withdraw from the University for the semester or year you should visit with a Scholarships & Financial Aid Advisor to review any potential impact on your aid (scholarships and/or financial aid).
WAIVERS & EXEMPTIONS

Highest Ranking Graduate (Valedictorian) Tuition Exemption

The Highest Ranking Graduate Tuition Exemption is available to students from an accredited Texas high school who are designated as the school’s highest ranking graduate and attend a Texas public college or university. The high school reports and verifies this information with the Texas Education Agency. The tuition exemption is provided to the student for the fall and spring semesters following high school graduation. Fees, housing, meal plans, etc., are not included. Enrollment in at least 12 hours each semester is required.

Qualified students must present the official Highest Ranking Graduate High School Graduate Declaration document (certificate) provided by the Texas Education Agency to Scholarships & Financial Aid at Texas A&M for processing, prior to the 12th class of the first fall semester.

Non-Resident Tuition Waiver for Recipients of Competitive Scholarships

Beginning Fall 2017, a non-resident undergraduate student who holds competitive scholarship(s) of at least $4,000 or more per academic year may be entitled to pay the tuition of a resident student and have the non-resident tuition amount waived. The waiver only applies during the academic year(s) you are receiving at least $4,000 of competitive scholarships. A competitive scholarship must consider both Texas residents and non-residents in the awarding process, not give preference to one or the other, and must be offered by a University scholarship committee. If you lose eligibility for one or more scholarships which drops you below the $4,000 minimum for the year, your non-resident tuition waiver will be lost/forfeited and you will be assessed non-resident tuition charges.

Graduate students (or students offered competitive, renewable scholarships before Fall 2017) are required to earn and maintain at least $1,000 of competitive scholarship(s) per year to utilize the non-resident tuition waiver.

You must provide a Statement and proof of Selective Service registration or exemption to Texas A&M University to qualify for the non-resident tuition waiver for recipients of competitive scholarships.
CONDUCT PROBATION & AGGIE HONOR CODE

Per Texas A&M University Student Rule 27.1: University Sanctions, students considered not in good standing are not eligible “to receive a university-administered scholarship when the length of the period of not in good standing is greater than one semester” (27.1.2). Additionally, “some scholarships adhere to more strict guidelines and, therefore, ineligibility may result from a lesser length of not in good standing” (27.1.2). At the request of the Academic Operations Committee, all university scholarships will be reviewed, including university-, college-, and department-level scholarships.

If the period of “not in good standing” begins before scholarship funds are disbursed for the semester, the funds will be cancelled and the student considered not eligible. If the period of “not in good standing” begins after the funds have disbursed for the semester, the student will keep the funds so long as the period of “not in good standing” is not longer than one semester.

The student may request the reinstatement of any eligible multi-year scholarships when they are again considered in good standing with the university. Reinstatement to previous scholarships is subject to donor approval and the availability of funds. The student must be in otherwise good standing to request reinstatement (GPR, hours). See Request for Scholarship Reinstatement form on page 21.
SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Note: If you are the recipient of multiple scholarships, be reminded that each scholarship is administered separately and may have varying requirements.

Aggie Mothers’ Clubs / A&M Clubs Scholarships
Aggie Mothers’ Clubs and area A&M Clubs may award scholarships by identifying recipients themselves or allow Scholarships & Financial Aid to select recipients on their behalf. Each club maintains unique selection criteria based on the area location of the club. Each scholarship is funded by each club’s fundraising efforts.
One-Time or Multi-Year: Varies
Minimum Enrollment: Varies

Aggieland Bound Scholarship
Aggieland Bound Scholarships are offered to incoming freshman based on review of competitive scholarship offers from other schools. This scholarship is offered by the Office of Admissions. This scholarship is funded by Texas A&M University.
One-Time or Multi-Year: Multi-Year
Minimum Enrollment: Full-time
Renewal GPR: 3.0
30/60/90: Yes

Aggie High School Partner Scholarship
Aggie High School Partner Scholarships are offered to incoming freshman from select Texas high schools. The scholarship is offered by the Office of Admissions. This scholarship is funded by Texas A&M University.
One-Time or Multi-Year: One-Time
Minimum Enrollment: Half-time

Aggie Ring Scholarship
Aggie Ring Scholarships are offered to students eligible to order their Aggie Ring the following academic year. Each scholarship is funded by a donor’s generous gift or endowment. Scholarships & Financial Aid coordinates with the Association of Former Students on behalf of recipients, students do not receive funds directly.
One-Time or Multi-Year: One-Time

Bonfire Memorial Scholarship
Bonfire Memorial Scholarships are offered to recipients in memory of the students lost in the Bonfire collapse of 1999. The families of the deceased students may select the recipients. This scholarship is funded by a donor’s generous gift or endowment.
One-Time or Multi-Year: Multi-Year
Minimum Enrollment: Full-time
Additional Requirements: Attendance at an annual donor event in the spring may be required. More information will be provided by Scholarships & Financial Aid.

