



**65% OF
FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS**
receive scholarships
and/or grants



SMU alumni among the
HIGHEST-PAID GRADUATES
across a range of fields
(College Factual 2026)



70% of
undergraduate students
GRADUATE WITHOUT DEBT



\$203 MILLION+
in SMU scholarships and
grants awarded last year



Average first-year gift
aid package – money that
doesn't need to be paid
back – is **\$45,383**

**APPLY BY
NOV. 1 OR JAN. 15**
to be considered for
academic scholarships

[SMU.EDU/APPLY](https://smu.edu/apply)

Financial aid and scholarships at SMU

SMU is ready to connect you with the right financial resources to support your educational goals. We consider your family's financial circumstances for need-based aid and partner with you to explore federal, state and SMU-funded awards.

ACADEMIC AND MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

When you apply to SMU, you are automatically considered for a range of SMU scholarships. Many of these programs not only offer financial assistance but also provide students with unique academic opportunities that encourage curiosity and community.

School-specific scholarships

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. For more information, visit smu.edu/academicscholarships.

NEED-BASED ASSISTANCE

We have several need-based programs available to help meet your educational expenses. These include SMU-funded financial aid offers as well as state and federal sources of financial assistance, depending on financial need and residency.

HOW TO APPLY

Submit your admission application by your chosen deadline: **November 1** for Early Decision I and Early Action or **January 15** for Early Decision II and Regular Decision. Then, follow the application instructions below for additional options for financial aid.

*No. 1 – Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

U.S. and eligible noncitizens seeking eligibility for federal and state sources of aid must submit the FAFSA each year. Learn more at studentaid.gov. SMU school code 003613. **November 15** is the FAFSA deadline for Early Action and Early Decision I. **February 1** is the deadline for Regular Decision and Early Decision II.

**Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA)*

Students who are recognized as Texas residents but who are not eligible to submit the FAFSA are encouraged to complete the TASFA each year. Learn more at highereds.texas.gov. Submit your completed TASFA application to fa.verification@smu.edu.

No. 2 – The CSS Profile™

For SMU-funded institutional offers, submit a CSS Profile™ application each year. Learn more at cssprofile.collegeboard.org. Only students eligible to submit the FAFSA may submit the CSS Profile™. SMU school code 6660.

Our financial aid staff will use the results of these financial aid applications to provide a financial aid offer which includes a variety of federal, state and SMU-funded financial offers.



SMU is on the rise – in academics, as a premier teaching and research university, and in athletics, as a member of the prestigious ACC. To celebrate our Mustang Momentum, **we waive the application fee for all undergraduate students.**

FAQS

MORE QUESTIONS?

214-768-5555 or
manedesk@smu.edu
smu.edu/enrollmentservices



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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 scholarships. To be considered for the President's Scholarship (smu.edu/ps), you must submit your SMU application by November 1 and an additional essay by November 16. To be considered for the Hunt Leadership Scholarship (smu.edu/hunt), you must submit an additional essay and a YouTube video statement.

WHAT KIND OF FINANCIAL AID IS AVAILABLE?

Scholarships, grants and self-help aid such as loans and work-study opportunities are available to students who qualify. Please review our Student Financial Services webpage for eligibility criteria.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID?

All applicants are considered for academic scholarships. U.S. and eligible noncitizens who submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA), along with the CSS Profile™ for FAFSA filers, are considered for need-based and self-help financial aid.

WHAT DOES IT COST TO ATTEND SMU?

Regardless of a student's state of residency or citizenship, tuition and fees for the current 2026–2027 academic year are \$71,816; the estimated average housing and meal plans are \$20,950.

WHEN DO I APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID?

The priority deadline to apply for institutional aid corresponds with your chosen application deadline. To be considered for federal need-based aid, submit the FAFSA form. If you are able to successfully complete the FAFSA, then to be considered for SMU-funded need-based aid, file the CSS Profile™.

HOW DOES SMU DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

SMU receives information from your FAFSA or TASFA, along with the CSS Profile™ for FAFSA filers, and compares the cost of attending SMU with the Student Aid Index (SAI) to determine your financial aid package.

WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY AWARD NOTIFICATION?

Notification times can vary for students who have completed their aid application (including FAFSA and CSS Profile™).

WHAT IF I RECEIVE AN OFF-CAMPUS SCHOLARSHIP?

You should notify Student Financial Services of any expected scholarships from outside sources.

HOW DO I ACCEPT MY FINANCIAL AID AWARDS?

Pay your enrollment deposit, then go to your my.SMU portal to accept or decline any specific financial aid offer(s). If you have questions, please contact Student Financial Services.

DOES SMU OFFER TUITION PAYMENT OPTIONS?

SMU offers monthly payment plan options. Learn more at smu.edu/sfs.

WHAT KIND OF SUCCESS DO YOUR GRADUATES TYPICALLY SEE?

Our alumni earn competitive salaries across a variety of fields. In fact, **mid-point earnings for graduates with bachelor's degrees is \$95,051 four years post-graduation.**

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SMU will not discriminate in any program or activity on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and expression. The Assistant Vice President for Equal Opportunity/Title IX Coordinator is designed to handle inquiries regarding nondiscrimination policies and may be reached at the Perkins Administration Building, Room 204, 6425 Boaz Lane, Dallas, TX 75205, 214-768-3601, equalopportunity@smu.edu.

