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Congratulations on being selected as a scholarship recipient at Texas A&M University for 2017 – 2018!

Texas A&M University, in cooperation with Scholarships & Financial Aid, chooses to invest a substantial amount of financial support in assisting students while they pursue their 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 you will feel that positive impact and leave a perpetual legacy in your community and area of study by adhering to 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 each scholarship, scholarship request forms, and helpful information about campus resources.

Again, congratulations on your achievements. We are glad you have joined the Aggie family!

Thanks & Gig ’Em,

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Texas A&M University
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, 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 awarded by the donor’s wishes. The Texas A&M Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

Scholarships funded by 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 the student is 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 donation 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 the student is receiving a scholarship from the Association of Former Students.

Outside Scholarships

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

All outside scholarships should be reported to Scholarships & Financial Aid at Texas A&M University every year. Due to federal regulations regarding aid eligibility, receiving additional scholarship funds (either from inside or outside the university) may impact the student’s eligibility for certain aid programs. The student’s current financial aid package may require adjustment. If Scholarships & Financial Aid receives a scholarship after aid has disbursed for the semester, the student may be required to repay any aid for which they are no longer eligible.
SCHOLARSHIP POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Scholarship Satisfactory Academic Progress

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

Grades (GPR Requirements)

- Most scholarship programs require the student to maintain a minimum cumulative GPR. Minimum GPR requirements are listed beginning on page 9.
- Students who earn a cumulative GPR less than 2.0 will be automatically suspended. Students will be given the opportunity to appeal the suspension and remain on payment. If the student does not submit an appeal or the appeal is denied, the payment will remain cancelled.
- The first time the student’s cumulative GPR falls below the minimum requirement for a scholarship, they 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 suspension.) During the following probationary semester, the student will continue to receive payment while working towards regaining the required GPR. Students on scholarship probation will be required to attend mandatory advising.
- The second (or any subsequent) time the student’s cumulative GPR falls below the minimum requirement for a scholarship, they will be placed on scholarship suspension. The student will forfeit payment each semester their cumulative GPR is below the requirement. Students will be given the opportunity to appeal the suspension and remain on payment. If the student does not submit an appeal or the appeal is denied, the payment will remain cancelled. Students with granted appeals will be required to attend mandatory advising.
- Students who earn the required cumulative GPR for their scholarship while suspended 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 22.

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

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

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

Co-ops & Internships

The student must be considered full-time equivalent by the Registrar’s Office while enrolled in a co-op or internship experience to receive their scholarship payment. Some scholarships can be deferred during this time (see Request for Scholarship Deferment form on page 21). The student may lose eligibility for their scholarship if enrolled less than full-time and either not identified as full-time equivalent by the Registrar’s Office or not requested the deferment of their scholarship (if available).

Grade Changes & No Grades (NG)

It is the student’s responsibility to notify Scholarships & Financial Aid of a grade change which may change their eligibility for their scholarship (ex. raises their 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, the student will forfeit that semester’s stipend. 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 subsequent semester. Courses completed as No Grades (NG) will be considered equivalent to a Q-dropped course regarding scholarship eligibility. NG courses will not count towards hours completed for a scholarship.

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

Students enrolled less than full-time (12 hours for undergraduates) in their final semester prior to graduation may be eligible to receive their scholarship. This policy varies by scholarship. The student must apply for graduation before the scholarship will be allowed to pay. No request is necessary. Scholarships & Financial Aid will determine eligibility and take action based upon scholarship criteria and application for graduation. Complete the application for degree at graduation.tamu.edu.

Mid-Term Grades

Mid-term grades will be evaluated for first-year scholarship recipients (receiving multi-year scholarships) each fall and spring semester to ensure they 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) must complete an additional requirement, to be assigned by Scholarships & Financial Aid. This may include attendance at an advising session or completion of a tutoring form.
Students who do not complete the assigned requirement as requested will have a hold placed on any future disbursements of their scholarship. Should the mid-term requirement not be completed by the last class day of the following semester, the student’s scholarship will be terminated permanently.

