

# Texas 4-year Public Colleges Offering Free Tuition

**Participating Texas colleges included in this document offer free tuition based on family/household income (parent and student).**

To qualify, students who are admitted to the college must be a Texas resident, must submit the FAFSA or TASFA, and meet other program requirements, which vary at each institution.

Visit the college's website to learn more and for updates to their tuition program.

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**This document is a guide**

*Information in this guide is current as of August 2025.*

*Visit the website and contact admissions’ personnel as the information provided here may change.*

*This information reflects Guaranteed Tuition Programs available as of August 2025.*

**Program Terminology**

**Guaranteed Tuition Program**  
Provides financial aid assistance for low-and/or middle-income students often referred to as a promise program by the university.

**Guaranteed Tuition Plan**  
Locks in tuition and mandatory fees from the date of initial enrollment for a period of typically 4 years for new undergraduates (also a “guaranteed price plan” or “fixed rate tuition”).

**Promise Program Partnerships**  
Community-driven program featuring agreements with specific community colleges and universities to provide a last-dollar grant that will cover any gap between what a student’s state, federal, and institutional financial aid cover and the cost of tuition at a Promise Partner college (Universities that participate in one or more regional promise programs reflect this participation, such as the Dallas County Promise, Texoma Promise).

**Regional Promise Programs**  
Provides transfer opportunities with community college credits earned first. Offered by Red River Promise, Alamo Promise, and others.

**Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)**  
Some universities refer to Family AGI and others to Household AGI. Contact the college for eligibility and income criteria.



# Angelo State University

## Blue and Gold Guarantee

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The Blue and Gold Guarantee assures that tuition and mandatory fees are covered by gift aid (grants, scholarships, exemptions and/or waivers). Students can continue qualifying for the program for up to 8 semesters (four years) as long as students meet the renewal requirements listed on the website.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ First-time Freshman or transfer student
- ☐ Admitted and submitted a FAFSA by May 1
- ☐ Federal Pell Grant eligible and have financial need
- ☐ Family Income \$85,000 or less
- ☐ Be a Texas resident

For additional information, visit:  
[www.angelo.edu/blue-gold-guarantee](http://www.angelo.edu/blue-gold-guarantee)

### Contact Information

Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships  
Call: (325) 942-2246  
Call: 1-800-933-6299  
Email: [financial.aid@angelo.edu](mailto:financial.aid@angelo.edu)



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# East Texas A&M University

## President's Promise Scholarship

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The President's Promise Scholarship is an institutional scholarship awarded to freshman and transfer students who meet specific criteria.

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

The scholarship covers all tuition not covered by other grants or scholarships. It will meet 100% of the student's tuition costs for up to four years for new freshmen or up to two years for new transfer students.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ First-time new freshman or first-time new transfer (from a two-year college with an associate degree or earned 45 credit hours)
- ☐ Household AGI \$85,000 or less
- ☐ FAFSA on file
- ☐ Covers full tuition (no fees)
- ☐ Pell eligible
- ☐ Must enroll and complete 15 semester credit hours at A&M-Commerce during Fall/Spring
- ☐ May be combined with Honors College or donor-funded scholarships
- ☐ Renewable up to 8 long semesters
- ☐ Minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA

For additional information, visit:  
[www.etamu.edu/presidentspromise/](http://www.etamu.edu/presidentspromise/)

### Contact Information

Financial Aid and Scholarships  
Call: (903) 886-5096  
Email: [FAO.Web@etamu.edu](mailto:FAO.Web@etamu.edu)



**EAST TEXAS A&M**  
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# Lamar University

## Lamar Promise Program

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The Lamar Promise Program ensures that sufficient grant and/or scholarship assistance will be provided to cover the full amount of fall and spring in-state tuition and fees for undergraduate Texas residents meeting certain eligibility criteria.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ 1st time Freshman, seeking first undergraduate degree, and new first time in college freshman or transfer
- ☐ Admitted by Feb 1
- ☐ Financial Aid documents received by March 15
- ☐ Texas Resident who is Federal Pell Grant eligible
- ☐ Be a dependent student per FAFSA/TASFA
- ☐ Household Income of \$40,000 or less
- ☐ Enroll in 12 credit hours per semester within their program of study
- ☐ Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress

For additional information, visit:  
<https://www.lamar.edu/promise>

### Contact Information

Office of Student Aid  
Call: (409) 880 - 8450  
Email: [financialaid@lamar.edu](mailto:financialaid@lamar.edu)



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# Midwestern State University

## Mustangs Guarantee Program

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Midwestern State University will offer the Mustangs Guarantee Program to students new to MSU who have not previously received a Baccalaureate degree; students must be Texas residents, Pell Grant eligible, and whose family's combined annual Adjusted Gross Income is \$85,000 or less.

