Applying for Financial Aid

To apply for financial aid, a student must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at https://fafsa.ed.gov and include the Texas State University school code – 003615.

Deadlines

- March 15 is the priority date for filing a FAFSA for the upcoming academic year (fall and spring). If the deadline is missed, a student may still apply and receive some types of assistance such as student loans.
- March 1 is the priority deadline for filing the separate summer financial aid application prior to the upcoming summer semester. This separate summer application, which can be found online at http://www.financialaid.txstate.edu/, is in addition to filing the appropriate year’s FAFSA.

Satisfactory Academic Progress Requirements

Federal regulations require students to meet certain minimum academic standards in order to remain eligible for financial assistance. The requirements are that a student:

1. maintain a minimum cumulative Texas State GPA;
2. complete at least 67% of all course work; and
3. not exceed a maximum limit of attempted hours toward their degree.

Additional program-specific requirements also exist. View these SAP criteria in more detail at http://www.financialaid.txstate.edu/ by selecting Graduate Aid from the dropdown menu and then Maintain My Eligibility.

Courses Counting

The federal government requires that a student’s aid eligibility only be based on those courses that count toward the completions of the student’s degree. So to be considered a full-time student for financial aid purposes, a student would want to enroll in 12 credit hours as an undergraduate (or 9 credit hours as a graduate) that count toward their degree. Remember, to be eligible for most financial aid, a student only needs to be enrolled at least half-time (6 hours for undergraduates and 5 hours for graduates). For more details, visit www.finaid.txst.edu (https://www.finaid.txst.edu/), select Financial Aid from the menu and then Receive My Aid.

Alternative Loan Resources

For information on alternative loans, visit http://www.financialaid.txstate.edu/, select Graduate Aid from the dropdown menu and then Types of Aid.

Official Withdrawals and Financial Aid

If a student withdraws or is expelled from the university on or prior to the 60-percent point of the semester, the student is required to repay any unearned portion of their federal Title IV aid. For more details, visit http://www.financialaid.txstate.edu/, select Graduate Aid from the dropdown menu and then Withdrawing, Non-Passing Grades and Attendance.

Unofficial Withdrawals and Financial Aid

If the student fails to earn a passing grade in at least one of their courses (i.e., all U’s, all I’s or a combination of all U’s, W’s or I’s) during a semester, the student is considered to have, for purposes of federal Title IV funds, unofficially withdrawn from the university. As a result, a federal withdrawal calculation must be performed to determine the amount of Title IV funds the student must repay. For more details, visit http://www.financialaid.txstate.edu/, select Graduate Aid from the dropdown menu and then Withdrawing, Non-Passing Grades and Attendance.

Non-Attendance and Financial Aid

If a student withdraws or is expelled from the university on or prior to the 60-percent point of the semester, the student is required to repay any unearned portion of their federal Title IV aid. For more details, visit http://www.financialaid.txstate.edu/, select Graduate Aid from the dropdown menu and then Withdrawing, Non-Passing Grades and Attendance.

To Withdraw

The student must complete the form entitled “Texas State Official Withdrawal Request” from the University Registrar’s Office. Financial aid recipients should speak with a Financial Aid and Scholarships representative before the withdrawal is processed. The withdrawal date is defined as the date on which a student first indicates his or her intent to withdraw.