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MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR FIRST YEAR

The first year of college is an interesting and exciting time. But it is also a time of change and transitions, particularly for students who attend college away from home. Sometimes new college students may begin to feel a little overwhelmed by it all. Included in this handbook are practical tips on how to cope with that critical first year and to start strong.

Getting Started

You will discover that high school is much different than college. There are obvious differences, such as the fact that high school is mandatory and generally free, while college is voluntary and is not free. There are also some not so obvious differences. Recognizing these differences will provide you the best academic start at Texas A&M University.

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<th>In High School…</th>
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<td>Your time is structured by others. You often times need permission to participate in extracurricular activities. You can count on parents and teachers to remind you of your responsibilities and to guide you in setting priorities.</td>
<td>You manage your own time. You must decide whether to participate in co-curricular activities. You must balance your responsibilities and set priorities.</td>
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<td>Each day, your classes are arranged for you. You proceed from one class directly to another one, spending 6 hours each day, 30 hours per week, in class.</td>
<td>You arrange your own schedule in consultation with your advisor. Schedules tend to look lighter than they really are. You often have hours between classes; class times vary throughout the day and evening and you spend only 12-16 hours in class each week.</td>
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<td>You may study outside of class as little as 0 to 2 hours a week, and this may be mostly last minute test preparation. You seldom need to read anything more than once, and sometimes listening in class is enough. You are expected to read short assignments that are then discussed, often re-taught, in class.</td>
<td>You need to study at least 2-3 hours outside of class for each hour in class, as a general rule. You need to review class notes and text material regularly. You are assigned substantial amounts of reading and writing which may not be directly addressed in class.</td>
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<td>Teachers frequently conduct review sessions, pointing out the most important concepts. Mastery is usually seen as the ability to reproduce what you were taught in the form in which it was presented to you, or to solve the kinds of problems you were shown how to solve.</td>
<td>Professors rarely offer review sessions, and when they do, they expect you to be an active participant, one who comes prepared with questions. Mastery is often seen as the ability to apply what you have learned to new situations or to solve new kinds of problems.</td>
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<td>Effort counts. Courses are usually structured to reward a “good faith effort.”</td>
<td>Results count. Though “good faith effort” is important in regard to the professor’s willingness to help you achieve good results, it will not substitute for results in the grading process.</td>
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For each class, you will receive a syllabus with a list of assignments and examination dates. It is your responsibility to keep track of these assignments and important dates, and to keep up with your coursework. Because of the greater volume of work expected of students in college, it is easy to get behind. The further behind you permit yourself to be, the more difficult it will be to catch up and do your best work.
Freshmen are often shocked by their first grade report, which often contains grades well below what they earned in high school, and while college is considered a greater challenge than high school, this assertion should not be used to excuse an apathy about academic excellence. The important thing is what a student does to improve his or her record once the initial shock wears off.

When in class, ask questions. If your instructor says something that you do not understand, ask about it, even at the risk of sounding naive or being embarrassed by what you do not know. Do not be afraid to talk to the professor after class. By asking questions and talking to your instructor, you demonstrate your interest in his or her class. Most professors enjoy their job and even more so when students are interested. Participate in office hours. This is a time to get to know your professors. Come prepared with questions. If available, participate in Supplemental Instruction (SI) sessions. Students should utilize SI at least 10 times for a class they are struggling in to positively impact their grade.

If you are having trouble keeping up in a class or do not understand the concepts, you may need to spend more time studying. Use the following tips to help develop a realistic study scheme for yourself:

- Keep track of the actual study times and other activities you do to see how and when you study and how much time you spend on non-academic related activities.
- Develop a study group. There are times when you learn more from fellow students than from professors.
- Reward yourself for sticking to your new schedule. For example, invite a friend to go to a movie or party, watch a TV show, or visit another friend.
- Studying too much at one time is not effective. Take short breaks throughout your studying to relieve stress and refresh.

Some students think they are not intelligent because they do not immediately understand what they read. Studying a textbook requires a different approach than reading a novel. If you find yourself having trouble concentrating, learn how to study actively by using these suggestions:

- Before you read an assigned chapter or journal article, take a quick look at the headings and subheadings to answer the question, “What is this material going to be about?” Your comprehension will increase if you anticipate the material.
- Write three or four questions you think the material should answer.
- Read the material to discover the answers to your questions. Develop new questions as you go along.
- Write answers to your questions in your own words.
- Review the material and your questions and answers regularly; by doing this you are less likely to forget the most important ideas.
- As you read with your questions in mind, you will increase your ability to concentrate and understand what you read the first time.
- When you receive a major assignment, break it down into smaller tasks and develop a definite schedule to handle them. If a term paper is due in eight weeks, for example, outline all of the tasks involved: select a topic, locate books and articles on the topic, skim the materials, read relevant materials in depth, take notes while you read, create an outline for your paper, write a section at a time using the outline, complete the first draft, and write the finished paper from the edited draft.
- Estimate the time required for each task, set deadlines, and follow your schedule. Use a similar process to review your notes and required readings on a regular basis and not just before an exam.
If you want or need to improve your study skills, there are a number of offices on campus that are available to help you. Below are just a few of the offices that offer many of these services.

Student Learning Center  
http://slc.tamu.edu/  
Hotard Hall  
Phone: 845.2724

University Writing Center  
http://writingcenter.tamu.edu/  
Evans Library 1.214  
Phone: 458.1455

Student Counseling Services  
http://scs.tamu.edu/  
Cain Hall  
Phone: 845.4427

An Aggie does not lie, cheat, or steal, or tolerate those who do.

Academic Integrity: See http://student-rules.tamu.edu for student rules regarding academics and student life.

Choosing a Major

If you are entering college without a definite career goal in mind, you can use your first year or two to discover your real interests. Budget an hour or more each week to do this actively. Develop a list of your interests and goals (what would you like to do in five years?). Consult the undergraduate course catalog to locate courses and majors that seem to match your interests and talk to students who are majoring in those subjects as well as the professors teaching them. Ask them what a person needs to know to succeed in those areas. There are numerous professors and advisors who make themselves available both in and out of the class through the ATMentors program. See http://mentors.tamu.edu/

When thinking about whether to major in a subject, find a student club devoted to the subject and check it out. For example attending a meeting of the psychology club, French club, or finance club. Texas A&M offers a wide variety of various clubs and activities. Most of these can be found online at http://studentactivities.tamu.edu/. There is also an open house once a semester for the sole purpose of acquainting students with the numerous clubs and activities available to them both on and off campus.

If you need more advice on planning courses or selecting a major, inquire about your college’s advising service. Undergraduate advisors are available for every major at Texas A&M. To set up an appointment with an advisor, contact the individual department.
To explore career areas firsthand, look for internships (which pay little or no salary), cooperative education programs (for which you earn college credit), part-time jobs, summer jobs, and volunteer work. The student placement office, college advising office, and department chairpersons and staff may be of help. There are several resources at A&M that provide assistance in this respect. They are as follows:

Student Counseling Services  
Cain Hall  
Phone: 845.4427

Texas A&M University Career Center  
Koldus 209  
Phone: 845.5139

Student Employment Office  
Pavilion 219  
Phone: 845.0686

Taking Care of Yourself

The new challenges of college may produce stress from time to time, in the form of physical exhaustion and/or emotional lows. If you develop a medical problem, you can contact the student clinic, Beutel Health Center, at 845.1511.

When you feel low, phone your family or friends to lift your spirits. Until you have established new relationships in college, you may have greater need of emotional support. If a personal problem is causing you stress, talk to a close friend, the resident counselor in your dorm, or a campus counselor. Through Student Counseling Services, Texas A&M offers confidential, personal counseling to help students get through rough times.

Be aware of how your friends may affect your studies. If they are serious about their work, their attitudes and use of time will make it easier for you to get your work done. If they want to chat or hold parties every night, you will have to be strong and remain dedicated to your own success. Do not be afraid to refuse the pressure to participate.
Getting Involved

From political and cultural to religious and athletics, over 700 Texas A&M student groups offer something for every student who wants to make the most of his or her college experience. Many of these activities can ease your transition to college by helping you make new friends or by allowing you to pursue and develop new and current interests. If you decide to participate in extra-curricular activities during your first year, be aware of the time you spend with them and how they will effect your studies.

Note: The source of this article was unavailable and has been adapted for academic use.

Tips to Make the Transition to College

• Take control of your own education; think of yourself as a scholar.
• Get to know your professors; they are your single greatest resource.
• Be assertive. Create your own support systems, and seek help when you realize you may need it.
• Take control of your life. Plan ahead to satisfy academic obligations and make room for everything else.
• Make thoughtful decisions; do not take a course just to satisfy a requirement, and do not drop any course too quickly.
• Think beyond the moment; set goals for the semester, the year, and your college career.