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

The Mustangs Guarantee Program will cover the remaining balance of any tuition and mandatory fees for 12 or more credit hours each semester for up to four academic years (summer terms and non-MSU enrolled hours are not included) that are NOT covered by other grants, scholarships, exemptions, benefits, and/or waiver programs received by the student.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ 1st time Freshman, seeking first undergraduate degree, and new transfer
- ☐ FAFSA complete by June 1 for Fall, Nov 1 for Spring
- ☐ Federal Pell Grant eligible
- ☐ Be a dependent student per FAFSA
- ☐ Household AGI of \$85,000 or less
- ☐ Enroll in minimum of 12 credit hours each Fall/ Spring
- ☐ Earn 30 hrs each academic year Fall/ Spring/Summer
- ☐ Minimum 2.0 GPA
- ☐ Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress

For additional information, visit:  
**Mustangs Guarantee Program**  
<https://msutexas.edu/>

### Contact Information

Financial Aid  
Email: [financial-aid@msutexas.edu](mailto:financial-aid@msutexas.edu)  
Call: (940) 397-4214  
Call: (940) 397-4852





# Prairie View A&M University

## Panther Promise Program

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The PVAMU Panther Program guarantees that all participating students are provided with tuition support grants for up to \$2,000 for undergraduate students whose family income is \$30,000 or less. Under the Panther Promise, tuition and mandatory fees will be paid (up to a student's demonstrated need) through a combination of federal, state, and institutional funds. These funds include, but not limited to, Pell Grant, Federal SEOG grant, Texas Grant, Texas Public Educational Grant (TPEG), Institutional scholarships, and federal/state work study.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ 1st time Freshman, seeking first undergraduate degree
- ☐ Complete FAFSA/TAFA by priority deadline (February 15th)
- ☐ Household AGI of \$30,000 or less
- ☐ Must demonstrate unmet financial need
- ☐ Enroll in 12 credit hours within their program of study
- ☐ Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress

For additional information, visit:

<https://www.pvamu.edu/faid/types-of-aid/grants/#tasfa>

### Contact Information

<https://www.pvamu.edu/faid/contact-us/>



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# Sam Houston State University

## Bearkat Promise

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The Bearkat Promise guarantees all participating students enough grant funds to cover the cost of mandatory tuition and fees for 15 hours per semester.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ 1st time Freshman or Entering Transfer Students
- ☐ Aid application submitted by priority date of March 15 for 2024-2025 academic year
- ☐ Household AGI of \$40,000 or less
- ☐ Enroll in 12 hrs each Fall/Spring
- ☐ Minimum 2.5 GPA for transfer students
- ☐ Compliant with SAP policy
- ☐ Renewable for 3 years
- ☐ Must be a Texas resident who is Pell eligible

For additional information, visit:

<https://www.shsu.edu/dept/financial-aid/aid/bearkatpromise>

### Contact Information

Call: (936) 294-1774 or  
(866) BEARKAT



# Stephen F. Austin State University

## Purple Promise Guarantee Program

The Purple Promise program currently guarantees all tuition and mandatory fees are covered by other financial aid programs for families whose household income is less than \$80,000 annually.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ 1st time Freshman
- ☐ Dependent student per FAFSA
- ☐ Household AGI of \$80,000 or less
- ☐ Compliant with SAP policy
- ☐ Renewable for 4 years with specific requirements

For additional information, visit:

**Purple Promise Guarantee Program**  
[www.sfasu.edu/](http://www.sfasu.edu/)

### Contact Information

Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships

Call: (936) 468-2403

Email: [finaid@sfasu.edu](mailto:finaid@sfasu.edu) or [scholarship@sfasu.edu](mailto:scholarship@sfasu.edu)



# Sul Ross State University

## Lobo Promise

The Lobo Promise Program ensures that new Sul Ross State University students receive aid to cover tuition and mandatory fees. The program is available to first-time freshman students who are Texas residents and enroll as full-time students each semester. The program combines federal, state, and institutional financial aid to provide free tuition to qualified students.

### Contact Information

Call: (432) 837-8050

Email: [fa@sulross.edu](mailto:fa@sulross.edu)

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

#### First-Time in College (FTIC)

- ☐ Available for Texas resident FTIC students.
- ☐ Students must enroll as full-time students (12 semester credit hours) each semester at Sul Ross State University.
- ☐ Completion of FAFSA is required to demonstrate financial need and qualify for at least 50% of the maximum Pell Grant.
- ☐ Household adjusted gross income of \$80,000 or less
- ☐ Financial aid covers tuition and mandatory fees.
- ☐ Students must meet institutional and program-specific SAP requirements, including a 2.0 GPA, 67% completion rate, and 150% program length per term.

#### New Transfer Students

- ☐ Available for Texas resident new transfer students.
- ☐ Students must enroll as full-time students (12 semester credit hours) each semester at Sul Ross State University.
- ☐ Completion of FAFSA is required to demonstrate financial need and qualify for at least 50% of the maximum Pell Grant.
- ☐ Household adjusted gross income of \$80,000 or less
- ☐ Financial aid covers tuition and mandatory fees.
- ☐ Students must meet institutional and program-specific SAP requirements, including a 2.0 GPA, 67% completion rate, and 150% program length per term.

#### Renewal Requirements

- ☐ The award is renewable for up to 3 consecutive years after the initial one.
- ☐ Scholarship renewal requires a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 for renewals.
- ☐ Students must enroll as full-time students (12 semester credit hours) each semester at Sul Ross State University.
- ☐ Completion of FAFSA is required to demonstrate financial need and qualify for at least 50% of the maximum Pell Grant.
- ☐ Household adjusted gross income of \$80,000 or less
- ☐ Students must meet institutional and program-specific SAP requirements, including a 2.5 GPA, 67% completion rate, and 150% program length per term.