Brockman Foundation Scholarship
Brockman Foundation Scholarships are offered in partnership with the Texas A&M Foundation to provide full-cost funding to nationally-competitive high school graduates. The program is designed to support well rounded individuals of character, build a community of scholars, and encourage academic success and civic leadership. This scholarship is generously funded by the Brockman Foundation.
One-Time or Multi-Year: Multi-Year
Minimum Enrollment: Full-time
Renewal GPR: 3.5
30/60/90: No
Additional Requirements: Attendance at programming/events is required. More information will be provided by the Texas A&M Foundation.
Brownsville Scholars Program Scholarship
Brownsville Scholars Program Scholarships are offered to the most competitive Regents’ Scholars from Brownsville, TX. The award is based on academic and co-curricular achievement with preference for engineering majors. This scholarship is funded by a generous endowment from Mr. Michael Hernandez III ‘83.

**One-Time or Multi-Year:** Multi-Year  
**Minimum Enrollment:** Full-time  
**Renewal GPR:** 2.5  
**30/60/90:** Yes  
**Additional Requirements:** Participation in a learning community is required. Attendance at an annual donor event may be required. More information will be provided by LAUNCH at Texas A&M.

Century Scholars Program Scholarship
Century Scholars Program Scholarships are offered to the most competitive students who are graduates of a Century Scholar high school – a group of Texas high schools in partnership with Texas A&M – based on academic and co-curricular achievement. This scholarship is funded by Texas A&M University.

**One-Time or Multi-Year:** Multi-Year  
**Minimum Enrollment:** Full-time  
**Renewal GPR:** 2.75  
**30/60/90:** Yes  
**Education Abroad Stipend:** Yes  
**Additional Requirements:** Participation in the Century Scholars learning community your freshman year is required. More information will be provided by LAUNCH at Texas A&M.

College Board Recognition Award
College Board Recognition Awards are offered to students who are named National Hispanic Scholars by The College Board and enroll at Texas A&M. This scholarship is funded by Texas A&M University.

**One-Time or Multi-Year:** Multi-Year  
**Minimum Enrollment:** Full-time  
**Renewal GPR:** 3.25  
**30/60/90:** Yes

Community Connections Scholarship
Community Connections Scholarships are offered to incoming freshman by Texas A&M Prospective Student Center (PSC) staff. The scholarship is offered through the Office of Admissions. This scholarship is funded by Texas A&M University.

**One-Time or Multi-Year:** One-Time  
**Minimum Enrollment:** Full-time

Continuing Student Scholarships (Academic Excellence Scholarships)
Academic Excellence Scholarships are offered to currently enrolled students based on academic and co-curricular achievement and demonstrated leadership. Each scholarship is funded by a donor’s generous endowment.

**One-Time or Multi-Year:** Varies  
**Minimum Enrollment:** Full-time  
**Renewal GPR:** 2.5 (for renewable scholarships)  
**30/60/90:** No  
**Additional Requirements:** Attendance at an annual donor event in the spring may be required. More information will be provided by Scholarships & Financial Aid.
Craig & Galen Brown Foundation Scholarship (and Brown Supplemental Scholarship)
Craig & Galen Brown Foundation scholarships are offered to the most competitive students based on academic and co-curricular achievement, demonstrated leadership, and potential for further success. You must be National Merit Semifinalist. This scholarship is generously funded by the Craig & Galen Brown Foundation.
**One-Time or Multi-Year:** Multi-Year

**Minimum Enrollment:** Full-time

**Renewal GPR:** 3.5 cumulative and 3.25 semester

30/60/90: No

**Additional Requirements:** Attendance at an annual event in the fall is required. More information will be provided by the Craig & Galen Brown Foundation.

Dependent Children of Texas A&M Faculty & Staff Scholarship
Dependent Children Scholarships are offered to the most competitive undergraduate freshman, continuing, and transfer students who are dependent children of TAMU-College Station faculty and staff. Awards are based on academic and co-curricular achievement, some requiring evidence of financial need. This scholarship is funded by Texas A&M University and Chartwells.