Scholarship Guidelines:
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If a student holds multiple scholarships, each scholarship is administered separately, and the terms of each scholarship are followed as stated below.

Scholarships listed in alpha order.

5th Year Accounting Program Scholarship
This program is available subject to funding by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and provides a scholarship for students who are enrolled at least half-time, have completed at least 120 semester credit hours or their equivalent at the time a scholarship is received, and have not already taken the uniform Certified Public Accountancy exam for the purpose of becoming a Certified Public Accountant. A student can receive an aggregate of up to $3,000; this is a cumulative award and will count all amounts received for prior years. Ranking of applicants is based on financial need, scholastic ability (GPA), and residency.
Specific Terms: This is a one year award. There is no minimum cumulative GPR.

A&M Clubs/Aggie Mom’s Clubs
These awards are made two ways: Some awards are donor selected, that is, the donor sends funding with a list of recipients. Other awards are chosen by the Scholarship Committee based on information from the ApplyTexas freshman application or the University Scholarship Application for continuing student/Academic Excellence Awards.
Specific Terms: Award amounts, duration, and renewal criteria vary according to each clubs’ criteria. For more information contact Scholarships & Financial Aid at 979-845-3982.

Academic Achievement Scholarships
Academic Achievement Scholarships are funded by Texas A&M University to support its strong institutional commitment to outstanding students.
Specific Terms: Scholarship programs require students to maintain enrollment in at least 12 credit hours in each of the Fall and Spring semesters, a minimum cumulative GPR of 2.75, and not be on conduct probation.

Academic Excellence/Continuing Student Awards
These scholarships are available to current A&M students with an established GPR at Texas A&M University. Awards are based on academic performance, extracurricular involvement in college, work experience, volunteer work and financial need. There are approximately 800 awards with more than 5,000 applicants each year. Applications are available online at http://scholarships.tamu.edu October 15 and due by Feb 1.
Specific Terms: One year awards range in value from $500 – $2,500 per academic year. Renewal criteria vary based on the donor. In most cases, students must re-apply each year. Thank you letters are required, unless donor is deceased. Attendance at a spring donor reception may be required. For more information contact Scholarships & Financial Aid at 979-845-3982.

Academic Scholarship- Study Abroad Stipend
Recipients of Academic Scholarships (President’s Endowed, Lechner, McFadden, Academic Achievement, President’s Achievement, Century Scholars, and Challenge scholarships) who have completed at least one academic year at Texas A&M University prior to studying abroad are automatically eligible to receive a $1,000
Study Abroad Stipend, which must be used prior to graduation. Each student may receive only one stipend during his or her TAMU career. The Study Abroad Program for which a stipend is requested must be an official TAMU sponsored and faculty-lead program coordinated by or in cooperation with and approved by the Study Abroad Program Office. A Fall or Spring Study Abroad Program must total at least 12 credit hours; a summer Study Abroad Program must total at least 6 credit hours. Request forms are available at the end of this handbook, in the Scholarships & Financial Aid Office, or the Study Abroad Office.

Aggieland Bound Scholarships
These scholarships are a recruitment scholarship based in-part on a review of scholarship offers from other schools. This program is contingent upon funds availability.
Specific Terms: Award amounts and duration vary. Requires a 3.0 cumulative GPR. For more information contact Scholarships & Financial Aid at 979-845-3982.

Aggieland High School Scholarships
These scholarships are awarded to select high schools in Texas to enrich the geographic representation at Texas A&M University.
Specific Terms: This is a one year award. There is no minimum cumulative GPR as it is not renewable.

Aggie Ring scholarships
These scholarships are generously funded by The Association of Former Students, The Federation of Aggie Mom’s and various other donors.
Specific terms: This is a one-time award. There is no minimum cumulative GPR as it is not renewable.

Aggie Spirit Collegiate License Plate Scholarship
Scholarships are awarded to new freshman, continuing, and transfer students. Recipients must be Texas residents and have financial need. A portion of the cost of Aggie Spirit Collegiate License Plate is placed in a scholarship fund to support students.
Specific Terms: This is a one year award. There is no minimum cumulative GPR as it is not renewable.

Aggie Transfer Scholarships
The transfer scholarship is designed to recognize outstanding students who will be transferring to Texas A&M University. Students must have completed at least 24 hours at their previous institution. The annual awards range from $500 to $3,000. Selection criteria include, but are not limited to, academic achievement, extracurricular involvement, leadership, major and, in some instances, financial need as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
Terms: Award amounts, duration, and renewal criteria vary according to the donor’s gift agreement. Thank you letters may be required. Attendance at a spring donor reception may be required. For more information contact Scholarships & Financial Aid at 979-845-3982.

The Association of Former Students scholarships
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 yearly, small-gift contributions to the Annual Fund. Collectively, small monetary donations combine to impact the Aggie experience through support of academic programs, scholarships, student involvement and traditions. In addition, the Association of Former Students provides scholarships to Scholarships & Financial Aid through the endowed funds program. These endowed funds are provided through the generous donations of family and friends to memorialize deceased former students or friends of Texas A&M.
Specific Terms: Award amounts, duration, and renewal criteria vary according to the donor’s gift agreement. Thank you letters are required, even if donor is deceased. Attendance at a spring donor reception may be required. For more information contact Scholarships & Financial Aid at 979-845-3982.

Bonfire Memorial Scholarships
The Bonfire Memorial Scholarships were established as a memorial to the students lost and injured in the Bonfire collapse in 1999. As such, these scholarships are chosen by family members and are typically for students graduating from high schools attended by these students.
Specific Terms: This is a $2,500/year scholarship for students attending Texas A&M University at College Station or Galveston. Scholarships may be awarded for a period of no less than one year or up to the undergraduate career of the recipient. Thank you letters are required. Attendance at a spring donor reception may be required. For more information contact Scholarships & Financial Aid at 979-845-3982.

CB Recognition Award Scholarship
CB is short for College Board, the entity that manages the National Hispanic Recognition Program. Awarded to incoming freshman recognized as National Hispanic Scholars.
Specific Terms: To continue receiving the CB Recognition Award, you must maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPR at the end of each semester and have been enrolled at least 12 credit hours in each of the fall and spring semesters. Amount varies. Beginning with incoming freshmen Fall 2012, the minimum GPR will be 3.25 for renewal.

Century Scholars Scholarships
Century Scholars Scholarships are funded by Texas A&M University, to support its strong institutional commitment to outstanding students. Century Scholar Scholarships are awarded competitively on the basis of proven academic excellence and outstanding records of extracurricular activities, community service, and work experience. Century Scholars are selected from targeted schools in the Houston, Central Texas, San Antonio, Dallas, Fort Worth, and Rio Grande Valley areas.
Specific Terms: Scholarship program requires students to maintain enrollment in at least 12 credit hours in each of the Fall and Spring semesters, a minimum cumulative GPR of 2.75, and not be on conduct probation. Century Scholars have additional program requirements. For more information, see the Century Scholar Handbook http://centuryscholars.tamu.edu/CenturyScholar.html.

Challenge Scholarships
Challenge scholarships are funded by Texas A&M University to support its strong institutional commitment to outstanding students. Challenge scholarships are awarded competitively on the basis of proven academic excellence and outstanding records of extracurricular activities, community service, and work experience.
Specific Terms: Scholarship program requires students to maintain enrollment in at least 12 credit hours in each of the Fall and Spring semesters, a minimum cumulative GPR of 2.5, and not be on conduct probation. Students who have a cumulative GPR of at least 2.75 at the end of their first full academic year (to include Fall and Spring semesters) at Texas A&M University, will be automatically awarded an additional $1,000 per year for a total of $2,000 per year for the remaining terms of their scholarship.

Conoco Phillips SPIRIT Scholarships
The ConocoPhillips SPIRIT Scholarships Program is open to students who are interested in careers in the energy business pursuing a bachelor’s degree, master’s degree or PhD in Geosciences, Engineering, or Business. The award is $5,000 annually and includes internship and mentoring opportunities and enrichment activities. Students apply and interview for these scholarships each spring semester. For more information, contact Scholarships & Financial Aid at 979-845-3982.
Specific Terms: This scholarship requires a 3.25 cumulative GPR and active participation in the program. It is a one year award, renewable for the duration of their enrollment as an undergraduate or graduate student at Texas A&M University (up to 3 years).

Community Connections Scholarships
These scholarships are awarded by Prospective Student Center staff to incoming freshman. 
Specific terms: This is a one year award. There is no minimum cumulative GPR as it is not renewable.