For additional information, visit: **Lobo Promise Program – Financial Aid**  
<https://srinfo.sulross.edu/finaid/scholarships/lobo-promise-program/>



# Tarleton State University

## Tarleton Promise Program

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The Tarleton Promise Program provides funds to cover a qualified student's remaining bill after scholarships and grants are applied. The award is renewable for up to four years when eligibility requirements are met.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Covers remaining bill (after qualifying scholarships and grants applied to account) for tuition and required fees, room and board, and book allowance.
- ☐ 1st time freshman
- ☐ Enroll in 12 hrs each Fall/Spring
- ☐ Must live on campus – covers costs of room and board for which other grants do not
- ☐ Renewable up to 4 years
- ☐ Full Pell and Texas Grant eligible (0 EFC)
- ☐ Top 25% of graduating high school class (*If the high school doesn't rank, Tarleton will use other factors to determine top quarter equivalent standing (primarily high school GPA)*)
- ☐ Complete FAFSA and Tarleton Scholarship Application

For additional information, visit:

[www.tarleton.edu/becomeatexan/tarleton-promise/](http://www.tarleton.edu/becomeatexan/tarleton-promise/)



### Contact Information

Call: (254) 968-9000

Email: [finaid@tarleton.edu](mailto:finaid@tarleton.edu)

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# Texas A&M International University

## Dusty Promise

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The Dusty Promise Program is designed to cover tuition and mandatory fees by first utilizing federal, state, and institutional aid, like Federal Pell and TEXAS Grants, scholarships, and other gift aid. The Dusty Promise Program will cover any remaining tuition and mandatory fees not covered by these programs.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ First-Time freshman – Top 25% of HS or SAT 980+/ACT 19+
- ☐ First-Time freshman - Admitted to TAMIU and FAFSA complete by March 15
- ☐ Transfer Students - Admitted to TAMIU and FAFSA complete by May 1
- ☐ Transfers – Minimum 2.5 overall GPA
- ☐ Household AGI \$100,000 or lower
- ☐ Demonstrate unmet financial need
- ☐ Must enroll in at least 12 semester credit hours

For additional information, visit:

<https://www.tamtu.edu/finaid/dustypromise/>



### Contact Information

Financial Aid

Call: (956) 326-2225

Email: [financialaid@tamtu.edu](mailto:financialaid@tamtu.edu)



# Texas A&M University

## Aggie Assurance

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Aggie Assurance provides coverage of both tuition and fees for students whose family income and assets are less than \$60,000. Students enrolled in a degree-seeking program at College Station, Galveston, or the Health Science Center will be considered for Aggie Assurance. Students enrolled in College Station with a family income between \$60,000 and \$130,000 will receive some tuition support. The Aggie Assurance commitment promotes affordability and encourages Texans to pursue higher education at a flagship, research institution.

### Contact Information

Email: [aggieonestop@tamu.edu](mailto:aggieonestop@tamu.edu)  
Website [aggie.tamu.edu](http://aggie.tamu.edu)

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Undergraduate seeking first Bachelor's degree at College Station, Galveston, or the Health Science Center
- ☐ Complete FAFSA/TASFA by stated deadline on website
- ☐ Household family income and assets of \$60,000 or less for Aggie Assurance Consideration
- ☐ Household family income between \$60,000 and \$130,000 for tuition support grant consideration
- ☐ Demonstrate financial need
- ☐ Enroll in at least 12 semester credit hours
- ☐ Support offered for up to 4 consecutive academic years
- ☐ Continuing students must maintain a 2.5 GPA and other Satisfactory Academic Requirements

For additional information, visit:

<https://aggie.tamu.edu/financial-aid/types-of-aid/grants/aggie-assurance>



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# Texas A&M University – Central Texas

## Central Texas Promise

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Designed specifically for undergraduate transfer students, Central Texas Promise provides a financial guarantee to cover tuition and mandatory fees for eligible students from households with an adjusted gross income of \$40,000 or less.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Degree-seeking Undergraduate Texas resident
- ☐ Household AGI \$40,000 or less
- ☐ Submit FAFSA by January 15
- ☐ Enroll in at least 12 semester credit hours during Fall/Spring and 6 semester credit hours in Summer
- ☐ Transfer GPA 2.5 or higher
- ☐ Renewals will be granted to eligible students who meet Satisfactory Academic Progress and complete 30 semester credit hours (prorated for spring and summer entry) in the previous academic year.

### Contact Information

Office of Student Financial Assistance

Call: (254) 501-5854

Email: [finaid@tamuct.edu](mailto:finaid@tamuct.edu)

For additional information, visit:

**Central Texas Promise**

[www.tamuct.edu](http://www.tamuct.edu)



# Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi

## Islander Guarantee

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Islander Guarantee is designed to cover the cost of tuition and fees by first utilizing federal grants, state grants, and institutional aid. Any remaining tuition and fees not covered by these programs will be covered by Islander Guarantee.

