

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 October 2026.

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

This information reflects Guaranteed Tuition Programs available as of October 2026.

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

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

Contact Information

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



East Texas A&M University

President's Promise Scholarship

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)
- ☐ FAFSA on file
- ☐ Enroll in the same year they finish high school
- ☐ Pell eligible equivalent need shown on the TASFA (the state aid form)
- ☐ May be combined with Honors College or donor-funded scholarships
- ☐ Household AGI \$85,000 or less
- ☐ Covers full tuition (no fees)
- ☐ Must enroll and complete 30 semester credit hours at East Texas A&M University during Fall/Spring
- ☐ Renewable up to 8 semesters for freshmen, 4 for transfers
- ☐ Minimum 2.0 term and cumulative GPA
- ☐ Be a Texas resident

For additional information, visit:
www.etamu.edu/presidentspromise/

Contact Information

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



EAST TEXAS A&M
UNIVERSITY

Lamar University

Lamar Promise Program

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 and Financial Aid documents received by February 1
- ☐ Texas Resident who is Federal Pell Grant eligible
- ☐ Be a dependent student per FAFSA/TASFA
- ☐ Household Income of \$100,000 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



Midwestern State University

Mustangs Guarantee Program

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
- ☐ Eligible for 8 consecutive long semesters (4 academic years)
- ☐ Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress

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

Contact Information

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



Prairie View A&M University

Panther Promise Program

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/>



Sam Houston State University

Bearkat Promise

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 January 15 for 2027-2028 academic year
- ☐ Household Family Income of \$100,000 or less
- ☐ Enroll in a minimum of 12 hours
- ☐ Minimum 2.5 GPA for transfer students
- ☐ Compliant with SAP policy
- ☐ Renewable up to 3 years for entering freshman; 1 year renewal for entering transfers
- ☐ Must be a Texas resident who is Pell eligible

For additional information, visit:

<https://www.shsu.edu/cost-aid/bearkat-promise>

Contact Information

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



Stephen F. Austin State University

Purple Promise Guarantee Program

The Purple Promise program guarantees that tuition and mandatory fees are covered by financial aid programs for eligible Texas resident students whose household adjusted gross income is \$100,000 or less annually.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Incoming first-year or transfer student
- ☐ Texas resident
- ☐ Dependent student per FAFSA
- ☐ Household adjusted gross income of \$100,000 or less
- ☐ Compliant with Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy
- ☐ Renewable for four years, subject to program requirements

For additional information, visit:

Purple Promise Guarantee Program
www.sfasu.edu/

Contact Information

Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships

Call: (936) 468-2403

Email: finaid@sfasu.edu or 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

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

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, campus meal plan, and book allowance.
- ☐ 1st time freshman for initial award, renewable up to 4 years
- ☐ Enroll in 12 hrs each Fall/Spring
- ☐ Texas Grant recipient and Pell eligible
- ☐ Top 50% of graduating high school class (if the high school doesn't rank, Tarleton State will use other factors (primarily high school GPA) to determine top half equivalent standing)
- ☐ Complete FAFSA and Tarleton Scholarship Application

Contact Information

Call: (254) 968-9070

Email: finaid@tarleton.edu

For additional information, visit:

www.tarleton.edu/becomeatexan/tarleton-promise/



Texas A&M International University

Dusty Promise

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

Contact Information

Financial Aid

Call: (956) 326-2225

Email: financialaid@tamiu.edu

For additional information, visit:

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



Texas A&M University

Aggie Assurance

Aggie Assurance provides coverage of both tuition and fees for students whose family income and assets are \$100,000 or less (for incoming undergraduate students starting Fall 2026). 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 \$80,001 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
Website 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 \$100,000 or less for Aggie Assurance Consideration
- ☐ Household family income between \$80,001 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 (only during the Fall and Spring semesters)
- ☐ Continuing students must maintain a 2.5 GPA and other Satisfactory Academic Requirements

For additional information, visit:

<https://aggie.tamu.edu/paying-for-college/apply-for-financial-aid/grants.html>



Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi

Islander Guarantee

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

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 up to 15 credit hours
- ☐ 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



Texas A&M University – Kingsville

Javelina Promise

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.