Counties Count Scholarships
These scholarships are awarded to freshman to attract students from under-represented counties across the state.
Specific Terms: Award amount is $1,000 per year, renewable for up to four years. Requires a 2.5 cumulative GPR. For more information contact Scholarships & Financial Aid at 979-845-3982.

Craig and Galen Brown Foundation & Brown Supplemental Scholarships
The Craig and Galen Brown Foundation Scholarships were established in 1992 by the Brown Foundation to recognize students “who in addition to outstanding academic achievements in the classroom have exhibited exceptional ability and leadership in extracurricular school activities and community service.” Recipients must be President Endowed Scholars as well as National Merit Scholars. All Scholars are interviewed personally at the Brown Foundation office in Houston, Texas by Craig C. Brown, Chairman of the Board.
Specific Terms: Renewal of a Brown Foundation Scholarship requires that the student make academic progress in accordance with the Brown Foundation Guidelines (currently a 3.25 cumulative GPR; entering Fall 2012 and after 3.5 cumulative GPR). Students must attend the annual fall banquet honoring all Brown Foundation Scholars.

Dependent Children of Faculty/Staff and Support Staff Scholarships
These scholarships are available to dependent children of Texas A&M University-College Station faculty and staff. Incoming freshman, continuing, and transfer applicants are eligible. These programs are designed to recognize the contributions of Texas A&M University employees in the workplace by rewarding their children on the basis of need and academic achievement. Fifty percent of scholarship awards will be evaluated on academic merit. The remaining fifty percent will be awarded on a combination of need and merit. This is a $1,500 multi-year scholarship.
Specific Terms: This scholarship is renewable (depending upon undergraduate classification) requires full-time enrollment, a 2.5 cumulative GPR, and undergraduate classification to receive.

Director’s Excellence Award & Director’s Excellence Supplemental Award
Director’s Excellence Awards are awarded to students who reach Finalist status in the National Merit or National Achievement® Programs and who have named Texas A&M their first choice institution.
Specific Terms: To continue receiving scholarship payments through the Director’s Excellence Award, students must maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPR at the end of each semester and have been enrolled in at least 12 credit hours in each of the Fall and Spring semesters. Freshmen cumulative GPR’s are only reviewed at the end of the Spring semester. Dropping below a 3.5 cumulative GPR will result in an automatic termination without a warning period, appeal, or reinstatement. Note there are NO exceptions to this rule. Students will be allowed to drop below twelve credit hours once during his/her TAMU career during a semester without penalty. Dropping below 12 credit hours for the second time will result in termination of the Director’s Excellence Award. The Director’s Excellence Supplement Award is up to $2,000 ($1,000 per semester) and can be used to fund a fifth-year of undergraduate study only if needed.
Elizabeth & Yale Griffis Scholarships
These prestigious scholarships are selected by a committee of distinguished former students. They are awarded to freshmen whom indicate an interest in joining the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M University.
**Specific Terms:** This scholarship requires a 2.5 cumulative GPR and completion of 24 hours in an academic year. It is a four-year award.

Eva and Jessie Easterwood Scholarships
These prestigious scholarships are selected by a committee of distinguished former students. They are awarded to freshmen whom indicate an interest in joining the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M University.
**Specific Terms:** This scholarship requires a 2.5 cumulative GPA and completion of 24 hours in an academic year. It is a four-year award.

Engineering Connects2 Scholarship
This scholarship is awarded by a joint National Science Foundation (NSF) grant initiative with the College of Engineering and the Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid.
**Specific Terms:** This scholarship requires a 2.75 cumulative GPR. It is renewable for up to 2 years.

Faye Leeth Scholarships
These scholarships are awarded to freshman, transfer, and continuing students who are veterans of US Armed Forces by the Veterans Services office with Scholarships & Financial Aid.
**Specific Terms:** This is a $1,000/year, one year award. There is no minimum cumulative GPR as it is not renewable.

Honored Service Scholarships
These scholarships are awarded to freshman, transfer, and continuing students who are Chapter 31 disabled veterans by the Veterans Services office with Scholarships & Financial Aid.
**Specific Terms:** This is a $3,000/year, one year award. There is no minimum cumulative GPR as it is not renewable.

International Student Services Scholarships
These scholarships are open to continuing students only. Freshman cannot receive these need-based scholarships. International Student Financial Aid Application (ISFAA) is required.
**Specific Terms:** This is a one year award. Amounts vary. There is no minimum cumulative GPR as it is not renewable.

International Education Fund (IEF) Grant
This scholarship is funded by student fees to encourage study abroad and international experiences. It is awarded by the Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid in collaboration with International Student Services and Study Abroad Programs Office.
**Specific terms:** This is a one year award. Amount varies. There is no minimum cumulative GPR as it is not renewable.

J. Malon Southerland Aggie Leader Scholarships
This award is available to current freshman, transfer, continuing students, and graduate/professional students who have demonstrated leadership qualities while at Texas A&M University. The applications are available in March and due by April 1. There are approximately 30 awards annually of $1,000 each.
**Specific Terms:** This is a one year award. There is no minimum cumulative GPR as it is not renewable.
Lechner Scholarships
Lechner Scholarships are provided from a bequest by the late Walter W. Lechner, a former student of Texas A&M University. Scholarships are awarded competitively on the basis of proven academic excellence and good records of extracurricular activities, community service, and work experience. No financial need is required or considered.
Specific Terms: Scholarship endowments require the student to maintain enrollment in 12 or more credit hours in each Fall and Spring semester, a minimum cumulative GPR of 3.5 and not be on conduct probation.

Mays Differential Tuition Scholarships
These scholarships are awarded to incoming freshman, continuing, and transfer students. These scholarships are funded by differential tuition and awarded jointly by Mays Business School and Scholarships & Financial Aid.
Specific Terms: This scholarship requires a 2.75 cumulative GPR. Renewable for up to 4 years. Award amounts vary.

McFadden Academic Scholarships
McFadden Scholarships are provided by the Ella C. McFadden Trust’s donation to Texas A&M University. Scholarships are awarded competitively on the basis of proven academic excellence and good records of extracurricular activities, community service, and work experience. No financial need is required or considered.
Specific Terms: Scholarship endowments require the student to maintain enrollment in 12 or more credit hours in each Fall and Spring semester, a minimum cumulative GPR of 3.5 and not be on conduct probation. McFadden scholars are required to write a thank-you note to the Ella C. McFadden Trust and attend a spring function with the trustee annually.

National Merit® Sponsorships
National Merit Sponsorships are funded from private endowments, The Association of Former Students, and Texas A&M University. National Merit Sponsorships are awarded to all Finalists not already sponsored who officially name Texas A&M University their first choice institution according to the guidelines of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. These funds are normally received the third week of classes each semester, including the last semester, after certification of enrollment in 12 or more hours.
Specific Terms: To continue receiving scholarship payments through a National Merit Sponsorship, a student must be in good academic standing with the University and be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours in each semester, including the final semester, that the student receives funding.

NM Recognition Awards
NM Recognition Awards are awarded to students who reach Finalist status in the National Merit or National Achievement Programs and who have named Texas A&M their first choice institution.
Specific Terms: To continue receiving scholarship payments through the NMRAwards, students must maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPR at the end of each semester and have been enrolled in at least 12 credit hours in each of the Fall and Spring semesters.

Opportunity Awards
These scholarships are available to high school seniors entering college for the first time at Texas A&M University. Awards are based on academic performance in high school, extracurricular activities, volunteer work, and an essay. Financial need may be a consideration. There are approximately 1,000 awards, with over 15,000 applications. Scholarships range in value from $1,000 up to the cost of attendance per academic year.
Specific Terms: Award amounts, duration, and renewal criteria vary according to the donor’s gift agreement. Most require a 2.5 cumulative GPR. Thank you letters are required, unless donor is deceased. Attendance at a spring donor reception may be required. For more information contact Scholarships & Financial Aid at 979-845-3982.

Outside Scholarships
The greatest amount of scholarship funding for students comes through outside scholarships. Students compete for these scholarships on a local, state, or national level, and upon selection are sent funding by individual donors. If you are the recipient of any type of award, typically scholarships or corporate sponsorships, from a source other than Texas A&M University, you must report it to Scholarships & Financial Aid as soon as possible. An adjustment in your financial aid offer may be needed according to the guidelines of the aid programs currently offered. You may be required to repay financial assistance you have already received if you are no longer eligible for those aid programs. To report an award from an outside source, please complete the Student Data Form at https://howdy.tamu.edu. Click the My Finances tab and enter the Financial Aid Portal.