### Contact Information

Email: [faoweb@tamucc.edu](mailto:faoweb@tamucc.edu)

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

This program is available for newly enrolled freshman students with an adjusted gross income of \$125,000 or less and who meet eligibility requirements.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ First-time new freshman
- ☐ Household AGI \$125,000 or less
- ☐ FAFSA complete by February 15 annually
- ☐ Pell eligible
- ☐ Covers remaining tuition and fees after grants
- ☐ Renewable for 8 consecutive fall and spring semesters
- ☐ Must maintain 2.5 GPA
- ☐ Must complete at least 15 semester credit hours each Fall/Spring

For additional information, visit:

[www.tamucc.edu/cost-and-aid/financial-aid/info-for-students/guarantee.php](http://www.tamucc.edu/cost-and-aid/financial-aid/info-for-students/guarantee.php)



# Texas A&M University – Kingsville

## Javelina Promise

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The Javelina Promise is available to undergraduate First Time in College (FTIC), transfer, and current continuing students who meet the Javelina Promise criteria. The Javelina Promise Program will cover tuition and mandatory fees for eligible students by first applying federal and state aid, such as Pell Grant and TEXAS Grant, scholarships, and other gift aid for up to 8 consecutive fall and spring semesters. Transfer students' program length eligibility will be pro-rated based on credits already earned.

### Contact Information

Call: (361) 593-5372

Email: [financial.aid@tamuk.edu](mailto:financial.aid@tamuk.edu)

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Texas resident
- ☐ First-time in college or transfer student
- ☐ Covers tuition and mandatory fees
- ☐ Household AGI \$65,000 or less
- ☐ Renewable up to 4 years
- ☐ Admitted to degree-seeking program for first bachelor's degree
- ☐ Enroll in at least 12 semester credit hours each semester
- ☐ Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements
- ☐ Demonstrate financial need
- ☐ Submit FAFSA/TASFA

For additional information, visit:

<https://www.tamuk.edu/JavelinaPromise/>



# Texas A&M University – San Antonio

## Jaguar Promise

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This new promise program makes attaining a college degree a reality—with little to no debt—for high school AND transfer students in Texas who have worked hard, excelled in high school or have already earned an associate degree.

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

This program includes tuition, fees, and books (\$300 book stipend per semester.) Availability is subject to change without notice, based on funding levels provided by federal and state education agencies. View the website for full program details.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Graduate in the Top 10% of their high school class.
- ☐ Graduate in the Top 11-35% of their high school class and have a family AGI of \$70,000 or less
- ☐ Graduate from a TEA Early College High School with at least 30 credit hours.
- ☐ Transfer students must have earned an associate degree or 60 credit hours and have a family AGI of \$70,000 or less
- ☐ Complete FAFSA or TASFA by January 15, 2026
- ☐ Texas Resident
- ☐ Renewable for up to 4 years
- ☐ Students must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress.
- ☐ Admitted to a degree-seeking program for a first bachelor's degree.
- ☐ Apply for admission by the stated deadlines on the website.

For additional information, visit:

[www.BecomeAJaguar.com/Jaguar-Promise](http://www.BecomeAJaguar.com/Jaguar-Promise)

### Contact Information

Call (210) 784-1300

Email: [beajaguar@tamusa.edu](mailto:beajaguar@tamusa.edu)



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY  
SAN ANTONIO

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# Texas A&M University – Texarkana

## Eagle Promise Initiative

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The Eagle Promise is a Texas A&M University–Texarkana commitment to ensure our students have 15 credit hours of their tuition and mandatory fees covered each semester with gift aid. Students that meet the criteria below will be eligible for this initiative.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Must be a Texas resident or resident of Miller County, Arkansas.
- ☐ Must be an undergraduate, full time, degree seeking student in college less than 4 years.
- ☐ Must be admitted to the university and have a complete financial aid file by March 15th.
- ☐ Must be Pell Grant eligible and have a family income of less than \$50,000 according to income reported on the FAFSA.

For additional information, visit:

<https://tamut.edu/enrollment-services/financial-aid/index.html>

### Contact Information

Financial Aid Office

Call: (903) 334-6601

Email: [finaid@tamut.edu](mailto:finaid@tamut.edu)





# Texas A&M University – Victoria (formerly University of Houston-Victoria)

## JAG Promise and JAG Healthcare Promise

Texas A&M University-Victoria's JAG Promise guarantees all tuition and mandatory fees will be covered by grant assistance and other sources for eligible students with family incomes at or below \$65,000. The JAG Healthcare Promise is for eligible students who pursue majors in Biology, Nursing, Kinesiology, Health Studies, Biomedical Science and BBA-Healthcare Administration.

### Contact Information

Call: (361) 570-4125

Email: [finaid@uhv.edu](mailto:finaid@uhv.edu)

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (JAG Promise and JAG Healthcare Promise)

- ☐ Must be a Texas Resident
- ☐ Must complete the FAFSA and UHV scholarship applications
- ☐ Must be enrolled as a full-time student
- ☐ Renewable each year based on continued eligibility

### ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (JAG Promise)

- ☐ First time in college freshman
- ☐ Must have graduated from a TEA Texas recognized high school
- ☐ Must have a family AGI of \$65,000 or less

### ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (JAG Healthcare Promise)

- ☐ Must be fully admitted to UHV as an undergraduate or graduate student
- ☐ Must be a resident of Victoria or surrounding counties (see list with program requirements), or live on campus

For additional information, visit:

<https://www.uhv.edu/jagpromise>



# Texas Southern University

## The Tiger Promise - A Tuition Guarantee for Eligible Texas Students

The Tiger Promise is a tuition guarantee program created to make higher education more accessible and affordable for Texas residents. This initiative covers 100% of tuition and mandatory fees for qualifying students, helping remove financial barriers to earning a college degree. The program is open to first-time freshmen and first-time transfer students who are Texas residents, have a household Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$125,000 or less, and are Pell Grant eligible. This commitment ensures that students who meet academic and financial aid requirements receive the support they need to stay on track and graduate.

