Welcome, Class of 2021!
New Student Checklist

Use this checklist to guide you through the steps to becoming a Mustang!

**BY MAY 1ST**

- **Pay your deposit** to secure your spot in the Class of 2021
  - smu.edu/deposit

**AFTER YOU PAY YOUR DEPOSIT**

- Activate your **SMU ID** and password
  - smu.edu/activate
- Set up your **SMU email account**
  - (Make sure to set the time zone to Central Standard Time.)
  - webmail.smu.edu
- Verify your personal information on my.SMU.edu
  - my.smu.edu
- Check my.SMU.edu for an updated status of your Financial Aid, final cost calculation and account balance
  - my.smu.edu
- Accept Financial Aid on my.SMU.edu
  - my.smu.edu
- Register for **AARO** and **Mustang Corral**
  - AARO: smu.edu/newstudent > AARO > First Year AARO
  - Mustang Corral: smu.edu/newstudent > Mustang Corral
  - smu.edu/StudentAffairs/Housing/Apply
- Complete your **housing application and license agreement**
  - smu.edu/StudentAffairs/Housing/Apply
- Fill out the **Parent Information Form**
  - (Complete as soon as possible after paying your deposit.)
  - smu.edu/parentinfoform
- Begin **I-20 process** (Foreign Passport Holders Only)
  - smu.edu/admission/i20

**DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE**

- Ensure your **final high school transcript**, dual-credit transcript, AP and IB scores are sent to SMU
  - Send to SMU Undergraduate Admission:
    - PO Box 750181, Dallas, TX 75275-0181
  - Federal Direct & Direct PLUS: studentloans.gov
  - Alternative: smu.edu/financialaid > Types of Aid > Loans > Private/Alternative Loan Lenders
  - smu.edu/bursar > Payments > Payment Plan Options
- Complete loan processing for **Federal Direct Loans, Direct PLUS** (Parent) and **alternative loans**
  - my.smu.edu
- Enroll in the **Tuition Pay Plan**
  - (You can sign up for this optional program before July 1.)
  - smu.edu/bursar > Payments > Payment Plan Options
- Check your **SMU email** for other to-do items
  - webmail.smu.edu

**DURING THE MONTH OF JULY**

- Set up your parent(s) as an "**Authorized Payer**" on SMUPay
  - my.smu.edu
- Set up **Release of Education Records**
  - my.smu.edu
- Waive **SMU Student Health Insurance Plan** if you have acceptable alternate coverage
  - smu.edu/healthcenter > Insurance > Mandatory Health Insurance
- Check your **SMU email** for other to-do items
  - webmail.smu.edu

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### PRIOR TO ATTENDING AARO

- **Read Peruna Passport**  
  (A digital version will be available and a copy will be mailed to your mailing address mid-June.)  
  [smu.edu/advising > Student Essentials](smu.edu/advising)

- **Complete student bio online**  
  (You will receive an email)  
  [smu.edu/advising > Pre-Orientation Student Bio](smu.edu/advising)

- **Send your health forms** to the SMU Health Center  
  [smu.edu/healthcenter > Health Center](smu.edu/healthcenter)

- **Send in proof of meningitis vaccination**  
  [smu.edu/healthcenter > Health Center](smu.edu/healthcenter)

- **View advising video tutorials**  
  [smu.edu/advising > Student Advising Essentials > 60 Second Advisor Videos](smu.edu/advising)

- **Check your SMU email** for other to-do items  
  [webmail.smu.edu](webmail.smu.edu)

### DURING THE MONTHS JUNE AND JULY

- **Attend AARO and enroll in classes**  
  [smu.edu/newstudent > AARO > First Year AARO](smu.edu/newstudent)

### PRIOR TO ARRIVING ON CAMPUS IN THE FALL

- **Read Common Reading**  
  (You will receive this at AARO.)  
  [smu.edu/commonreading](smu.edu/commonreading)

- **Read Resident eHandbook and Community Standards**  
  (Updated Version Available July 1.)  
  [smu.edu/housing > Current Residents > eHandbook](smu.edu/housing)

- **Complete the academic honesty tutorial**  
  [smu.edu/honorcouncil > Academic Honesty Tutorial Quiz](smu.edu/honorcouncil)

- **Read Fire Safety Guidelines**  
  (Updated Version Available July 1.)  
  [smu.edu/housing > Current Residents > Fire Safety](smu.edu/housing)

- **Request any necessary accommodations** through the office of Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies  
  [smu.edu/alec > Disability Accommodations and Success Strategies](smu.edu/alec)

- **Register for or waive your parking permit** and put it on your vehicle  
  [parking.smu.edu > Parking Services > My Parking Account](parking.smu.edu)

- **Pay your bill** with the Bursar’s Office  
  (All accounts must be up-to-date before attending class in the fall.)  
  [smu.edu/bursar > Payments > Make a Payment](smu.edu/bursar)

- **Call or email your roommate**  
  Information will be sent to you in August.  
  [my.smu.edu](my.smu.edu)

- **Sign up for your check-in window**  
  Information will be sent to your email.  
  [images.smu.edu > Postal Services](images.smu.edu)

- **Check your SMU email for your mailbox number**  
  This will be sent to your SMU email address in late July.  
  [webmail.smu.edu](webmail.smu.edu)

### AUGUST

- **Attend Mustang Corral**  
  [smu.edu/newstudent > Mustang Corral](smu.edu/newstudent)

### WHEN YOU ARRIVE ON CAMPUS

- **Update your local address on my.SMU.edu**  
  [my.smu.edu](my.smu.edu)