**One-Time or Multi-Year:** Multi-Year

**Minimum Enrollment:** Full-time

**Renewal GPR:** 2.5

30/60/90: No

Education Abroad Scholarship
Education Abroad Scholarships are offered to the most competitive students based on academic and co-curricular achievement. Award amounts range from $1,000 for short-term trips to $2,000 for long-term trips. This scholarship is funded by Texas A&M University or by a donor’s generous gift or endowment.

**One-Time or Multi-Year:** One-Time

**Minimum Enrollment:** Full-time (12 hours in fall and spring; 6 hours for summer)

Education Abroad Stipend for Academic Scholarships
Academic scholarship recipients (President’s Endowed, Lechner, McFadden, Cheeves, Century, and President’s Achievement) are eligible to receive a one-time $1,000 stipend for an approved credit-bearing Texas A&M education abroad trip during their undergraduate career. Details are found on the request form on pages 24-25. This scholarship is funded by Texas A&M University.

**One-Time or Multi-Year:** One-Time

**Minimum Enrollment:** Full-time (12 hours in fall and spring; 6 hours for summer)

Eva & Jesse L. Easterwood Scholarship
Eva & Jesse Easterwood Scholarships are offered to the most competitive students joining the Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets based on academic and co-curricular achievement. This scholarship is funded by the Eva and Jesse L. Easterwood estate trust.

**One-Time or Multi-Year:** Multi-Year

**Minimum Enrollment:** Full-time

**Renewal GPR:** 2.5

30/60/90: Yes

Global Opportunity Fund
Global Opportunity Fund scholarships are offered to students enrolled in an education abroad experience based on financial need. Award amounts vary based on trip cost and financial need. This scholarship is funded by Texas A&M University.

**One-Time or Multi-Year:** One-Time

**Minimum Enrollment:** Full-time
Greater Texas Foundation Aggie Scholars Program Scholarship
Greater Texas Foundation Aggie Scholars Program Scholarships are offered to the most competitive students who are graduates of Texas early college high schools based on academic and co-curricular achievement. This scholarship is funded by Greater Texas Foundation, a statewide education grant provider based in Bryan, TX.

One-Time or Multi-Year: Multi-Year
Minimum Enrollment: Full-time
Renewal GPR: 2.5
30/60/90: No. Must complete 30 hours each academic year.
Additional Requirements: Living on campus and participation in the GTF Aggie Scholars learning community your freshman year is required. More information will be provided by LAUNCH at Texas A&M.

Howdy Scholarship
This scholarship is awarded by Scholarships & Financial Aid at Texas A&M University.
One-Time or Multi-Year: Multi-Year
Minimum Enrollment: Full-time
Renewal GPR: 2.5
30/60/90: Yes

International Student Scholarship
International Student Scholarships are offered to the most competitive currently enrolled international students based on academic and co-curricular achievement. Some awards require evidence of financial need. All applicants are encouraged to complete the International Student Financial Aid Application (ISFAA) as well as the University Scholarship Application. Each scholarship is funded by Texas A&M University or by a donor’s generous gift or endowment.

One-Time or Multi-Year: One-Time
Minimum Enrollment: Full-time

Lechner Scholarship
Lechner Scholarships are offered to the most competitive students based on academic and co-curricular achievement. This scholarship is funded by the late Walter W. Lechner.
One-Time or Multi-Year: Multi-Year
Minimum Enrollment: Full-time
Renewal GPR: 3.5
30/60/90: Yes
Education Abroad Stipend: Yes

Maroon Merit Award
The Maroon Merit is offered to recruited out-of-state (domestic) students who meet established academic standards and are not receiving a tuition benefit from Texas A&M University. The scholarship is offered through the Office of Admissions. This scholarship is funded by Texas A&M University.
One-Time or Multi-Year: Multi-Year
Minimum Enrollment: Full-time
Renewal GPR: 3.0
30/60/90: Yes
Additional Requirements: If at any point you become eligible for a non-resident tuition waiver by earning at least $4,000 in competitive scholarship(s) or become eligible to pay in-state tuition, all future payments of this scholarship will be permanently terminated.

McFadden Scholarship
McFadden Scholarships are offered to the most competitive students who are residents of Dallas or Tarrant counties based on academic and co-curricular achievement. This scholarship is funded by the Ella C. McFadden Trust.
One-Time or Multi-Year: Multi-Year
Minimum Enrollment: Full-time
Renewal GPR: 3.5
30/60/90: Yes
Education Abroad Stipend: Yes
National Recognition Scholarship
National Recognition Scholarships are offered to students who are named either a National Hispanic, National African American, National Native & Indigenous, or National Rural & Small-Town Scholars by The College Board and enroll at Texas A&M. This scholarship is funded by Texas A&M University.