**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. Students must continue to be enrolled full-time (9 hours for graduate students) to receive payment. This is not available for all scholarships. If the student graduates with scholarship payments remaining and does not continue into a graduate or professional program at Texas A&M, all remaining payments will be forfeited and the scholarship will be awarded to another deserving student.

**Scholarship Deferment**

Scholarship payments may be deferred for health reasons, military leave, religious mission, or academic experiential learning opportunities such as co-op, internship, or study abroad. Deferment is not available for all scholarships. See Request for Scholarship Deferment form on page 21. Students may not defer their 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, the student 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 study abroad program.

**Scholarship Reinstatement**

Scholarship payments may be reinstated after approved deferment. Some scholarships may be reinstated after scholarship suspension once the student is meeting the requirements again. 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 22.

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, the student 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 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. Students intending to withdraw from the university for the semester or year should visit with a Scholarships & Financial Aid Advisor to review any impact on their 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 their high school graduation. Fees, housing, meal plans, etc., are not included. Enrollment in at least 12 hours each semester is required.

The Texas Education Agency will provide a list of all reported highest ranking graduates to Texas A&M. This tuition waiver will serve as a financial resource and not as a scholarship or financial aid award. The student may also present the official Highest Ranking Graduate certificate provided by the Texas Education Agency to Scholarships & Financial Aid at Texas A&M for processing.

Non-Resident Tuition Waiver

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) the student is 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 awarded by a university scholarship committee. If a student loses eligibility for one or more scholarships which drops them below the $4,000 minimum for the year, their non-resident tuition waiver may be forfeited and will be assessed non-resident tuition charges.

Graduate students (or students awarded 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.

The student must provide the university proof of Selective Service registration or exemption each academic year.
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 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 22.
SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Note: If the student holds multiple scholarships, each scholarship is administered separately.

Academic Achievement Scholarship
Academic Achievement Scholarships are awarded 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. "The Class of 2020 is the last class to receive this scholarship. Not available to subsequent cohorts.
One-Time or Multi-Year: Multi-Year
Minimum Enrollment: Full-time
Renewal GPR: 2.75
30/60/90: Yes
Study Abroad Stipend: Yes

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 awarded to incoming freshman based on review of competitive scholarship offers from other schools. This scholarship is awarded 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 awarded to incoming freshman from select Texas high schools. The scholarship is awarded 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 awarded to students eligible to order their Aggie Ring the following academic year. Each scholarship is funded by a donor’s generous gift or endowment.
One-Time or Multi-Year: One-Time
Bonfire Memorial Scholarship
Bonfire Memorial Scholarships are awarded to recipients in memory of 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: One-Time
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.

Brownsville Scholars Program Scholarship
Brownsville Scholars Program Scholarships are awarded 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 by 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 awarded 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
Study 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.

Challenge Scholarship
Challenge Scholarships are awarded 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.

*The Class of 2020 is the last class to receive this scholarship. Not available to subsequent cohorts.

One-Time or Multi-Year: Multi-Year
Minimum Enrollment: Full-time
Renewal GPR: 2.5
30/60/90: Yes
Study Abroad Stipend: Yes
College Board Recognition Award
College Board Recognition Awards are awarded 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 awarded to incoming freshman by Prospective Student Center (PSC) staff. The scholarship is awarded by 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 awarded 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 awarded to the most competitive students based on academic and co-curricular achievement, demonstrated leadership, and potential for further success. Selected students must be National Merit Scholars. 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
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 Faculty & Staff Scholarship
Dependent Children Scholarships are awarded 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
Eva & Jesse L. Easterwood Scholarship
Eva & Jesse Easterwood Scholarships are awarded 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.

*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 awarded to the most competitive students studying abroad based on academic and co-curricular achievement with financial need. Award amounts vary based on trip cost and student’s 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 awarded 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 maker, based in Bryan, TX.