### Contact Information

Call: (713) 313-7802

Email: [financialaid@tsu.edu](mailto:financialaid@tsu.edu)

### ELIGIBILITY & PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Be a first-time freshman or first-time transfer student seeking their first undergraduate degree
- ☐ Be a Texas resident
- ☐ Submit the FAFSA or TASFA by the priority deadline (April 1st)
- ☐ Have a household AGI of \$125,000 or less and be Pell Grant eligible
- ☐ Demonstrate unmet financial need
- ☐ Enroll in at least 15 credit hours within their program of study each semester
- ☐ Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
- ☐ Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
- ☐ Remain continuously enrolled and meet all criteria for up to four consecutive years

For additional information, visit:

<https://tsu.edu/admissions/financial-aid/index.php>



# Texas State University

## Bobcat Promise

Bobcat Promise guarantees free tuition and mandatory fees for 15 credit hours per semester to new entering freshmen with a FAFSA income that does not exceed \$50,000. Under the Bobcat Promise, tuition and mandatory fees will be paid (up to a student's demonstrated need) through a combination of federal, state and institutional funds. These funds include, but are not limited to, Pell Grant, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), TEXAS Grant, Texas Public Educational Grant (TPEG), Texas State Tuition Grant (TSTG), institutional scholarships, college work-study, etc.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Be an entering first-time freshman (transfer students are not eligible)
- ☐ Be a Texas resident
- ☐ Have a FAFSA income of \$50,000 or less
- ☐ Apply and be accepted for admission, as well as submit a completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), no later than March 15 prior to the upcoming academic year
- ☐ Have financial need as demonstrated by the FAFSA
- ☐ Maintain at least a cumulative 2.0 Texas State GPA (reviewed each May)
- ☐ Complete at least 15 credit hours (excluding CLEP courses) each fall and spring semester
- ☐ Meet the institutional and program-specific (e.g., Texas Grant) Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements

For additional information, visit:

<https://onestop.txst.edu/financial-aid/learn-more/icons/bobcatpromise.html>

### Contact Information

Call: 512-245-TXST (8978)

<https://onestop.txst.edu/contact-us.html>



# Texas Tech University

## Red Raider Guarantee

Red Raider Guarantee promises to pay 100 percent of tuition and mandatory fees for some Texans. The program is available to fall, first-time freshman students who are Texas residents and who enroll as full-time students each semester and fall transfer students who enroll full time.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Fall First-time freshman and transfer students
- ☐ Household AGI \$80,000 or lower
- ☐ Demonstrate financial need
- ☐ Accepted for admission and complete financial aid file by March 15
- ☐ Must be enrolled full-time (at least 12 hours) each semester - Fall/Spring only
- ☐ Renewable up to 8 semesters for incoming freshman or 4 semesters for transfer
- ☐ Must maintain SAP requirements

For additional information, visit:

[www.depts.ttu.edu/financialaid/guarantee/index.php](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/financialaid/guarantee/index.php)

### Contact Information

Student Financial Aid and Scholarships

Call: (806) 742-3681

Email: [Finaid.advisor@ttu.edu](mailto:Finaid.advisor@ttu.edu)



# Texas Woman's University

## Zero Tuition Guarantee

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The Zero Tuition Guarantee helps eligible students pay the gap between regular tuition and mandatory fees and what is paid through the Federal Pell Grant and other gift aid (i.e. institutional scholarships, other federal grants, state grants and institutional grants).

### Contact Information

Call: (940) 898-3064

Email: [finaid@twu.edu](mailto:finaid@twu.edu)

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Be a degree-seeking undergraduate, Texas resident
- ☐ Complete a FAFSA
- ☐ Demonstrate unmet financial need
- ☐ Be Federal Pell Grant eligible
- ☐ Enroll full time (12 or more undergraduate hours)
- ☐ Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements

For additional information, visit:

<https://twu.edu/zero/>



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# The University of Texas at Arlington

## Blaze Forward Program

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Using a combination of grants, and other gift aid, the Blaze Forward Program provides students meeting all eligibility requirements with funding that will cover 100% of their tuition and course fees. Funding may include federal, state, and institutional grants, as well as tuition waivers and general UTA scholarships.

### Contact Information

Financial Aid Office

Call: (817) 272-3561

Email: [fao@uta.edu](mailto:fao@uta.edu)

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ New incoming freshman or new transfer students with an associate degree
- ☐ Be Pell Grant eligible
- ☐ Current students receiving TX Grant during 23-24 aid year and meet renewal requirements
- ☐ Household AGI \$85,000 or less
- ☐ Enroll minimum 12 semester credit hours
- ☐ Renewable up to 4 years
- ☐ Must maintain cumulative 2.5 GPA
- ☐ Must complete at least 24 credit hours per academic year

For additional information, visit:

[www.uta.edu/administration/fao/grants/bfp](http://www.uta.edu/administration/fao/grants/bfp)





# The University of Texas at Austin

## Texas Advance Commitment

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Texas residents entering UT Austin as freshmen or transfer students as well as continuing students with family adjusted gross incomes (AGIs) of up to \$100,000 will have tuition covered with gift monies up to tuition. Students with family AGIs between \$100,000 and \$125,000 will receive some financial assistance to help offset the cost of their tuition at UT Austin.