Major Outside Donors & contact info:
- Americorps Scholarships  http://americorps.gov
- Big Brother/Big Sister  http://volunteermatch.org
- DD Hachar  http://taxexemptworld.com
- Dell Scholars  http://www.dellscholars.org/
- Gates Millennium  http://www.gmsp.org/
- Horatio Alger Association  https://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships/index.cfm
- Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo  http://www.hlrs.com
- South Texas Academic Rising Scholars  https://www.southtexasstars.org/
- Texas Rangers  http://thetexasrangers.org

Specific Terms: Award amounts, duration, and renewal criteria vary. Students should contact their scholarship donor individually to confirm the number of hours required as well as the minimum GPR required. Appeals of these terms are handled by the donor.

Pennsylvania Higher Education Agency Scholarship (PHEAA)
The Pennsylvania State Grant Program provides State Grant awards to eligible Pennsylvania residents in need of financial assistance to help them afford the costs of higher education. Must be full-time and have a cumulative GPR of 2.5 to be eligible initially.

Specific Terms: This is a one year award and as such, there is no minimum GPR required.

President’s Achievement Scholarships
President’s Achievement Scholarships are funded by Texas A&M University, to support its strong institutional commitment to outstanding students.

Specific Terms: Scholarship programs require students to maintain enrollment in 12 or more credit hours for each Fall and Spring semesters, a minimum cumulative GPR of 2.75 and not be on conduct probation.

President’s Endowed (PES) Scholarships
President’s Endowed Scholarships are funded by endowments from former students and friends of Texas A&M University. Bearing the name of the donor or group of donors, President’s Endowed Scholarships are awarded competitively on the basis of proven academic excellence and outstanding records of extracurricular activities, community service, and work experience. No financial need is required nor is it considered. Scholarship amounts range from $3,000-$5,000/year.
Specific Terms: Scholarship endowments require that the student maintain enrollment in 12 or more credit hours each Fall and Spring semesters, a minimum cumulative GPR of 3.5 and not be on conduct probation. PES scholars are required to write thank you notes to their donors each year by mid-September. PES scholars are required to attend a reception each fall in order to visit with their donors.

Regents’ Scholarships
The Regents’ Scholarship is designed to assist first-generation college students in achieving their educational goals at Texas A&M University. The scholarship is a need-based scholarship program. Continuing recipients must have their FAFSA on file by the priority date in order to be awarded and must continue to demonstrate financial need. Specific Terms: Recipients must be enrolled full time. The award is a four-year award, pending Satisfactory Academic Progress and completion of Regents’ Scholarship Program requirements (live on campus, attend orientation, participate in an Academic Success Program as designated by the college, and attend the spring banquet at the conclusion of the first year). Students must establish eligibility during their first year of attendance at Texas A&M. For more information, see https://scholarships.tamu.edu/tamu_scholarships/freshman/regents.aspx.

Rhode Island Higher Education Agency Scholarship (RIHEAA)
The Rhode Island State Grant Program provides State Grant awards to eligible Rhode Island residents in need of financial assistance to help them afford the costs of higher education. Must be full-time and have a cumulative GPR of 3.0 to be eligible initially. Specific Terms: This is a one year award and as such, there is no minimum GPR required.

Robert C. Byrd Scholarships
This award is awarded subject to federal funding availability and is based on academics. The student’s high school counselor chooses students that might qualify for the award and submits their names to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in Austin. The Board determines the recipients and sends funding to the university in the form of checks made payable to both the student and the school. Awards are up to $1500/year. Specific Terms: This is a four-year award pending fund availability. Student must be enrolled as a full-time student throughout the freshman year. Other years the scholarship can be pro-rated according to number of hours enrolled as long as it is approved by the school. The scholarship is good for up to 8 semesters or until graduation, whichever comes first. If the student changes colleges, they must notify the Coordinating Board in writing prior to the beginning of the new semester so funds can be sent to the new school.

State Engineering Scholarships
The 80th Texas legislature established the Engineering Scholarship Program to provide scholarships to freshmen and current students who are pursuing an undergraduate degree in engineering at a participating general teaching institution in Texas. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board administers this scholarship. This scholarship is not based on financial need, and funds are limited. However, each institution may set its own priorities in making awards. For more information, visit http://collegeforalltexans.com/apps/financialaid/tofa2.cfm?ID=400 or you may contact Scholarships & Financial Aid at 979-845-3982. Specific Terms: This scholarship requires a 3.0 cumulative GPR. It is awarded for one year, but is renewable.

Study Abroad Scholarships
These scholarships are awarded by the Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid in conjunction with the Study Abroad Programs office. Amounts vary. Specific Terms: These are one-time awards. Students may receive only one award in their TAMU career.
Terry Foundation Freshman Scholarships
The Terry Scholarship is intended to provide scholarships up to the cost of attendance to outstanding freshmen and beginning Spring 2011 transfer students (other scholarships, aid, and family household contribution will be considered when determining the Terry scholarship stipend).

Specific Terms: Terry Scholars entering as freshmen: must maintain a 2.5 GPR overall each semester. You will be required to attend a fall orientation session your first year, the Terry fall banquet each year and the Terry Spring picnic each year. You will receive information on these events and invitations from the Terry Foundation. You will receive a student handbook that will address in detail all the requirements. For more information http://www.terryfoundation.org/.

Terry Transfer Scholarships
The Terry Transfer Scholarship is intended to provide scholarships at $5000 each for a two or a three year period to outstanding transfer students. In selection of transfer students there are several variables that will be reviewed, transfer GPR, extracurricular activities, employment and community service. Students transferring into Texas A&M in a fall semester are eligible to apply and be considered for this scholarship.

Specific Terms: Terry Transfer Scholars entering as transfers: must maintain full-time enrollment, a 2.5 Cumulative GPR. Recipients will have scholarships renewed if they continue to meet the stated criteria until the student receives their first baccalaureate degree, or upon completion of the following four semesters for two year recipients and six semesters as a three year recipient. Terry Transfer scholarship recipients who do not maintain a minimum 2.0 semester GPR will be immediately terminated. You may not receive your scholarship if you are on probation for conduct with the University. Recipients of the Terry transfer scholarship are required to write a thank you note to Mr. & Mrs. Terry by September 15 of each fall semester. A copy should be submitted to Scholarships & Financial Aid. Additionally, Terry Transfer scholarship recipients must attend a fall orientation and a scholarship advising meeting each semester.

Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TAASP)
This scholarship is funded by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The Texas Armed Services Scholarship has been created to assist promising students from throughout the state who are committed to education and service. It encourages young leaders to participate in the Texas Guard, Army National Guard, or Air National Guard, or to become commissioned officers in the United States armed services. The scholarship will provide recipients with up to $10,000 per academic year for up to four years (out of the five years allowed for graduation) toward undergraduate education at any Texas university with an active ROTC program. For more information: http://www.texasarmedservicescholarships.com/

Specific Terms: Depending upon future funding available a student may continue to receive an annual conditional Texas Armed Services scholarship if the student maintains Satisfactory Academic Progress as determined by Texas A&M University, continue to be a member of an ROTC program, has not earned a baccalaureate degree or a cumulative total of 150 credit hours, including transfer hours.

Transitions Scholarships
Transitions Scholarships are awarded to National Merit and Achievement Scholars in their final semester.

Specific Terms: To receive this scholarship, students must be eligible for their Director’s Excellence and complete a request form for the scholarship to be posted to their account for their final semester at Texas A&M University.

Valedictorian Tuition Exemption
This tuition exemption is available to students from Texas high schools certified as being highest ranked in their class. The student’s high school counselor submits the information to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating
Board, who, upon verification sends two certificates to the high school. The first certificate is for the student to keep, the second, signed, numbered certificate, is for the student to present to the University upon enrollment. The tuition is calculated, the State contacted, and the school is reimbursed for the cost of the student’s tuition (both state and university authorized).

**Specific Terms:** This scholarship is applicable for the first two terms following the student’s graduation from high school. Must be used within four semesters of graduation. Enrollment in at least 12 credit hours in each of the Fall and Spring semesters required. No minimum GPR is required.

**Vermont Higher Education Agency Scholarship (VTHEAA)**
The Vermont State Grant Program provides State Grant awards to eligible Vermont residents in need of financial assistance to help them afford the costs of higher education. For more information contact Scholarships & Financial Aid at 979-845-3982.

**Specific Terms:** This is a one year award and as such, there is no minimum GPR required.

**Very Important Counselor (VIC) Scholarships**
This scholarship is awarded to high school seniors by high school administrators recognized by Texas A&M University as Very Important Counselors.

**Specific Terms:** This is a one year award. There is no minimum cumulative GPR as it is not renewable.

**Zoch-Chandler Scholarships**
Zoch-Chandler Scholarships are funded by endowments from former students and friends of Texas A&M University. These scholarships are awarded competitively on the basis of proven academic excellence and outstanding records of extracurricular activities, community service, and work experience to graduates from Ingram’s Tom Moore high School and Kerrville’s Tivey High School. No financial need is required nor is it considered.