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

*Minimum Enrollment: Full-time*

*Renewal GPR: 2.5*

*30/60/90: Yes*

*Additional Requirements: Participation in the GTF Aggie Scholars learning community your freshman year is required. More information will be provided by LAUNCH at Texas A&M.*

International Student Scholarship
International Student Scholarships are awarded 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). 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 awarded 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*

*Study Abroad Stipend: Yes*
McFadden Scholarship
McFadden Scholarships are awarded 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
Study Abroad Stipend: Yes

National Merit Recognition Award
National Merit Recognition Awards are awarded 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 Sponsorship are awarded 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 awarded to the most competitive students based on academic and co-curricular achievement. Students are initially awarded 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, either 4 years or 1 year
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. Additionally, some Opportunity Awards have a renewal GPR other than a 2.5. Any change to renewal requirements will be communicated directly to the student.
Phillips 66 SHIELD Scholars Program Scholarship
Phillips 66 SHIELD Scholarships are awarded 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 of 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 awarded 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 as well as the Regent’s Scholarship. More information will be provided by LAUNCH at Texas A&M.

President’s Endowed Scholarship
President’s Endowed Scholarships are awarded 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
Study Abroad Stipend: Yes
Additional Requirements: Attendance 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 awarded to first-generation college students with financial need. Selected students 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.
Reta & HJ (Bill) Haynes ‘46 Scholarship
Haynes Scholarships are awarded to the most competitive incoming freshmen based on academic and co-curricular achievement and demonstrated leadership. Awards range up to total cost of attendance (expected family contribution and other awards considered). 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 awarded to currently enrolled students who display strong leadership qualities. Students must complete the Southerland Aggie Leader essay on the University Scholarship Application (deadline Feb 1) to be considered. Each scholarship is funded by a donor’s generous endowment.

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

Study Abroad Scholarship
Study Abroad Scholarships are awarded 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)

Study Abroad Stipend for Academic Scholarships
Academic scholarship recipients (President’s Endowed, Lechner, McFadden, Cheeves, Century, President’s Achievement, Academic Achievement, and Challenge) are eligible to receive a one-time $1,000 stipend for a study abroad trip during their undergraduate career. Details are found on the request form on page 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)

Terry Foundation Scholarship
Terry Foundation Scholarships are awarded 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: Yes
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 LAUNCH at Texas A&M.
Terry Foundation Transfer Scholarship
Terry Foundation Transfer Scholarships are awarded 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

Transfer Student Scholarship
Aggie Transfer Scholarships are awarded 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 awarded to incoming freshman by 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 awarded 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 awarded 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. Students must apply through the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy’s application, available through the 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 awarded 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.
Additional Information: http://gmsp.org

Maryland Higher Education Senatorial Scholarship
Maryland Higher Education Senatorial Scholarships are available to Maryland residents whose family resources are not sufficient to meet the cost of higher education. Applications are available to high school seniors and degree-seeking undergraduate and graduate students. Students must contact their state legislator for instructions.
Additional Information: http://mhec.maryland.gov

Posse Foundation Scholarship Program
Posse Foundation Scholarships are awarded 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.
Additional Information: http://www.possefoundation.org

Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP)
Texas Armed Services Scholarships are awarded 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 a student does not meet the conditions, the award transitions to a loan and must be paid back to the State of Texas.
Additional Information: http://hhloans.com

Vermont Incentive Grants
Vermont Incentive Grants are available to Vermont residents whose family resources are not sufficient to meet the cost of higher education. Applications are available to high school seniors and degree-seeking undergraduate and graduate students. A valid FAFSA must be on file with the student’s intended institution.
Additional Information: http://vsac.org
## Scholarships at a Glance

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

Y◊ Able to pay at least 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 Study 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.
FORMS

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 21)
To request the deferment of a regular scholarship payment, including co-op/internship, withdrawal, etc.

Request for Scholarship Reinstatement (page 22)
To request the reinstatement of a scholarship after deferment or suspension.

Request for Summer Scholarship Payment (page 23)
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 24)
To request the 5th year stipend available to National Merit Scholars (Finalists).