### Contact Information

Call: (512) 232-6968 (myUT)

Email: [onestop@utexas.edu](mailto:onestop@utexas.edu)

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Degree seeking, Undergraduate, Texas Resident
- ☐ Tuition covered, Family AGI up to \$100,000
- ☐ Tuition support, Family AGI up to \$125,000
- ☐ Complete FAFSA/TASFA
- ☐ Have demonstrated financial need
- ☐ Enroll full-time as new freshman or transfer
- ☐ Renewable up to 4 years or length of program
- ☐ Maintain 2.0 GPA and complete 67% of attempted courses

For additional information, visit:

**Texas Advance Commitment**  
<https://admissions.utexas.edu/>



# The University of Texas at Dallas

## Comet Promise

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Comet Promise funding covers remaining cost of tuition and fees for eligible students after scholarships, grants, and tuition exemptions from federal, state, and institutional funds are applied.

### Contact Information

Call: (972) 883-2941

Email: [financial-aid@utdallas.edu](mailto:financial-aid@utdallas.edu)

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Be a Texas resident at the time of admission.
- ☐ Be admitted by March 15 to UT Dallas for the fall semester as a first-time college student or transfer student pursuing their first bachelor's degree.
- ☐ Have begun enrollment in the fall semester of the academic year, beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year.
- ☐ Be enrolled full-time at UT Dallas.
- ☐ Submit a completed FAFSA or TASFA application with supporting documents to the Office of Financial Aid by March 15.
- ☐ Have a family income of \$65,000 or less.
- ☐ Have demonstrated financial need as determined by information provided on the FAFSA or TASFA.
- ☐ Please note: The March 15th deadline for FAFSA/TASFA submission is for the 2024-2025 aid year only.

For additional information, visit:

[www.utdallas.edu/costs-scholarships-aid/costs/tuition/promise/](http://www.utdallas.edu/costs-scholarships-aid/costs/tuition/promise/)



# The University of Texas at El Paso

## Paydirt Promise

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The Paydirt Promise covers 100% of tuition and fees for eligible Texas resident students with a family income of \$100,000 or less, using a combination of grants and scholarships: money that doesn't need to be paid back. All eligible students who complete the FAFSA or TASFA are automatically considered for the Paydirt Promise while funds are available, including first-time freshmen, returning, and transfer students.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Be a Texas resident pursuing your first bachelor's degree
- ☐ Have a family income of \$100,000 or less
- ☐ Submit a FAFSA or TASFA and all required documents
- ☐ Enroll in a minimum of 9 credits each fall and spring
- ☐ For renewal, maintain a 2.0 GPA or higher and earn 21 credits each year
- ☐ The Paydirt Promise is renewable for up to 6 consecutive years

For additional information, visit:

[financialaid.utep.edu/promise](https://financialaid.utep.edu/promise)

### Contact Information

Call: (915) 747-5204

E-mail: [studentfinancialaid@utep.edu](mailto:studentfinancialaid@utep.edu)

UTEP Financial Aid and Scholarships

Talk to us: [financialaid.utep.edu/talk](https://financialaid.utep.edu/talk)



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# The University of Texas Permian Basin

## Falcon Free

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The Falcon Free Program will cover tuition and mandatory fees (up to 15 credit hours for the fall and spring terms only) for first-time undergraduate, degree-seeking Texas residents with a family-adjusted gross income (AGI) that does not exceed \$100,000. Students qualify annually for up to eight semesters of full-time undergraduate enrollment.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Be a Texas resident for first time degree-seeking undergraduates
- ☐ Household income of \$100,000 or less
- ☐ Enroll up to 15 hours in the Fall and Spring
- ☐ Renewable up to 4 years
- ☐ For renewal, maintain a 2.0 GPA and complete at least 24 hours per year
- ☐ Priority deadline is to have your FAFSA completed and registered for New Student Orientation by June 1

For additional information, visit:

[utpb.edu/falconfree](https://utpb.edu/falconfree)

### Contact Information

Call: (432) 552-2620

Email: [falconfree@utpb.edu](mailto:falconfree@utpb.edu)



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS  
**PERMIAN BASIN**

# The University of Texas at Rio Grande Valley

## UTRGV Tuition Advantage

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UTRGV Tuition Advantage covers the cost of tuition and mandatory fees for eligible students with a family income of \$125,000 or less who have unmet financial need.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Household AGI up to \$125,000
- ☐ FAFSA/TASFA completed and admitted to UTRGV by April 1
- ☐ Demonstrate financial need
- ☐ Freshman Top 25% of HS class, or Min 19 ACT\*, or min 990 SAT  
\* ACT Composite must include a Science Score
- ☐ Renewable up to 4 years or length of program
- ☐ Maintain 2.5 overall GPA
- ☐ Enroll in minimum 15 semester credit hours Fall/Spring

For additional information, visit:

[www.utrgv.edu/tuitionadvantage](http://www.utrgv.edu/tuitionadvantage)

### Contact Information

Call: (956) 882-4026

E-mail: [ucentral@utrgv.edu](mailto:ucentral@utrgv.edu)



