FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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Texas State makes every effort to help students who need assistance in paying for the cost of their education. Various financial aid programs are available. Interested students should contact Financial Aid and Scholarships or visit the office’s website to view the types of assistance that are available.

Federal and State Aid Programs
Texas State participates in both federal and state financial aid programs. Financial Aid and Scholarships offers grants, work study, student and parent loans, scholarships and other types of aid. Students with sufficient financial need can benefit from such grants as the Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, TEACH Grant, Iraq-Afghanistan Service Grant, TEXAS Grant, Texas State Tuition Grant and Texas Public Educational Grant.

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 www.fafsa.ed.gov (http://www.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 forms of assistance such as the Pell Grant and 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 www.financialaid.txstate.edu (http://www.financialaid.txstate.edu), is in addition to filing the appropriate year’s FAFSA.
• For scholarships deadlines information, visit www.financialaid.txstate.edu/scholarships (http://www.financialaid.txstate.edu/scholarships).

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 coursework; 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 www.financialaid.txstate.edu (http://www.financialaid.txstate.edu) by selecting Undergraduate Aid from the dropdown menu and then Maintain My Eligibility.

Alternative Loan Resources
For information on alternative loans, visit www.financialaid.txstate.edu (http://www.financialaid.txstate.edu), select Undergraduate 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 www.financialaid.txstate.edu (http://www.financialaid.txstate.edu), select Undergraduate 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 www.financialaid.txstate.edu (http://www.financialaid.txstate.edu), select Undergraduate Aid from the dropdown menu and then Withdrawing, Non-Passing Grades and Attendance.

Non-Attendance and Financial Aid
If the student is a Pell Grant, Iraq-Afghanistan Service Grant (IASG) or TEACH Grant recipient, federal regulations require the student to have begun attending the courses for which the student is enrolled and receiving these grants. If on the census date roster (e.g., 12th day of each fall and spring semester) the student is reflected as not attending a course, the student is assumed (for financial aid purposes) not to have begun attendance for that course. The student’s grant will then be adjusted or cancelled based on the courses the student has actually begun attending. For more details, visit www.finaid.txstate.edu (http://www.finaid.txstate.edu), select Undergraduate 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 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.