One-Time or Multi-Year: Multi-Year
Minimum Enrollment: Full-time
Renewal GPR: 3.25
30/60/90: Yes

National Merit Recognition Scholarship
National Merit Recognition Awards are offered to students who are named National Merit Finalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, name Texas A&M as their first-choice school with the NMSC, and enroll at Texas A&M. This scholarship is funded by Texas A&M University.

One-Time or Multi-Year: Multi-Year
Minimum Enrollment: Full-time
Renewal GPR: 3.5
30/60/90: Yes

National Merit Sponsorship
National Merit Sponsorships are offered to students who are named National Merit Finalists, name Texas A&M as their first-choice school with the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, are not receiving a National- or Corporate-sponsored award, and enroll at Texas A&M. This scholarship is funded by the Association of Former Students and Texas A&M University.

One-Time or Multi-Year: Multi-Year
Minimum Enrollment: Full-time
Renewal GPR: 2.0
30/60/90: No

Opportunity Award Scholarship
Opportunity Award Scholarships are offered to the most competitive students based on academic and co-curricular achievement. Recipients are initially offered a guaranteed amount and placed on a named scholarship account during the summer before their freshman year. Each scholarship is funded by a donor’s generous endowment.

One-Time or Multi-Year: Varies, 1 year to 4 years
Minimum Enrollment: Full-time
Renewal GPR: 2.5
30/60/90: Yes

Additional Requirements: Some Opportunity Awards require attendance at an annual donor event each spring. More information will be provided by the Texas A&M Foundation or Scholarships & Financial Aid. Additionally, some Opportunity Awards have a renewal GPR other than a 2.5. Any change to renewal requirements will be communicated directly to you.

Phillips 66 SHIELD Scholars Program Scholarship
Phillips 66 SHIELD Scholarships are offered to the most competitive upper-class undergraduate students pursuing a career in the energy industry majoring in Engineering, Business, Economics, or Geosciences. This scholarship is funded through the generous gift from Phillips 66.

One-Time or Multi-Year: Multi-Year
Minimum Enrollment: Full-time
Renewal GPR: 3.25
30/60/90: No

Additional Requirements: Participation in the SHIELD Scholars Program each year is required.
President’s Achievement Scholarship
President’s Achievement Scholarships are offered to the most competitive students who are graduates of targeted Texas high schools based on academic and co-curricular achievement. This scholarship is funded by Texas A&M University.

One-Time or Multi-Year: Multi-Year
Minimum Enrollment: Full-time
Renewal GPR: 2.75
30/60/90: Yes

Additional Requirements: Participation in the ACREW learning community your freshman year is required for students receiving this scholarship in conjunction with the Regents’ Scholarship. More information will be provided by LAUNCH at Texas A&M.

President’s Endowed Scholarship
President’s Endowed Scholarships are offered to the most competitive students based on academic and co-curricular achievement. Each scholarship is funded by a donor’s generous endowment.

One-Time or Multi-Year: Multi-Year
Minimum Enrollment: Full-time
Renewal GPR: 3.5
30/60/90: Yes
Education Abroad Stipend: Yes

Additional Requirements: Admission at an annual donor event in the fall is required. More information will be provided by the Texas A&M Foundation.

Regents’ Scholarship
Regents’ Scholarships are offered to first-generation college students with financial need. Recipients must complete the FAFSA (or TASFA) each year and continue to exhibit financial need to remain eligible. This scholarship is funded by Texas A&M University.

One-Time or Multi-Year: Multi-Year
Minimum Enrollment: Full-time
Renewal GPR: 2.0
30/60/90: Yes

Additional Requirements: Participation in a learning community and living on campus your first year is required. In addition, attendance at an orientation in the fall and an event in the spring of your freshman year is required. Additional participation is required in year two through four.

Reta & HJ (Bill) Haynes ‘46 Scholarship
Haynes Scholarships are offered to the most competitive incoming freshmen based on academic and co-curricular achievement and demonstrated leadership. This scholarship is generously funded by Reta & the late Bill Haynes ‘46.

One-Time or Multi-Year: Multi-Year
Minimum Enrollment: Full-time
Renewal GPR: 3.0
30/60/90: Yes

Additional Requirements: Participation in a learning community is required. More information will be provided by LAUNCH at Texas A&M.