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# The University of Texas at San Antonio

## UTSA Bold Promise

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Qualifying students will have their tuition and mandatory fees covered 100% for up to four academic years (eight consecutive fall/spring semesters) if students maintain eligibility.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Top 25% of high school class
- ☐ Household AGI up to \$100,000
- ☐ FAFSA/TASFA completed and admitted to UTSA by priority deadline
- ☐ Enroll full-time Fall/Spring and earn minimum 24 hrs per academic year
- ☐ Renewable up to 4 years, maintain 2.5 overall GPA
- ☐ Must maintain SAP eligibility

For additional information, visit:

<https://future.utsa.edu/promise/>

### Contact Information

Call: (210) 458-8000

Email: [onestop@utsa.edu](mailto:onestop@utsa.edu)





# The University of Texas at Tyler

## Patriot Promise

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The Patriot Promise covers all tuition and mandatory fees for all freshmen and transfer students who meet the income requirements. Since the Patriot Promise program is a tuition guarantee rather than a grant or scholarship it cannot be refunded to students. Patriot Promise program funding will only be applied to a student's balance if there is still a remaining tuition and fee balance after all other gift aid, and will only cover the remaining portion. If a student additionally takes out student loans, those may refund since they are not considered gift aid and therefore do not impact Patriot Promise amounts. Funding for patriot Promise is limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until the funds are exhausted.

### Contact Information

Call: (903) 566-7180

Email: [enroll@uttyler.edu](mailto:enroll@uttyler.edu)

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Admitted and FAFSA/TASFA completed by May 1
- ☐ Household AGI up to \$100,000
- ☐ Renewable up to 4 years
- ☐ Enroll in up to 30 semester credit hours per Fall/Spring
- ☐ Must maintain 2.5 GPA

For additional information, visit:

[www.uttyler.edu/patriot-promise/](http://www.uttyler.edu/patriot-promise/)



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# University of Houston

## Cougar Promise

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The Cougar Promise is the University of Houston's commitment to ensure a college education is accessible to students from low and middle-income families. The University of Houston guarantees tuition and mandatory fees will be covered by grant assistance and other sources for eligible students with family incomes at or below \$65,000 and will provide tuition support for those with family incomes which fall between \$65,001 and \$125,000.

### Contact Information

Call: (713) 743-1010

Email: [sfa@central.uh.edu](mailto:sfa@central.uh.edu)

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Renewable up to 4 years, must maintain 2.5 cumulative GPA and completed minimum of 24 credit hours per academic year.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ New first-time freshman with all required admissions documents submitted by Jan 15
- ☐ FAFSA/TASFA complete by \*\*see website for update
- ☐ Demonstrate financial need
- ☐ Household AGI of \$65,000 or less covers tuition and mandatory fees
- ☐ Enroll as full-time degree-seeking
- ☐ Enroll in minimum 12 semester credit hours Fall/Spring
- ☐ Household AGI of \$65,001 to \$125,000 or lower may qualify for tuition support \$500-\$2,000

For additional information, visit:

[www.uh.edu/financial/undergraduate/types-aid/incentives/cougar-promise/](http://www.uh.edu/financial/undergraduate/types-aid/incentives/cougar-promise/)



# University of Houston–Clear Lake

## UHCL Hawk Promise and Transfer Promise

Guarantees tuition and mandatory fees will be covered by grant assistance for new resident freshmen and new resident Transfer students with family incomes at or below \$65,000, who meet certain academic and financial need requirements.

### Contact Information

Student Financial Aid

Call: (281) 283-2480

Email: [uhcl\\_fao@uhcl.edu](mailto:uhcl_fao@uhcl.edu)

### PROMISE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ New first-time freshman, graduated from a TX HS with a recommended, distinguished, or foundation diploma and enroll at UHCL within 16 months of graduation
- ☐ Be Admitted and have submitted a complete TASFA/FAFSA by the priority deadline of January 15th, or until funds are fully awarded
- ☐ Household AGI \$65,000 or lower
- ☐ Must be Pell eligible
- ☐ Enroll in minimum 12 semester credit hours Fall/Spring
- ☐ Renewable for an additional 3 years
- ☐ Maintain 2.5 cumulative GPA
- ☐ Complete minimum of 24 hours each academic year

For additional information, visit:

[www.uhcl.edu/costs-aid/types/grants](http://www.uhcl.edu/costs-aid/types/grants)

### TRANSFER PROMISE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ New first-time (resident) transfer student
- ☐ Received an Associates Degree and enroll at UHCL within 12 months
- ☐ Be Admitted and have submitted a complete TASFA/FAFSA by the priority deadline of January 15th, or until funds are fully awarded
- ☐ Household AGI \$65,000 or lower
- ☐ Must be Pell eligible
- ☐ Enroll in minimum 12 semester credit hours Fall/Spring
- ☐ Renewable for an additional year
- ☐ Maintain 2.5 cumulative GPA
- ☐ Complete minimum of 24 hours each academic year



# University of Houston–Downtown

## Gator Pledge

Gator Pledge covers tuition for eligible new freshman with a family income of up to \$50,000.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ A first-time-in college entering freshman for the upcoming Fall 2023 term
- ☐ A Texas resident
- ☐ A high school graduate who has earned a recommended or distinguished diploma
- ☐ A member of a family whose annual adjusted gross income does not exceed \$50,000
- ☐ Eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant and must submit all financial aid forms with supporting documentation by May 1 or until funds are depleted (deadline has passed)
- ☐ Enroll as a full-time student at UHD, maintaining at least 24 credit hours within a 12-month period

For additional information, visit:

<https://www.uhd.edu/financial/types/financial-types-gatorpledge.aspx>

### Contact Information

Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid

Email: [uhdfinaid@uhd.edu](mailto:uhdfinaid@uhd.edu)

Call: (713) 221-5880.



