



75% of first-year students receive scholarships and/or grants



Average first-year gift aid package – money that doesn't need to be paid back – is **\$35,219**



69% of students **graduate without debt**



**\$159 million** in SMU scholarships and grants awarded last year



SMU alumni among the **top 5% of highest-paid graduates** across a range of fields  
College Factual 2021

# See how we reward your hard work

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID AT SMU

When you **apply to SMU, you are automatically considered for a range of SMU scholarships**. We also work hard to consider your family's financial circumstances and do our best to support your educational goals.

### ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

We reward outstanding academic achievement in a variety of ways. Many can be combined. They include:

**PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARS** SMU's most prestigious academic award covers full tuition and fees; study abroad; and on-campus room and board (*under certain conditions*). [smu.edu/ps](http://smu.edu/ps)

**HUNT LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS** (*separate essay and YouTube video statement required*)

Eligibility includes demonstrated extraordinary leadership. [smu.edu/hunt](http://smu.edu/hunt)

**SCHOOL-SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS** are awarded to selected students who express an academic interest in any of our five undergraduate schools.

Specific scholarships are available for **National Merit Scholars, International Baccalaureate Diploma** candidates and other top applicants. [smu.edu/academicscholarships](http://smu.edu/academicscholarships)

### NEED-BASED ASSISTANCE

We offer a variety of options to meet your needs. These include SMU-funded opportunity awards as well as state and federal sources of financial assistance, depending on financial need and residency.

### HOW TO APPLY

Submit two forms by your chosen application deadline: November 1 for Early Decision I and Early Action or January 15 for Early Decision II and Regular Decision. These are the priority deadlines. Both forms will be available October 1, 2021.

#### #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.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.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.

Our financial aid advisors will review your FAFSA and CSS PROFILE™ and put together a package of federal, state and SMU-funded awards, including grants, loans and work-study options, as well as academic scholarships you've been offered.

**APPLY BY NOV. 1 OR JAN. 15**

to be considered for academic scholarships

**SMU will not require standardized test scores for fall 2022 and spring 2023 applicants.**

[SMU.EDU/APPLY](http://SMU.EDU/APPLY)

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# FAQS

## MORE QUESTIONS?

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### HOW DO I APPLY FOR ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS?

When you submit your application for admission by January 15, you are automatically considered for SMU's generous scholarship opportunities. To be considered for the Hunt Leadership Scholarship, you also must submit an additional essay and a YouTube video statement. [smu.edu/hunt](https://smu.edu/hunt)

### WHAT KIND OF FINANCIAL AID IS AVAILABLE?

Academic scholarships, grants, loans and work-study awards.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID?

All applicants are considered for academic scholarships. U.S. and dual citizens and permanent residents who submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and CSS PROFILE™ are considered for need-based financial aid.

### WHAT DOES IT COST TO ATTEND SMU?

Regardless of a student's state of residency or citizenship, tuition and fees for the 2021–22 academic year are \$60,236; the estimated average housing and dining charges are \$17,438.

### WILL I HAVE A FINANCIAL AID ADVISOR AT SMU?

SMU assigns a financial aid advisor to all students.

### WHEN DO I APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID?

The priority deadline to apply for financial aid corresponds with your chosen application deadline: **November 1** for Early Decision I and Early Action or **January 15** for Early Decision II and Regular Decision. You must file the FAFSA (for federal need-based aid consideration) and the CSS PROFILE™ (to be considered for SMU-funded opportunity awards) by these priority deadlines.

### HOW DOES SMU DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

FAFSA and CSS PROFILE™ information is sent to SMU, which compares the cost of attending SMU with the family's estimated financial contribution (EFC) for the student's college education.

### WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY AWARD NOTIFICATION?

Most academic scholarships are awarded at the time of admission. For need-based awards, SMU must receive and review your electronic FAFSA and CSS PROFILE™ before your award is posted.

### WHAT IF I RECEIVE AN OFF-CAMPUS SCHOLARSHIP?

You should let your financial aid advisor know of any expected scholarships from outside sources. Receipt of off-campus funding might affect your financial aid package.

### HOW DO I ACCEPT MY FINANCIAL AID AWARDS?

Pay your enrollment deposit, then go online to accept or decline any specific awards. If you have questions, please contact your SMU financial aid advisor.

### DOES SMU OFFER TUITION PAYMENT OPTIONS?

SMU offers several monthly payment plans. [smu.edu/paymentplans](https://smu.edu/paymentplans)