**Specific Terms:** Scholarship endowments require that the student maintain enrollment in 12 or more credit hours each Fall and Spring semesters, a minimum cumulative GPR of 3.5 and not be on conduct probation. Zoch-Chandler scholars are required to write thank you notes to their donors each year by mid-September.

**General Terms for scholarships awarded by Scholarships & Financial Aid:**
To continue receiving scholarship payments, students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours per full semester at Texas A&M University. If co-enrolled, a student must have 12 credit hours per full semester at Texas A&M University. Scholarship posting to your account is an automated process. Students must register for 12 or more hours in order for their scholarship to appear on their statement.

1. Students may drop below 12 hours once during their academic career without penalty to their scholarship. Students who use this option and subsequently drop below 12 credit hours at another time during their academic career will forfeit their next scholarship payment. Graduating seniors who, during their final semester at A&M, require less than 12 hours to graduate may be eligible to receive a scholarship payment once they have applied for graduation.
2. Scholarship programs require that you maintain a minimum cumulative GPR and not be on conduct probation. Minimum cumulative GPR requirements are listed with each scholarship. Dropping below a 2.0 GPR level results in automatic suspension without a warning period.
3. If your cumulative GPR falls below the minimum cumulative GPR, and remains at or above a 2.0, you will have one semester of warning with the scholarship intact to regain the minimum cumulative GPR level. During the warning semester, you must meet with a Scholarships advisor to discuss your academic
progress. Normally, only one warning semester may be claimed during the duration of the scholarship. In a few extenuating cases, extended warning semesters may be granted. Upon suspension, you will receive information concerning the appeals process. Academic success workshops may be required for students on scholarship warning or suspension.

4. If you fail to regain the minimum cumulative GPR within one semester of warning, your scholarship will be suspended. Additionally, if at a later date during your academic career you fall below the minimum cumulative GPR for a second time, your scholarship will be suspended until you regain the minimum cumulative GPR. Once the minimum cumulative GPR is regained while enrolled as a full-time student (12 credit hours in the long semester and 8 credit hours in the summer), you may request, in writing, for your scholarship to be reinstated. Reinstatements are not available for all scholarships and depend upon funding availability and donor approval. A reinstated scholarship will not include payments for semesters in which you were suspended. The Director’s Excellence Award is not eligible for reinstatement once terminated.

If a student holds multiple scholarships, each scholarship is administered separately, and the terms of each scholarship are followed as stated above.

ASPIRE (Aggie Scholars Promoting Incentive, Resources and Encouragement)
ASPIRE is a peer mentoring program through the Scholarships & Financial Aid office designed to assist recipients of the Challenge, President’s Achievement Award, Terry Scholarship, select Opportunity Awards, and Academic Achievement Award. Students who are designated to be in ASPIRE must participate with the program during their freshman year and remain in good standing according to the requirements. Non-participation can result in the suspension of your scholarship award. For more information please see the ASPIRE Handbook or visit our website at http://aspire.tamu.edu/.

Summer School
Scholarship payments are not applied to summer school unless requested. To do so, students must notify Scholarships & Financial Aid, by filing the ‘request for summer payment’ form, before the last day of finals of the spring semester. Payments will not be applied without this request. Summer payments are not available for all scholarships and is subject to funding availability and donor approval.

Students who enroll as full time students in summer school (eight hours-10 week term, four AND four for each of the two 5 week terms) are eligible to use one of their eight scholarship stipends. If you attend only one five week term and take at least four hours, you can receive half of your scholarship stipend; however, the other half of the stipend will be forfeited. Exercise caution in using this option.

Graduating Seniors with less than 12 hours
This policy varies by scholarship. In some cases, graduating seniors requiring less than 12 hours to graduate, during their final semester at A&M, may be eligible to receive a scholarship payment once they have applied for graduation. See Request for Force form at the end of this resource guide.

Grade Exclusion
Grade exclusions will be considered in reviewing hours and cumulative GPR requirements for university scholarships.

If, by excluding a grade/course(s), you are enrolled and complete less than 12 hours in a prior semester, this will count as a semester in which you “fell below” the minimum 12 hour requirement to continue receiving
your scholarship. The first occurrence is a warning; the second is suspension of your scholarship effective the following semester.

If, by excluding a grade/course(s), your cumulative GPR in the current semester rises to the minimum required cumulative GPR to continue receiving your scholarship, you can request reinstatement through 5:00 PM of the 12th class day of a semester. Reinstatement is not available for all scholarships and is subject to funding availability and donor approval. No retroactive payments will be paid for previous semesters.

Students should check with their academic department, honors office, and other academic related offices that may be affected by grade-related issues.

**Scholarship Reinstatement**
Some scholarships allow the ability to request reinstatement after a leave of absence such as co-op or study abroad or due to suspension for grades or hours. Students can reinstate once they return to meeting the scholarship hours of enrollment and GPR requirements. Each semester a student does not receive a payment, that payment is lost. Reinstatement is not available for all scholarships and is subject to funding availability and donor approval. No retroactive payments will be paid for previous semesters. To request, submit a 'Request for Reinstatement' form found online or in the back of this handbook.

**Out-of-State Tuition Waivers**
A non-resident student who holds a competitive academic scholarship of at least $1000 (or the amount required for eligibility by the Texas Education Code) for the academic year or summer for which the student is enrolled may be entitled to pay the fees and charges required of Texas residents without regard to the length of time the student has resided in Texas. This is reflected on the fee statement as a credit for the difference between out-of-state tuition and in-state tuition.

**Specific Terms:** The non-resident tuition waiver shall be for the same length as that of the competitive scholarship. These waivers are automatically renewed each academic year (i.e. September 1, 2011-August 31, 2012) for scholarships that are awarded for multiple years. To maintain the waiver freshman and transfer students must maintain at least a 2.75 and graduate/professional students must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPR each semester and be the recipient of a competitive scholarship. If you lose eligibility for the scholarship in subsequent years, you will no longer be entitled to receive this resource and you will be assessed non-resident tuition rates. For more information on Non-resident tuition waivers please go to https://scholarships.tamu.edu/information/tuition_waiver.aspx

**Waivers (Admissions, Housing, GRE)**
Need-based waivers are available for current TAMU students. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is required to be eligible. Students must have financial need. For more information contact Scholarships & Financial Aid at 979-845-3982.

**Payment Requests**
Any request for scholarship reinstatements due to grade changes, returning from co-op, internships, or study abroad must be submitted in writing to our office **prior to the 12th class day** (3rd class day for summer school) of the semester in which the student is requesting payment. Scholarships & Financial Aid cannot pay students for previous semesters. If a student should have been paid, but was not, that semester payment will be included in the total payments eligible for the student. However, if the student graduates with payments remaining and does not continue post-baccalaureate work at Texas A&M University, the remaining payments will be forfeited. Retroactive payments: Payments missed because students failed to request them (e.g. summer,
regained-eligibility) will not be applied retroactively.

Co-op/Intern
Students who plan to begin a co-op or internship must notify Scholarships & Financial Aid in order to notify that you are considered full-time status with the Registrar and/or defer their scholarship for a semester/year. Some scholarships can be paid in full if the Registrar’s office considers your status as full-time. Deferment is not available for all scholarships and is subject to funding availability and donor approval. Notice must be given during the semester prior by filling out a ‘Scholarship Deferment for Co-op/intern Students’ form. To reinstate your scholarship a ‘Request for Reinstatement’ form should be submitted by the 12th class day of the semester you return. Students registered in 6 or more hours while interning, can claim half of a regular scholarship stipend; however, the other half will be forfeited. Students should exercise caution in using this option. Contact Scholarships & Financial Aid for specifics at 979-845-3982.

X and Incomplete (I) Grades
University policy allows additional time during the succeeding semester to resolve any incompletes or X’s received on a transcript. X grades should be resolved within 30 days from the beginning of the succeeding semester. Incomplete grades must be completed by the last day of scheduled classes during the next semester. In accordance with University policy, you will be allowed one semester to complete such course(s) to fulfill the twelve credit hour requirement for your scholarship. For example, if you have an incomplete during Fall 2011, the course must be finished by May 1, 2012. If the course is not completed, your Fall 2012 scholarship stipend will be cancelled. Once you have completed the course work, you must notify Scholarships & Financial Aid in writing of the grade change. The grade change will not be considered until it has been posted in Howdy. You will receive any remaining payment(s) after you have completed twelve hours and maintained the GPR required by your scholarship.

No Grades (NG)
Courses that are completed as NG or no-grade are equivalent to Q-dropped courses for scholarship eligibility purposes. Students must maintain enrollment in and complete 12 or more hours each term.