# University of North Texas

## UNT Promise Program and Partnership

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UNT Promise Programs and Partnerships ensure eligible students will receive a combination of federal, state, and/or institutional funding to cover the full cost of tuition and mandatory fees in fall and spring semesters. Funding is renewable for up to 4 years toward a student's first bachelor's degree.

### Contact Information

Call: (940) 565-2302

Email: [financialaid@mail.unt.edu](mailto:financialaid@mail.unt.edu)

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Texas Resident seeking first bachelor's degree
- ☐ Total Family Income of \$85,000 or less
- ☐ Admitted as first-time freshman by January 15
- ☐ Submit a complete FAFSA/TASFA with supporting documents on/before January 15
- ☐ Meet and maintain eligibility for TEXAS Grant program
- ☐ Attend UNT the fall semester after high school graduation
- ☐ Enroll in a minimum of 12 semester credit hours each fall/spring

For additional information, visit:

<https://financialaid.unt.edu/unt-promise-programs-and-partnerships.html>



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# University of North Texas–Dallas

## UNT Dallas Promise Programs

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UNT Dallas offers student financial support through several regional Promise Programs to ensure eligible participating students will receive a combination of federal, state, and/or institutional funding to cover the full cost of tuition and/or mandatory fees based in the program. Funding is renewable for up to four years or the completion of the first bachelor's degree as outlined with the criteria provided for the specific program (the Dallas County Promise, Tarrant To & Through (T3) Partnership, TEXOMA Promise, and Red River Promise).

### Contact Information

Call: (972) 780-3662

Email: [financialaid@untdallas.edu](mailto:financialaid@untdallas.edu)

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Requirements vary with each Promise Program; students must meet the criteria associated with the respective program of their choice

For additional information, visit:

<https://www.untdallas.edu/finaid/scholarships/promise>



# West Texas A&M University

## Buff Promise

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West Texas A&M Buff Promise covers fall and spring in-state tuition and fees for eligible undergraduate Texas residents who have an annual family income of \$80,000 or less.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Household AGI up to \$80,000. In some cases, family size will increase this amount
- ☐ Admitted and financial aid completed by April 15
- ☐ Be Pell grant eligible
- ☐ Complete 15 semester credit hours per Fall/Spring
- ☐ Renewable up to 4 years
- ☐ Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress

For additional information, visit:

[www.wtamu.edu/student-support/financial-aid/buff-promise](http://www.wtamu.edu/student-support/financial-aid/buff-promise)

### Contact Information

Call: 1-800-99-WTAMU

Email: [admissions@wtamu.edu](mailto:admissions@wtamu.edu)



## Texas Promise Facts

Of the 35 general academic public universities in Texas, 34 offer at least one form of guaranteed tuition program.

Family/household income levels served range from \$30,000 to \$130,000, with \$65,000 the median for these programs. Two universities offer a tuition stipend for families earning over \$60,000 and up to \$125,000 or \$130,000. (University of Houston and Texas A&M University, respectively).

Three guaranteed tuition programs serve families with an income of up to \$125,000 (Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, The University of Texas at Austin, and The University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley).

All of the programs are eligible for freshmen (excluding Texas A&M University – Central Texas, an upper-level campus).

Three programs require Top 25% high school ranking for consideration (Tarleton State University, Texas A&M International University, and The University of Texas at San Antonio). Of these, Texas A&M International University offers minimum test score achievement as a substitute for Top 25% standing. Additionally, Texas A&M University – San Antonio's program is open to Top 10% students and Top 11 – 35% students with a family AGI of \$70,000 or less. And, The University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley requires Top 10% standing or a test score substitute for program eligibility.

Texas Woman's University is less restrictive. They don't have an AGI cap, don't limit to new students, and don't require certain high school rankings.

In addition to their guaranteed tuition program, many institutions offer other promise programs. For more information on the promise programs below, please visit the institution's website.

### Dallas County Promise

<https://dallascountypromise.org/partners>

- Midwestern State University
- Texas A&M University - Commerce
- Texas Woman's University
- University of North Texas
- University of North Texas - Dallas
- University of Texas at Arlington

### Red River Promise

<https://redriverpromise.org/>

- Midwestern State University
- Texas A&M University - Commerce
- Texas Woman's University
- University of North Texas
- University of North Texas - Dallas
- University of Texas at Arlington
- West Texas A&M University

### Texoma Promise

<https://texomapromise.org>

- Midwestern State University
- Texas A&M University - Commerce
- Texas Woman's University
- University of North Texas
- University of North Texas - Dallas
- University of Texas at Arlington
- West Texas A&M University

### Tarrant To & Through (T3) Partnership

<https://t3partnership.org>

- Tarleton State University
- Texas Woman's University
- University of North Texas
- University of North Texas - Dallas
- University of Texas at Arlington

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