Southerland Aggie Leader Scholarship
Southerland Aggie Leader Scholarships are offered to currently enrolled students who display strong leadership qualities. You must complete the Southerland Aggie Leader essay on the University Scholarship Application to be considered. Each scholarship award amount is a one-time $1000 opportunity and is funded by a donor’s generous gift or endowment.

One-Time or Multi-Year: One-Time
Minimum Enrollment: Full-time
Terry Foundation Scholarship
Terry Foundation Scholarships are offered to the most competitive incoming freshmen Texas residents based on academic and co-curricular achievement. Awards range up to total cost of attendance (expected family contribution and other awards considered). This scholarship is generously funded by the Terry Foundation.

*One-Time or Multi-Year:* Multi-Year  
*Minimum Enrollment:* Full-time  
*Renewal GPR:* 2.5  
*30/60/90:* No  
*Additional Requirements:* Participation in the ASPIRE learning community during your first year and attendance at annual donor events is required. More information will be provided by the Terry Foundation.

Terry Foundation Transfer Scholarship
Terry Foundation Transfer Scholarships are offered to the most competitive transfer Texas residents based on academic and co-curricular achievement. Award amounts are determined by the Terry Foundation annually. This scholarship is generously funded by the Terry Foundation.

*One-Time or Multi-Year:* Multi-Year  
*Minimum Enrollment:* Full-time  
*Renewal GPR:* 2.5  
*30/60/90:* No  
*Additional Requirements:* Participation in the Transfer Scholars Program during your first year and attendance at annual donor events is required. More information will be provided by the Terry Foundation.

Transfer Student Scholarship
Aggie Transfer Scholarships are offered to incoming transfer students based on academic and co-curricular achievement and demonstrated leadership. This scholarship is funded by Texas A&M University or by a donor’s generous gift or endowment.

*One-Time or Multi-Year:* Varies  
*Minimum Enrollment:* Full-time  
*Renewal GPR:* 2.5  
*30/60/90:* No

Very Important Counselor (VIC) Scholarship
Very Important Counselor Scholarships are offered to incoming freshman through recommendations from high school administrators recognized as Very Important Counselors by the Office of Admissions at Texas A&M. This scholarship is funded by Texas A&M University.

*One-Time or Multi-Year:* One-Time  
*Minimum Enrollment:* Full-time

Veteran / Dependent / Spouse Scholarships
Veteran / Dependent / Spouse Scholarships are offered to veterans and dependents of veterans of the United States Armed Forces. Students may apply as a freshman, continuing, or transfer student. Each scholarship is funded by Texas A&M University or by a donor’s generous gift or endowment.

*One-Time or Multi-Year:* Varies  
*Minimum Enrollment:* Full-time  
*Renewal GPR:* 2.5 (for renewable scholarships)  
*30/60/90:* No  
*Additional Requirements:* Attendance at an annual donor event in the spring may be required. More information will be provided by Scholarships & Financial Aid.
OTHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Programs administered by Scholarships & Financial Aid but not funded by a Texas A&M University-related entity.

Fifth Year Accounting Scholarship Program
Fifth Year Accounting Scholarships are offered to students enrolled in the Professional Program in Accounting at Texas A&M University to help fund their fifth year of study and the purchase of study materials for the Examination for Certified Public Accountants. You must apply through the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy’s application, available through the Mays School Department of Accounting. Awards are based on academic achievement and financial need. Funding and award amounts vary year to year. Additional Information: http://www.tsbpa.state.tx.us

Gates Millennium Scholarship Program
Gates Millennium Scholarships are offered to high achieving under-represented students with significant financial need majoring in areas including computer science, education, engineering, library science, mathematics, and public health and services. The Gates Millennium Scholars Program will commit to provide support for students from undergraduate through doctoral degrees. The scholarship acts as a “last dollar in” award, covering unmet need up to cost of attendance after all other aid is considered. Recipients are selected by The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Additional Information: http://gmsp.org

The Gates Scholarship
The Gates Scholarship is a highly selective, full scholarship for exceptional, Pell-eligible, minority, high school seniors. Scholars will receive funding for the full cost of attendance that is not already covered by other financial aid and the expected family contribution, as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Recipients are selected by The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Additional Information: https://www.thegatesscholarship.org/scholarship

