Special Admission Options

All special admission categories will need to meet the State of Texas Uniform Admission Policy, Texas Education Code 51.803-51.809. (see State of Texas Uniform Admission Statement).

Early Admission Program

The Early Admission program offers high school juniors and seniors an opportunity to take college courses while still in high school. Requirements for admission include:

1. A grade average of “B” or higher
2. A recommendation from a high school counselor or principal
3. Evidence that the student will meet or exceed Texas State freshman general admission requirements.
4. The PSAT or PLAN scores may be used in lieu of the SAT or ACT scores.

The ApplyTexas application, official high school transcripts and application fee of $75 and all supporting documents must be submitted by the deadline. Students admitted under this option are considered non-degree seeking and are not eligible for Financial Aid. After high school graduation, those students wishing to continue at Texas State in degree-seeking status must reapply and submit their final high school transcript.

Individual Approval

Applicants who have been out of high school for at least three years and have 0-29 transferable semester hours may be considered for admission on an individual basis. Applicants must submit an official high school transcript validating high school graduation or GED completion certificate. The high school transcript or GED certificate, college transcript(s), application including one essay (Topic C) and information on extracurricular activities, and the $75 application fee must be submitted by the appropriate deadline. No test score is required for admission review, but test score submission is recommended. Students whose record demonstrates potential for academic success at Texas State may be offered admission.

Special Talent Program

Students who receive a Fine Arts or Athletic Scholarship and are recommended for admission by the Dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication or the Director of Athletics, but do not meet Assured, Predicted Academic Success or Individual Approval admission requirements, may be granted admission to Texas State. Freshman students admitted under the Special Talent Program must rank in the top three quarters of their high school class. Transfer students must have a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA. The university president may authorize exceptions to this policy.

Non-Accredited High Schools

Graduates of non-accredited high schools must have a minimum ACT of 26 or SAT I (Critical Reasoning + Math) of 1180 and must meet the course unit requirements (Uniform Admission Policy and Freshman Admission) as outlined in the general admission requirements.

Home-Schooled

Home-schooled applicants must have a minimum ACT of 26 or SAT I (Critical Reasoning + Math) of 1180 to be considered and meet the State of Texas Uniform Admission Policy (see freshman admission policy) and Texas State Freshman Admission Requirements.

Veteran’s Guaranteed Admission Program

The Texas State University System’s (TSUS) Veterans Guaranteed Admission Program is designed to encourage all honorably discharged veterans to complete their undergraduate college education by guaranteeing admittance to one of the System’s institutions of higher education. Military veterans may gain admission to one of the TSUS institutions in several ways:

1. Veterans who apply by the institution’s application deadline and meet the freshman or transfer admission requirements of the TSUS institution will be admitted after their application and official credentials are complete usually in 2-3 weeks.
2. Veterans who narrowly miss the admission requirements of the TSUS institution of their choice will be admitted via one of the institution’s alternative admissions programs (e.g., summer bridge programs, admission contract programs, or similar admission opportunities).
3. Veterans not interested in gaining admission through a summer bridge or similar program may opt to have their file referred to another TSUS institution.
4. TSUS institutions will provide transfer counseling to veterans who wish to begin their higher education pursuits at a community college. Working closely with university admissions counselors, veterans will be provided a specific pathway through one of the Lamar State Colleges or another community college to be able to transfer seamlessly at a later date. These students will be guaranteed admission as soon as they fulfill their transfer admission plan with the TSUS institution.
5. Veterans seeking technical degrees or specific workforce training will be admitted to Lamar State College-Orange, Lamar State College-Port Arthur or the Lamar Institute of Technology. Should their goals change and a baccalaureate degree be sought, these students will be counseled by Lamar staff to take appropriate courses and will be guaranteed admission to any of the TSUS institutions as soon as the transfer requirement have been met.

General Educational Development Tests

Students with medical or personal reasons for not completing high school may elect to take the General Educational Development (GED) tests. Texas State recognizes the GED tests from an applicant with no previous college work whose high school class has graduated. Students with a GED certificate may be considered for admission provided they have a minimum ACT of 26 or SAT I (Critical Reasoning + Math) of 1180.

Transient/Visiting Student Admission

Students who have completed college work and who are working toward a degree at another college or university are eligible to be considered for transient/visiting admission. Transient/Visiting admission is for the summer only. The applicant must complete an application for admission listing all colleges and universities attended. To be admissible as a transient/visiting, a student must be in good standing at their current institution. A current transcript or documentation from Registrar indicating
good standing at the institution of current enrollment must be submitted
to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Upon completion of the
summer work, the student may request a transcript/visiting for use in the
home institution. Credit and grade points earned as a transient/visiting
student at Texas State will not be used in determining regular eligibility for
admission to Texas State.

**Special Student Option**

Students who are not working toward a degree at Texas State may be
considered for admission as a Special Student. To qualify, students must
either

1. verify an overall 2.25 GPA in previous college work or
2. have a high school diploma or equivalent and not have been enrolled
   in any secondary or post-secondary institution for the last three years.

Applicants must complete an application for admission listing all colleges
and universities attended and the application fee by the required
deadline. Students must be eligible to return to each previous post-
secondary institution (i.e., free of suspension, dismissal or enforced
withdrawal). Enrollment as a Special Student is limited to a total of 24
semester hours and students must reapply each semester. Students
admitted under this option are considered non-degree seeking and are
not eligible for Financial Aid. Work earned as a Special Student may be
considered for degree purposes only after the student has reapplied and
has met general admission requirements.

**Appeals**

Students who wish to appeal their admission decision should submit a
letter of appeal providing further information about their circumstances
and an indication of their readiness for study at Texas State.