Post-Baccalaureate Work at Texas A&M University
Students who graduate with payments remaining and start post-baccalaureate work at Texas A&M University within one year of completing undergraduate work can apply their remaining payments to their graduate or professional fees if enrolled full-time (9 hours for graduate and professional students). Post-baccalaureate payments are not available for all scholarships and are subject to funding availability and donor approval.

Scholarship Deferment/Withdrawl from University
Scholarship payments can be deferred for health reasons, for military leave, for religious leave, or for special opportunities that enhance a student’s academic record, including co-op, internships, or study abroad. Deferment is not available for all scholarships and is subject to funding availability and donor approval. Financial considerations are not grounds for deferment. At the time of withdrawal or deferment, a Notification of Withdrawl or Request for Deferment form must be submitted to Scholarships & Financial Aid. If approved, scholarship payments will be deferred until the student returns to Texas A&M University. Students may not defer their scholarship payments if they are on scholarship warning or suspension for grade violation. Upon return to TAMU students must be in good standing with their scholarship.

During the deferment period a student MAY NOT attend another four-year degree granting University. This will result in the termination of your scholarships. The only exception is participation
in a Texas A&M University approved Study Abroad Program or National Student Exchange.

**It is very important that you update your address with the University Registrar.** Without a correct address, it is impossible for us to notify you of upcoming decisions that might affect your scholarship. You may take care of address changes through the Howdy web portal at https://howdy.tamu.edu, or with the Registrar’s Office (General Services Complex Building).

Students are encouraged to take advantage of the many advising and support opportunities available at Texas A&M University. **However, all questions or concerns regarding any scholarships discussed here should be directed to a scholarship advisor in Scholarships & Financial Aid, 979.845.3982.**

**CONDUCT PROBATION POLICY**

Per TAMU Student rule 27.1.4 and 27.1.5 a student is ineligible to receive a university-administered scholarship when the length of the probation/deferred suspension is greater than one semester. Some scholarships adhere to more strict guidelines, and, therefore, ineligibility may result from a lesser length of probation or deferred suspension. This sanction implies a serious offense and must be uniformly applied by the office administering the scholarship upon notification by the university discipline officer.

If conduct probation/deferred suspension period begins before funds have been disbursed for the semester the student is not eligible for the funds and the scholarship will be cancelled.

If conduct probation/deferred suspension period begins after funds have been disbursed for the semester the student keeps the funds as long as the probation/deferred suspension period is not greater than one semester.

If the scholarship is a multi-year scholarship, a written request for reinstatement must be submitted to Scholarships & Financial Aid to reinstate the scholarship once the student is eligible again. Reinstatement to previous scholarships is not guaranteed and is subject to the availability of funds and donor approval. Reinstatement requires the student meet all eligibility criteria including hours enrolled and cumulative GPR.

At the request of the Academic Operations Committee (AOC), Scholarships & Financial Aid will handle the review of all conduct probation for all university scholarships in coordination with colleges and departments.

For more information, please contact Scholarships & Financial Aid at 979-845-3982.
SCHOLARSHIPS AT A GLANCE

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**=A select few require thank you letters AND/OR Spring event attendance and those students will be notified by our office.
+=Requirements vary. Contact Scholarships Office at 979-845-3982 to verify.

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DONOR INFORMATION AND THANK-YOU NOTES

Thank-you notes are always appropriate when receiving a gift from an individual or group. Such is the case with your scholarship. Please mail a thank-you note to the appropriate individual(s) annually by September 15. Good manners can pay off later!

Contact Information for your specific donor will be shared with you at a mandatory informational session. You should keep your donor information for future reference. If you misplace your donor contact information you can call Scholarships & Financial Aid at 979-845-3982.

Basics of your thank you note:

Envelope Address: Donor (if assigned)

Salutation: “Dear donor’s name:”

Be sure you have signed and dated your note, then mail directly to the donor.

Ideas on what to include in your thank you note:
Include a greeting, perhaps share your previous summer’s activities such as co-op/intern, study abroad, or work experiences. Also include what you look forward to most this academic year, such as a leadership position in a student organization, a particular professor or course. Always, include what the scholarship has meant to you or what is has enabled you to do that you may not have been able to do otherwise.

Those students holding National Merit Scholarships or Merit Plus Scholarships alone or in conjunction with a scholarship administered through Scholarships & Financial Aid are not asked to write thank-you notes for these particular programs. However, it should be noted that the Association of Former Students and the Collegiate Licensing Office make a significant portion of these funds available.
REQUEST FOR SUMMER PAYMENT

Name: ______________________________________ UIN #: _________________________

Check scholarship(s) to be used for summer payment:

___ Academic Achievement  ___ Academic Incentive Award  ___ Barnes & Noble
___ Brown Scholarship  ___ Challenge  ___ Century Scholar
___ Director’s Excellence Award  ___ Lechner  ___ McFadden
___ NM Recognition Award  ___ President’s Achievement  ___ President’s Endowed
___ University Scholar  ___ Zoch-Chandler  Other: _______________________

Indicate summer credit hours:  Summer I _____  Summer II _____  10-week _____

Local Address: __________________________________________________________________

Local Telephone #: _____________________________ Email Address: _____________________________

Please contact Scholarships & Financial Aid if your scholarship doesn’t show up on your fee slip (allow 48 hours for processing). Note: Form must be turned in before last day of finals.

Students who enroll as full time students in summer school (eight hours) are eligible to use one of their eight scholarship stipends. Combining courses during the two five week terms and/or the ten-week term can complete the eight hours. If you attend only one five week term and take at least four and less than eight hours, you can receive half of your scholarship stipend; however; the other half of the stipend will be forfeited, so exercise caution in using this option. This, too, is an endowment requirement. Not available for all scholarships and is subject to funding availability and donor approval. I have read the above statement and understand and comply with it.

Signature ___________________________________________ Date ________________________________
REQUEST FOR FORCE (for Graduating Seniors with less than 12 hours)

Name: _________________________________________ UIN#___________________________________

Typically only graduating seniors in their final semester are eligible for their scholarship while enrolled in less than 12 hours and all others must submit a SCHOLARSHIP DEFERMENT form. This includes Co-op, internships, study abroad, and student teaching. Deferment is not available for all scholarships and is subject to funding availability and donor approval.

Check scholarship(s) to be forced:

___ Academic Achievement       ___ Academic Incentive Award       ___ Barnes & Noble
___ Brown Scholarship          ___ Challenge                     ___ Century Scholar
___ Director’s Excellence Award ___ Lechner                      ___ McFadden
___ NM Recognition Award       ___ President’s Achievement     ___ President’s Endowed
___ University Scholar         ___ Zoch-Chandler                Other: ____________________________

Semester:_____________________

Check ONE of the following ways that we can confirm your graduation date:

___ Applied for Graduation      ___ Diploma Fee added          ___ Letter from Advisor**

Note: Academic Scholarship eligibility considers hours enrolled and graduation dates, not status. Therefore, “full-time status” letters from the Registrar are not useful.

**The PREFERRED means for confirming your graduation date is through HOWDY. We highly recommend you request a letter from an advisor ONLY if there are extenuating circumstances that keep you from applying for graduation or adding the diploma fee option.

Please contact Scholarships & Financial Aid if your scholarship doesn’t show up on your fee statement (allow 48 hours for processing).

Signature__________________________ Date__________________________
SCHOLARSHIP DEFERMENT FOR CO-OP/INTERN/STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS

Not available for all scholarships and is subject to funding availability and donor approval.

Name: _____________________________ UIN#: _____________________________

Local Address: __________________________ Local Phone: __________________

_______________________________________ Email:_____________________________

Scholarship(s): ______________________ ______________________ __________________________

I will be a co-op/intern student during the ____________________ (semester) of _________________ (year). Please defer my scholarship payment until I return to Texas A & M University as a full-time student enrolled for at least 12 hours (or 8 hours during a summer term) in the ________________________ (semester) of ____________ (year).

Signature:______________________________ Date:  ________________________

Please contact Scholarships & Financial Aid at 979-845-3982 if you have any questions.

NOTE: 1. You must fill out this form prior to each semester you will be co-oping.
2. Upon your return to TAMU, you must request in writing the reactivation of your scholarship payment.
3. National Merit Scholars must notify the National Merit Corporation regarding their co-op term:
   National Merit Corporation
   One Rotary Way
   1560 Sherman Avenue
   Evanston, IL 60201
REQUEST FOR SCHOLARSHIP REINSTATEMENT

Not available for all scholarships and is subject to funding availability and donor approval.

Name: _________________________________________ UIN#______________________________

**Check scholarship(s) to be used for payment:**

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Semester: ___________ Cumulative GPR: ___________ Non-resident Tuition Waiver: Yes  No

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Current Address: ______________________________________________________________________________

Current Telephone #:______________________ Email Address:_______________________________________

Please contact Scholarships & Financial Aid at 979-845-3982 if you have any questions.