Posse Foundation Scholarship Program
Posse Foundation Scholarships are offered to public high school students with extraordinary potential, expanding the pool from which top colleges and universities can recruit outstanding young leaders from diverse backgrounds. Posse provides students the opportunity to pursue personal and academic excellence by placing them in supportive teams – posses – of 10 students. Posse partner schools award Posse Scholars four years of supplemental funding.). Recipients are selected by The Posse Foundation. Additional Information: http://www.possefoundation.org

Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP)
Texas Armed Services Scholarships are offered to students with intent to commit to at least 4 years in a Texas National or State Guard branch or contract to serve as a commissioned officer in the United States Armed Forces. Initial and continued eligibility information can be found on the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board’s website. This award is treated as a scholarship; however, if you do not meet the conditions, the award transitions to a loan and must be paid back to the State of Texas. Recipients are nominated by the governor, lieutenant governor, state senator or state representative. Additional Information: http://www.hhloans.com/
## Scholarships at a Glance

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** Some scholarships are available at less than the minimum enrollment requirement if you are completing a co-op or internship or are in your final semester before graduation. Contact Scholarships & Financial Aid for information regarding a specific scholarship or enrollment situation.

Key

- **AT/CA** ApplyTexas Application or Coalition Application
- USA University Scholarship Application
- Other Application available through donor
- **FAFSA / TASFA** Free Application for Federal Student Aid / Texas Application for State Financial Aid used to determine eligibility and selection
- **Request Form** Request for Academic Scholarship Education Abroad Stipend Form on page 24-25
- None No application, students are selected based on eligibility criteria and funding

Good Standing

- **Y ◊** Able to pay at less than the minimum enrollment requirement at the donor’s discretion. Contact Scholarships & Financial Aid for information regarding a specific enrollment situation.

- **FT** Full-time (12 for undergraduates fall/spring; 9 for graduates fall/spring)
- **HT** Half-time (6 for undergraduates fall/spring; 5 for graduates fall/spring)
- **FT*** Full-time for Education Abroad Scholarships (12 hours fall/spring; 6 hours summer)
- **SP** Scholarship Program coordinated through Scholarships & Financial Aid at Texas A&M
- **LC** Learning Community coordinated through LAUNCH at Texas A&M
- **LC*** Students receiving the President’s Achievement Scholarship AND the Regents’ Scholarship are required to participate in a Learning Community coordinated through LAUNCH at Texas A&M.
- **N*** Must complete 30 hours each academic year.

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Please read each form carefully and completely before submitting a completed request to Scholarships & Financial Aid. The following forms do not apply to all scholarships. Eligible scholarships are listed on each form as applicable. Scholarships not included are not eligible for deferral, reinstatement, etc.

The following forms are available in this handbook and online at scholarships.tamu.edu/forms.

Submit to Scholarships & Financial Aid (Pavilion, 2nd floor or via email to scholarships@tamu.edu):

Request for Scholarship Deferment (page 20)
To request the deferment of a regular scholarship payment, including co-op/internship, withdrawal, etc.

Request for Scholarship Reinstatement (page 21)
To request the reinstatement of a scholarship after deferment or suspension.

Request for Summer Scholarship Payment (page 22)
To request the use of a future scholarship payment for the summer term at Texas A&M.

Request for National Merit 5th Year Stipend (page 23)
To request the 5th year stipend available to National Merit Scholars (Finalists).

Submit to Education Abroad (Pavilion 1st floor):

Request for Academic Scholarship Education Abroad Stipend (pages 24-25)
To request the one-time education abroad stipend available to academic scholarship recipients.
Request for Scholarship Deferment

To request the deferment of a regular scholarship payment, including co-op/internship, withdrawal, etc.

Name ___________________________________________________   UIN ____________________________

Requesting deferment for:

- Academic Achievement
- College Board Recognition Award
- Century Scholars
- National Merit Recognition Award
- National Recognition Scholarship
- Aggieland Bound
- Brownsville Scholars
- Lechner
- President’s Achievement
- President’s Endowed
- Cheeves
- McFadden
- Cameron County Scholarship

*Scholarships not listed above are generally not eligible for deferment. Contact Scholarships & Financial Aid with questions regarding your scholarship.

Reason for request:

- Co-op
- Internship
- Military Leave
- Medical Withdrawal
- Student Teaching
- Religious Mission Trip

I am requesting my scholarship be deferred for the _______________ (semester) of _______________ (year).

I anticipate returning to Texas A&M University as a full-time student (12 hours fall/spring, 8 hours summer) in the _______________ (semester) of _______________ (year).

I have read, understand, and will comply with the requirements of deferring a scholarship payment.

