Our newest commitment to help exceptional students from Texas succeed.

HELPING YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT ACCESS SMU CAN MEAN FOR YOU

We want the opportunity to invest in you. If you’re a high-achieving Texas student who is eligible for the Federal Pell Grant and SMU merit scholarships, we are committed to ensuring finances are not a barrier for you to receive an exceptional college education at SMU. With Access SMU, we are able to provide financial awards to meet full need for academically talented Texas students from families with limited incomes. We want you to bring your ideas, passion and drive. Through Access SMU, you can take advantage of the signature SMU experience – rigorous academics with distinguished faculty on an incredible campus, alumni and industry connections – to achieve your goals.

YOU HAVE QUESTIONS. WE HAVE ANSWERS.

What is Access SMU?

Access SMU is a financial award for Texas students to meet full need for high-achieving scholars who receive Federal Pell Grants and SMU merit scholarships.

Who is eligible for Access SMU?

In order to be eligible for Access SMU, you must be a first-year student and a Texas resident who qualifies for and receives a Federal Pell Grant. You must also be a recipient of a Founders’, Second Century, SMU Distinguished or Provost academic scholarship from SMU.

Is there a separate application for Access SMU?

No, there is no separate application. However, to be considered for Access SMU, you must submit two applications for need-based aid:

1. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
   U.S. and dual citizens and permanent residents seeking eligibility for federal and state sources of aid must submit the FAFSA each year. [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov) (SMU school code 003613)

2. The CSS PROFILE™
   For SMU-funded opportunity awards, you must submit a CSS PROFILE™ financial aid application each year. [cssprofile.collegeboard.org](http://cssprofile.collegeboard.org) (SMU school code 6660)

Will I be eligible for Access SMU all four years?

Yes. You must submit the FAFSA and CSS PROFILE™ each year to be considered for need-based aid. If you lose other merit scholarships or grants, you will still be eligible for Access SMU.
Application deadlines

NOVEMBER 1
Early Decision I, Early Action

JANUARY 15
Early Decision II, Regular Decision

Students must submit electronically or postmark by these dates. SMU is extending the temporary test-optional policy. Fall 2023 and spring 2024 applicants to SMU won’t have to submit standardized test scores. If students choose to report their scores, SMU accepts self-reported scores during the application process. If students submit unofficial scores and enroll at SMU, we will then ask them to send official score reports from testing agencies (ACT code: 4174; SAT code: 6660).

QUESTIONS? WE’RE HERE FOR YOU. LET’S TALK.

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