Signature___________________________________________________Date_______________________________
NOTIFICATION OF WITHDRAWAL FROM TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
And Forfeiture of Remaining Scholarship Payments

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Student:________________________________ UIN____________________ Major:____________________

E-Mail Address:__________________ Permanent Phone #:__________________________

Permanent Mailing Address:___________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip

Scholarship(s): ___________________________________________________________________

Cumulative GPR:__________________ Semester of Withdrawal:___________________________

_____ I will not be returning

_____ I plan to enroll at another college or university. Name of Institution:____________________

I understand that enrolling in another college or university during the fall or spring semester will require me to forfeit any remaining scholarship payments from Scholarships & Financial Aid office, unless otherwise approved by that office.

_____ I plan to return to Texas A&M University as a full-time student enrolled for at least 12 hours (or 8 hours during a summer term) in the ________________________ (semester) of ____________ (year).

Reason for Withdrawal:

Signature:_________________________________________ Date:__________________________

NOTE: 1. Upon your return to TAMU, you must file for scholarship reinstatement by the 12th class day.
2. National Merit Scholars must notify the National Merit Corporation regarding their withdrawal:

For Office Use Only:
Is the student in good standing with his/her scholarship(s): YES NO

Comments:____________________________________________________________________

Advisor:_________________________ Date:__________________________

National Merit Corporation
One Rotary Way
1560 Sherman Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201
REQUEST FOR DIRECTOR’S EXCELLENCE SUPPLEMENT

Name: _____________________________ UIN#: _________________________________

Local Telephone #: ____________________ Email Address: ________________________

Beginning with the entering class in Fall 2002 (Class of 2006) recipients of the Director’s Excellence Award are eligible to receive a Director’s Excellence Supplement of up to $2,000 to fund a fifth-year of undergraduate study.

Eligibility:

• Awarded a Director’s Excellence Award and started in Fall 2002 or later.
• Eligible to receive Director’s Excellence Award (cumulative GPR ≥3.5).
• Enrolled in full time hours for the semester(s) for which payment is requested. (Unless last semester—in which letter from academic advisor is required).
• Will not have graduated and subsequently enroll for a fifth year of undergraduate study at Texas A&M. Note: Fifth year begins with Fall semester. (Example: If you entered TAMU in Fall 2005 as a freshman, the earliest you would be eligible to claim is Fall 2009.)

I wish to claim the Director’s Excellence Supplemental Award for:
__ Fall & Spring
__ Fall only
__ Spring Only

Please contact Scholarships & Financial Aid at 979-845-3982 if you have any questions.

Signature: _______________________________ Date: ____________________
REQUEST FOR TRANSITIONS SCHOLARSHIP

Name: _________________________________ UIN#______________________________

$1,000 Transitions Scholarship: Texas A&M University will provide a $1,000 scholarship to National Merit Scholars in their final semester to assist with anticipated costs associated with the transition to advanced study and/or entry to professional careers.

To receive this scholarship, students must have entered Fall 2008 or later, be eligible for their Director’s Excellence Award (NM Recognition Award for those entering Fall 2011 or later) and be in their final semester at Texas A&M University.

Check ONE of the following ways that we can confirm your graduation date:

___ Applied for Graduation  ___ Diploma Fee added

**The PREFERRED means for confirming your graduation date is through HOWDY. We highly recommend you request a letter from an advisor ONLY if there are extenuating circumstances that keep you from applying for graduation or adding the diploma fee option.

Signature___________________________________________________Date______________________________
REQUEST FOR POST-TAMU GRADUATION SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT

Not available for all scholarships and is subject to funding availability and donor approval.

Name: UIN______________________________

Post-Baccalaureate Work at Texas A&M University
Students who graduate with payments remaining and start post-baccalaureate work at Texas A&M University within one year of completing undergraduate work can apply their remaining payments to their graduate or professional fees if enrolled full-time (9 hours for graduate/professional students). Students attending the Texas A&M Medical School or Health Science Center are NOT eligible.

Check scholarship(s) to be used for payment:

___ Academic Achievement  ___ Academic Incentive Award  ___ Barnes & Noble
___ Brown Scholarship    ___ Challenge               ___ Century Scholar
___ Director’s Excellence Award ___ Lechner           ___ McFadden
___ NM Recognition Award  ___ President’s Achievement ___ President’s Endowed
___ University Scholar    ___ Zoch-Chandler         Other:__________________

Semester to be paid:_______________  Current Cumulative GPR:______________
Reason for payment: ___ TAMU Grad School ___ TAMU Vet School

Current Address:_____________________________________________________________________________
Current Telephone #:______________________  Email: __________________________________________

Please contact Scholarships & Financial Aid at 979-845-3982 if you have any questions.

Signature___________________________________________________Date____________________________
SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID
APPLICATION FORM FOR STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS

Requirements and Instructions

READ THE INFORMATION BELOW VERY CAREFULLY AND KEEP A COPY OF THIS SHEET AND THE SCHOLARSHIP STIPEND APPLICATION FOR YOUR RECORDS AND TO ANSWER FUTURE QUESTIONS

1. Who is eligible to receive a Study Abroad Scholarship Stipend through Scholarships & Financial Aid?

Students who have completed at least one academic year at Texas A&M University and who are receiving one of the four year academic scholarships listed below are automatically eligible to receive a $1000 Study Abroad Scholarship Stipend usable prior to graduation. Each student may receive only one stipend during his/her TAMU career.

The required minimum TAMU GPR varies depending on endowment requirements and is noted in parenthesis next to the scholarship. The student must have the appropriate TAMU GPR at the time of application for a request to be processed.

President’s Endowed Scholarship (3.0/3.5)  Lechner Scholarship (3.0/3.5)
Academic Achievement Scholarship (2.75)  McFadden Scholarship (3.0/3.5)
President’s Achievement Scholarship (2.75)  Zoch-Chandler Scholarship (3.0/3.5)
Challenge Scholarship (2.5)  Century Scholar Scholarship (2.75)

2. For which study abroad programs is the Study Abroad Scholarship Stipend applicable?

The Study Abroad Program for which a stipend is requested must be an official TAMU sponsored program coordinated by or in cooperation with approved by the Study Abroad Programs Office.

A fall or spring Study Abroad Program must total at least 12 credit hours; a summer Study Abroad Program must total at least 6 credit hours; a winter-break or mini-mester study abroad program must total at least 4 credit hours. Programs such as the Jordan Institute Fellows or those which only consist of Independent Study enrollment are not considered official TAMU sponsored Study Abroad Programs.

3. How do I request a Study Abroad Scholarship Stipend?

Turn in the attached form to the Study Abroad Office (1st floor Lobby Bizzell Hall West) by the deadline on the reverse side of this sheet. Applications should not be turned in to Scholarships & Financial Aid. The Study Abroad Programs Office will hold applications approximately four weeks before the final program payment deadline. Applications are then delivered to Scholarships & Financial Aid for verification. Scholarships & Financial Aid verifies the student’s scholarship status and eligibility and then posts the stipend to student accounts.
4. **How do I claim my Study Abroad Scholarship Stipend?**

The $1,000 Study Abroad Scholarship Stipend is processed by Scholarships & Financial Aid and is applied directly to your **University fiscal account for the semester you will be abroad**. After the balance due has been deducted, funds are disbursed in the form of a refund check or, if previously selected, through direct deposit.

It is your responsibility to check your account online for any balance due that may be deducted from your study abroad stipend. See Howdy web portal at https://howdy.tamu.edu.

A full TWO WEEKS should be allowed from the time a Study Abroad Scholarship Stipend Application is received by Scholarships & Financial Aid (not the Study Abroad Programs Office) until funds are disbursed. You must be registered in the courses for your study abroad in order for Scholarships & Financial Aid to award the stipend. If you are on warning with your scholarship, processing of your form may be delayed until final grades are available for the current semester.

The deadlines noted on the reverse side of this sheet allow ample time for requests to be processed so that you can meet the final program payment deadline for programs which have payments due to the Study Abroad Programs Office. If you are participating in a program that requires payment to another department or college, you should verify that final program payment deadline with that unit and plan accordingly. You must be registered in the courses for your study abroad in order for Scholarships & Financial Aid to award the stipend.

5. **What if I also want to request a regular semester scholarship payment while studying abroad?**

If you are receiving a regular semester scholarship payment during your trip abroad, that money will be credited to your account just as it is done when you are studying at the College Station campus. Thus, the regular scholarship payment will not be credited or made available until you are enrolled in coursework for that term. Be sure to read the special instructions on the application if you are requesting a regular semester scholarship payment in addition to the Study Abroad Scholarship Stipend.