Signature ________________________________________________   Date ___________________________

NOTES:

- You must complete this form prior to each semester they are requesting deferment.
- During the deferment period, you may NOT attend another four-year degree-granting university. If so, your scholarship will be terminated. The only exception is the participation in a Texas A&M-approved credit-bearing Education abroad program.
- If you are a National Merit Scholar, you must notify the National Merit Scholarship Corporation of your deferment.

National Merit Scholarship Corporation | 847-866-5100 | nationalmerit.org
Request for Scholarship Reinstatement

To request the reinstatement of a scholarship after deferment or suspension.

Name ___________________________________________________   UIN ____________________________

Requesting reinstatement for:
- Academic Achievement
- Aggieland Bound
- McFadden
- Brown Scholarship
- College Board Recognition Award
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- Cameron County Scholarship

*Scholarships not listed above are generally not eligible for reinstatement. Contact Scholarships & Financial Aid with questions regarding your scholarship.

You must be in good standing and meet all requirements for your scholarship to request reinstatement. The specific terms, including required GPR and completed hours, are available for all listed scholarships in the Scholarship Information section of this handbook starting on page 9. Requests for students not meeting the general requirements of their scholarship will be denied.

Reason for reinstatement after no payment:
- Co-op/Internship
- Deferment
- Scholarship Suspension
- Education Abroad
- Military Leave
- Medical Withdrawal
- Religious Mission Trip

I am requesting my scholarship be reinstated for the _______________ (semester) of _______________ (year).

This form must be submitted to Scholarships & Financial Aid prior to the 12th class day of the semester for which the scholarship payment may be reinstated.

I have read, understand, and will comply with the requirements of reinstating a scholarship.

Signature _______________________________________________   Date ___________________________

This form should be submitted to Scholarships & Financial Aid (Pavilion, Second floor or via email to scholarships@tamu.edu).
Request for Summer Scholarship Payment

To request the use of a future scholarship payment for the summer term at Texas A&M.

Name ___________________________________________________   UIN ______________________________

Requesting summer scholarship payment for:

- Academic Achievement
- National Recognition Scholarship
- Brown Scholarship
- College Board Recognition Award
- Aggieland Bound
- Cheeves
- Century Scholars
- Lechner
- McFadden
- National Merit Recognition Award
- President’s Achievement
- President’s Endowed

*Scholarships not listed above are not eligible for a summer scholarship payment. Contact Scholarships & Financial Aid with questions regarding your scholarship.

Full-time for the summer term for scholarship purposes is defined as eight (8) hours. You must be enrolled in at least 8 hours over the course of the summer term to utilize a regular full scholarship payment. Eight (8) hours can be completed by combining courses between the two five-week sessions (Summer I and Summer II) and the ten-week session.

If you are enrolled in at least four (4) hours but less than eight (8) hours, you may be eligible to receive half of a future full scholarship stipend payment. The other half will be forfeited.

Number of credit hours enrolled:

- Summer I
- Summer II
- Summer 10 Week

I have read, understand, and will comply with the requirements of utilizing a summer scholarship payment.

Signature ________________________________________________   Date ___________________________

This form should be submitted to Scholarships & Financial Aid (Pavilion, Second floor or via email to scholarships@tamu.edu).
Request for National Merit 5th Year Stipend

To request the 5th year stipend available to National Merit Scholars (Finalists).

Name ___________________________________________ UIN ____________________________

National Merit Scholars (Finalists) are eligible to receive a supplemental fifth year award if:

▪ Four calendar years since your date of enrollment has passed and all eight (8) payments of your National Merit Recognition Award have been utilized; and,
▪ You are in good standing for your National Merit Recognition Award (≥ 3.5 cumulative GPR); and,
▪ You will be enrolled full-time during the semester(s) to which the 5th Year Stipend is applied (excluding your final graduating semester when less than full time enrollment is allowed); and,
▪ You are still considered an undergraduate who has not completed your degree program; and,
▪ You will not have graduated and re-enroll in another degree program.

Students enrolled in a full fifth year may be eligible for $1,500 per semester for two (2) semesters, totaling $3,000. If you graduate in the fall semester, you are eligible to receive only the $1,500 for that semester.

I have read, understand, and will comply with the requirements of the National Merit 5th Year Stipend.

Signature ___________________________________________ Date ____________________________

This form should be submitted to Scholarships & Financial Aid (Pavilion, Second floor or via email to scholarships@tamu.edu).
Request for Academic Scholarship Education Abroad Stipend

To request the one-time education abroad stipend available to academic scholarship recipients.