Submit to Study Abroad Programs Office (Pavilion 1st floor):

Request for Academic Scholarship Study Abroad Stipend (page 25)
To request the one-time study 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  _____ Aggieland Bound  _____ Brown Scholarship
_____ College Board Recognition Award  _____ Challenge  _____ Cheeves
_____ Century Scholars  _____ Lechner  _____ McFadden
_____ National Merit Recognition Award  _____ President’s Achievement  _____ President’s Endowed

*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  _____ Student Teaching
_____ Study Abroad  _____ Military Leave  _____ Medical Withdrawal

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:

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

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

This form should be submitted to Scholarships & Financial Aid (Pavilion 2nd floor or via email to scholarships@tamu.edu).
Request for Scholarship Reinstatement

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

Name ________________________________ UIN ____________________________

Requesting reinstatement for:

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

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

The student must be in good standing for their 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
- Study Abroad
- Deferment
- Military Leave
- Scholarship Suspension
- Medical Withdrawal

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 2nd 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
- College Board Recognition Award
- Century Scholars
- National Merit Recognition Award
- Aggieland Bound
- Challenge
- Lechner
- President’s Achievement
- Brown Scholarship
- Cheeves
- McFadden
- President’s Endowed

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

Number of credit hours enrolled:

- Summer I
- Summer II
- Summer 10 Week

Full-time for the summer term for scholarship purposes is defined as eight (8) hours. Students 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.

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

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 2nd floor or via email to scholarships@tamu.edu).

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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 their date of enrollment have passed and all eight (8) payments of their National Merit Recognition Award have been utilized; and,
- The student is in good standing for their National Merit Recognition Award (≥ 3.5 cumulative GPR); and,
- The student will be enrolled full-time during the semester(s) to which the 5th Year Stipend is applied (excluding the student’s final graduating semester when less than full time enrollment is allowed); and,
- The student is still considered an undergraduate who has not completed their degree program; and,
- The student 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. Students who graduate in the fall semester are only eligible to receive 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 2nd floor or via email to scholarships@tamu.edu).

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Request for Academic Scholarship Study Abroad Stipend

To request the one-time study 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 Study Abroad Stipend for a Texas A&M-approved study abroad experience. Stipends can be used only during a student’s undergraduate career.

2. GPR Requirements

Students must be in good standing for their 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 a Study Abroad Stipend

- Turn in the attached form to the Study Abroad Programs Office (1st floor of The Pavilion).
- Request forms are routed to Scholarships & Financial Aid.
- Requests should be made at least 30 days in advance of your program date/travel. Retroactive requests will not be considered.

5. Processing Your Study Abroad Stipend

Study Abroad Programs Office will verify the student will participate in an approved study abroad experience. Scholarships & Financial Aid will ensure the student is meeting the requirements of their scholarship, is eligible for the stipend, and will post the award to the student’s Financial Aid Portal. It is the student’s responsibility to be aware of the balance due for their 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.
- Students should consult with their study abroad program coordinator regarding payment and registration deadlines for their study abroad experience.
- Students should consult with a Scholarships & Financial Aid Advisor regarding additional financial options and support for their study abroad experience, including scholarships and loans.

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

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Name ___________________________________________ UIN ____________________________

Requesting Academic Scholarship Study Abroad Stipend for:

_____ Academic Achievement
_____ Century Scholars
_____ President’s Achievement

_____ Challenge
_____ Lechner
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_____ Cheeves
_____ McFadden

TAMU Study Abroad Program ________________________________________________________

Program Country _________________________________________________________________

Program Professor _______________________________________________________________

Course Term for your Program:

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

Courses you plan to take during your study abroad: TOTAL HOURS: _______

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Study Abroad Programs Office use only

☐ Faculty Led  ☐ Research/Internship  ☐ Reciprocal Exchange
☐ Credit-Bearing Field Trip  ☐ Transfer Credit

SAPO Representative (print) _______________________________ Date __________________
SAPO Representative (sign) _______________________________

Scholarships & Financial Aid use only

Fund code ______________ Approved By ______________ Date ______________

This form should be submitted to the Study Abroad Programs Office (Pavilion first floor).
RESOURCES

Admissions
979.845.1060 | admissions.tamu.edu

Career Center
979.845.5139 | careercenter.tamu.edu

Disability Services
979.845.1637 | disability.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

Student Counseling Services
979.847.4427 | scs.tamu.edu

Study Abroad Programs Office
979.845-0544 | studyabroad.tamu.edu

University Writing Center
979.845.1455 | writingcenter.tamu.edu

Veteran Services Office
979.845.8075 | veterans.tamu.edu