6. **What if I have questions?**

Questions regarding the administration/processing of the Study Abroad Scholarship Stipend may be directed to Scholarships & Financial Aid, 845.3982 or email scholarships@tamu.edu.
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*These deadlines apply to programs that require payment to the Study Abroad Programs Office. If you participate in a program that requires payment to another department or college, you should verify the final program payment deadline with that department or college and plan accordingly.

YOU MUST ALLOW AT LEAST FOUR WEEKS FOR A STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP STIPEND TO BE PROCESSED. IF YOU TURN IN AN APPLICATION WITH LESS THAN FOUR WEEKS NOTICE, THERE IS A CHANCE THE FUNDS WILL NOT BE READY IN TIME FOR YOUR DEPARTURE.

NOTE: It is highly recommended students planning to study abroad consult with a Financial Aid Advisor in Scholarships and Financial Aid in the Pavilion. There are various financial options for study abroad students, including scholarships and loans.
APPLICATION FOR ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP STUDY ABROAD STIPEND
ADMINISTERED THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

READ THE ATTACHED REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO COMPLETING THIS FORM. KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT.

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MAJOR____________________ CLASSIFICATION __________CUMULATIVE TAMU GPR___________
NAME OF FOUR YEAR SCHOLARSHIP_____________________EXPECTED GRAD.DATE____________
TAMU STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM TITLE_________________________________________________
PROGRAM COUNTRY______________________________________________________________
PROGRAM PROFESSOR____________________________________________________________

SEMMETER ABROAD (Stipend will be paid semester you are gone): Fall___ Spring___ Summer I___ Summer II___
_____ I request only the $1000 Study Abroad Scholarship Stipend.
_____ I request my regular semester scholarship payment in addition to the study abroad stipend. (You must be registered for at least 12 hours during fall or spring semester at Texas A&M University to receive a regular scholarship payment. To receive a regular scholarship payment for summer you must enroll in at least 8 credit hours for the summer of which a minimum of 6 are study abroad. (Caution is urged for out of state students choosing this option).
_____ I request only a regular semester scholarship payment while studying abroad without the Study Abroad Scholarship Stipend.

CLASSES YOU PLAN TO TAKE DURING YOUR STUDY ABROAD:

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STUDY ABROAD OFFICE USE ONLY:

☐ The above program is an official Texas A&M sponsored study-abroad program (Faculty-Led program or Reciprocal Exchange).
☐ The above program is a transfer credit, research/internship/volunteer program, or Independent Study Program which is not eligible for the study abroad stipend.

SAPO Representative (full name)________________________________________ Date__________________

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NATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS

The Honors and Undergraduate Research office administers a number of nationally competitive scholarships and fellowships for Texas A&M University. Students who wish to apply for such awards must first be nominated by the University, generally through a preliminary application process. Students interested in learning more about any of these scholarships should visit the Honors office or its website, http://honors.tamu.edu. Preparatory workshops are held throughout the year, and notices of these gatherings are often made through the the Honors Listserv. Examples of nationally competitive scholarships are:

Rhodes Scholarships - Two to three years of post-baccalaureate study in any field at Oxford University. Graduating seniors or recent graduates may apply.

Marshall Scholarship - Two to three years of post-baccalaureate study at any university in the United Kingdom. Graduating seniors or recent graduates may apply.

Churchill Scholarship - One year of graduate study in math, science, or engineering at Cambridge University. Graduating seniors or recent graduates may apply.

Fulbright Program for US Students - Support for one academic year of post-baccalaureate study or research in over 140 countries. Graduating seniors, recent graduates, or current graduate students may apply.

Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship - One or two years of support for students in math, science, or engineering. Sophomores or juniors may apply.

Harry S. Truman Scholarship - Three years of support for undergraduate and graduate study leading to a career in government or public service. Juniors may apply.

Morris K. Udall Scholarship - One or two years of support for students pursuing careers related to the environment or for Native American students pursuing careers in tribal health care or public policy. Sophomores or juniors may apply.

Mitchell Scholarship - One year of graduate study at any university in the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland. Graduating seniors or recent graduates may apply.

Gates-Cambridge Scholarship - Up to three years of post-baccalaureate study in any field at Cambridge University. Graduating seniors or recent graduates may apply.

Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellowship – Awards $2,000 to $5,000 for post-baccalaureate study at accredited institutions of higher learning. Graduating seniors accepted to a graduate program may apply.

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship - Three years of support for study leading to a PhD in math, science, engineering, or social and behavioral sciences. Seniors or beginning graduate students may apply.

NSEP David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarship - Provides funding for study abroad to countries critical to US interests. Open to all undergraduates.

Carnegie Junior Fellowship - Year-long, full-time research assistant position at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Graduating seniors or recent graduates may apply.

Astronaut Scholarship - Awarded to exceptional students pursuing a research career in math, science, or engineering; provides $10,000 in support. Sophomores, juniors, or seniors who are continuing on to graduate study at Texas A&M may apply.
IMPORTANT CAMPUS SERVICES AND PHONE NUMBERS

1. SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID 845.3236

2. ADMISSIONS 845.1060

3. CAMPUS INFORMATION 845.3211

4. CAREER CENTER 845.5139

The Career Center is dedicated to serving students at all points in their academic career. Freshmen, sophomores, juniors, Seniors and Graduate Students. They assist students in their search for full-time employment, internships, and cooperative education.

5. COLLEGES
   Agriculture and Life Sciences 845.3712
   Architecture 845.1144
   Mays Business School 862.3850
   Education and Human Development 845.5311
   Look College of Engineering 845.7200
   General Academics 845.5916
   Geosciences 845.3651
   Liberal Arts 845.5143
   Science 862.7361
   Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences 845.4941

6. HONORS PROGRAMS & UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH 845-1957

7. MEASUREMENT & RESEARCH SERVICES 845.0532
   This office deals with Credit by Examination and Advanced Placement.

8. MULTICULTURAL SERVICES 862.2000
   The mission of the Department of Multicultural services is to help the University develop and train future leaders for an increasingly multicultural society. The department fulfills its mission by providing support and retention services to African American, Hispanic, Asian American and Native American students and by providing diversity education opportunities for the entire campus community.

9. OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING 845.1741

10. ON-CAMPUS HOUSING (Residence Life) 845.4744
11. PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL ADVISING 847.8938
The Office of Professional School Advising (OPSA) serves students interested in pursuing careers in law, dentistry, medicine, other health professions, and all graduate school programs. Advice and information is available to all students and Former Students about the application process, prerequisite courses, admissions trends, and career exploration. Services include individual advising, workshops, email notification lists, and networking with Aggie professionals. A relationship with OPSA becomes extremely important during the junior and senior years, but all students are encouraged to interact with the OPSA staff during their first year of study. OPSA is the primary contact point for the Joint Admissions Medical Program (JAMP) and the 3+3 Law School Program. Freshmen who meet special qualifications can apply for JAMP. Students who are selected earn guaranteed placement in summer medical school programs while an undergraduate and are ensured admission to a Texas medical school. Through the 3+3 Program, students wishing to attend the South Texas College of Law can major in Liberal Arts or Geosciences and enter law school after their junior year, while still earning the coveted Aggie diploma.

12. REGISTRAR 845.1031
This office handles graduation degree audits, records, and transcripts.

13. STUDENT BUSINESS SERVICES 847-3337
This office handles your fee statement.

14. STUDENT COUNSELING SERVICES 845.4427
Student Counseling Service’s goal is to help students achieve as much success as possible while at Texas A&M University. To do this, they offer a wide variety of services which include: study skills improvement, help for test anxiety, choosing a major and much more.

15. STUDENT LEARNING CENTER 845.2724
The Student Learning Center is committed to enhancing the educational experience of students at Texas A&M University by providing a variety of programs and services that promote retention and academic success.

16. STUDENT LOCATOR, DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE 845.4741

17. STUDY ABROAD 845.0544

18. SUPPORT SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES 845.1637

19. TEXAS A&M FOUNDATION 845.8161
The Texas A&M Foundation is a private, nonprofit corporation that directs major gift fund raising and manages assets in support of educational excellence at Texas A&M University. The foundation’s Scholarship Programs Office promotes and implements scholarship programs, facilitates relationships between donors and scholars, and thanks donors for their scholarship gifts.

20. VISITOR’S CENTER 845.5851

21. WRITING CENTER 458.1455
The Writing Center is a resource for undergraduate students and faculty who want consultation at any stage of the writing process. Their services range from one-on-one tutoring sessions to computer-based invention and writing development programs. They also provide in-class workshops. You can schedule an appointment online at: http://uwc.tamu.edu/students/apptmain.html