1. Eligibility Requirements

Students who have completed at least one academic year at Texas A&M University and who are receiving one of the scholarships listed below are eligible to receive a one-time $1,000 Education Abroad Stipend for a Texas A&M approved credit-bearing education abroad experience. Stipends can be used only during a student’s undergraduate career.

2. GPR Requirements

You must be in good standing and meet all requirements for your scholarship(s) at the time of the request.

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3. Minimum Enrollment Requirements

Fall or Spring: 12 hours
Summer: 6 hours

4. Requesting an Education Abroad Stipend

- Turn in the attached form to Education Abroad (First floor of The Pavilion or abroad@tamu.edu).
- Requests should be made at least 30 days in advance of your program date/travel. Retroactive requests will not be considered.
- Request forms are routed to Scholarships & Financial Aid.

5. Processing Your Education Abroad Stipend

Education Abroad will verify that you will participate in an approved credit-bearing education abroad experience. Scholarships & Financial Aid will ensure you are meeting the requirements of your scholarship, are eligible for the stipend, and will post the award to your Financial Aid Portal. It is your responsibility to be aware of the balance due for your trip and arrange any payment prior to the applicable deadline.

- Requests should be made at least 30 days in advance of your program date/travel. Retroactive requests will not be considered. Requests submitted less than 30 days prior may not be applied before due dates.
- You should consult with your Education Abroad Advisor regarding payment and registration deadlines for your education abroad experience.
- You must be registered for your education abroad courses before your stipend is posted to your scholarships & financial aid portal.
- You should consult with a Scholarships & Financial Aid Advisor regarding additional financial options and support for your education abroad experience, including scholarships and loans.

Questions regarding the Academic Scholarship Education Abroad Stipend should be directed to Scholarships & Financial Aid at 979-845-3236 or scholarships@tamu.edu.
Request for Academic Scholarship Education Abroad Stipend

Use this form to request the one-time education abroad stipend available to academic scholarship recipients for a Texas A&M approved credit-bearing education abroad experience.

Name ___________________________________________ UIN __________________________________

Requesting Academic Scholarship Education Abroad Stipend for:

_____ Academic Achievement  _____ McFadden  _____ Cheeves

_____ Century Scholars  _____ Lechner

_____ President’s Achievement  _____ President’s Endowed

Education Abroad Program Name ____________________________________________________________

Program Country _________________________________________________________________________

TAMU Primary Program Contact _________________________________________________________

Course Term for your Program:

_____ Fall 2020 (12 hours required)  _____ Spring 2021 (12 hours required)  _____ Summer 2021 (6 hours required)

All courses you plan to take during this term:  Total Hours Enrolled for Term: ______

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Dates of Education Abroad Program: ________________

Education Abroad use only

☐ Faculty-Led  ☐ Research/Internship  ☐ Reciprocal Exchange

☐ Academic Field Trip  ☐ Provider Program

EA Representative (print) __________________________________ Date ____________________

EA Representative (sign) __________________________________

Scholarships & Financial Aid use only

Fund code ______________  Approved By ______________  Date ______________

This form should be submitted to Education Abroad (Pavilion, First floor or abroad@tamu.edu).

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RESOURCES

Admissions
979.845.1060 | admissions.tamu.edu

Career Center
979.845.5139 | careercenter.tamu.edu

Counseling and Psychological Services
979.847.4427 | caps.tamu.edu

Disability Resources
979.845.1637 | disability.tamu.edu

Education Abroad
979.845-0544 | abroad.tamu.edu

International Student Services
979.845.1824 | iss.tamu.edu

LAUNCH: Learning Communities | Academic Excellence | Undergraduate Research | National Fellowships | Capstones | Honors
979.845.1957 | launch.tamu.edu

Money Education Center
979.845.7283 | money.tamu.edu

Multicultural Services
979.862.2000 | dms.tamu.edu

Office of the Registrar
979.845.1031 | registrar.tamu.edu

Residence Life
979.845.4744 | reslife.tamu.edu

Scholarships & Financial Aid
979.845.3236 | scholarships.tamu.edu | financialaid.tamu.edu

Student Business Services
979.847.3337 | sbs.tamu.edu

University Writing Center
979.845.1455 | writingcenter.tamu.edu

Veteran Services Office
979.845.8075 | veterans.tamu.edu

Veteran Resource & Support Center
979.845.3161 | https://aggieveterans.tamu.edu/