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/>

Contact Information

Call: (361) 593-5372

Email: financial.aid@tamuk.edu



Texas A&M University – San Antonio

Jaguar Promise

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, 2027
- ☐ 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

Contact Information

Call (210) 784-1300

Email: beajaguar@tamusa.edu



Texas A&M University – Texarkana

Eagle Promise Initiative

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



Texas A&M University – 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@tamuv.edu

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (JAG Promise and JAG Healthcare Promise)

- ☐ Must be a Texas Resident
- ☐ Must be fully admitted to Texas A&M-Victoria
- ☐ Must complete the FAFSA and Texas A&M-Victoria 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 Texas A&M-Victoria 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.tamuv.edu/admissions/>



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.

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 30 credit hours per year within their program of study
- ☐ 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>

Contact Information

Call: (713) 313-7802

Email: financialaid@tsu.edu



Texas State University

Bobcat Promise

Bobcat Promise provides eligible students with grants for tuition and mandatory fees up to 15 hours per semester to new entering freshmen with a FAFSA income of \$50,000 or less; beginning with Fall 2027 class, a FAFSA income of \$100,000 or less for students ranked in the Top 25% of their graduating high school class. We guarantee that students will have access to enough grants to cover tuition and mandatory fees if they meet the FAFSA income requirements.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Be an entering first-time freshman (transfer students and students admitted through the TXST-LSCO Gateway program are not eligible)
- ☐ Be a Texas resident and have graduated from a Texas high school
- ☐ Enroll full-time and complete at least 15 credit hours (excluding CLEP and AP courses) each fall and spring semester at either San Marcos or Round Rock campuses.
- ☐ 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
- ☐ Meet family adjusted gross income criteria (guaranteed for up to 4 years/ 8 consecutive semesters):
 - Family adjusted gross income of \$50,000 or less, OR
 - Family adjusted gross income of \$100,000 or less for students ranked in the Top 25% of their graduating high school class.

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

Contact Information

Student Financial Aid
and Scholarships

Call: (806) 742-3681

Email: Finaid.advisor@ttu.edu



Texas Woman's University

Zero Tuition Guarantee

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).

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/>

Contact Information

Call: (940) 898-3064

Email: finaid@twu.edu



TEXAS WOMAN'S
UNIVERSITY

The University of Texas at Arlington

Blaze Forward Program

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.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Be a Texas resident eligible for in-state tuition rates
- ☐ New incoming freshman or new transfer students with an associate degree
- ☐ Be Pell Grant eligible
- ☐ Current students receiving TX Grant during 26-27 aid year and meet renewal requirements
- ☐ Household AGI \$100,000 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



Contact Information

Financial Aid Office

Call: (817) 272-3561

Email: fao@uta.edu

The University of Texas at Austin

Texas Advance Commitment

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 first by Federal and State Grants (Pell, FSEOG, and Texas Grant) and institutional funds. 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.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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

For additional information, visit:

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

Contact Information

Call: (512) 232-6968 (myUT)

Email: onestop@utexas.edu



The University of Texas at Dallas

Comet Promise

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

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 or spring semester of the academic year.
- ☐ At least 9 credit hours in both fall and spring at UT Dallas.
- ☐ Submit a completed FAFSA or TASFA application with supporting documents to the Office of Financial Aid by January 15, 2027.
- ☐ Have a family income of \$100,000 or less.
- ☐ Have demonstrated financial need as determined by information provided on the FAFSA or TASFA.

For additional information, visit:

www.utdallas.edu/costs-scholarships-aid/costs/tuition/promise/



The University of Texas at El Paso

Paydirt Promise

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.

Contact Information

Call: (915) 747-5204

E-mail: studentfinancialaid@utep.edu

UTEP Financial Aid and Scholarships
Talk to us: financialaid.utep.edu/talk

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

For additional information, visit:

financialaid.utep.edu/promise



The University of Texas Permian Basin

Falcon Free

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, and transfer 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.

Contact Information

Call: (432) 552-2620

Email: falconfree@utpb.edu

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Be a Texas resident for first time degree-seeking undergraduates
- ☐ Household income of \$100,000 or less
- ☐ Enroll in at least 12 credit 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



The University of Texas at Rio Grande Valley

UTRGV Tuition Advantage

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 of \$125,000 or less
- ☐ 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 Institutional GPA
- ☐ Enroll in minimum 15 semester credit hours Fall/Spring

For additional information, visit:
www.utrgv.edu/tuitionadvantage

Contact Information

Call: (956) 882-4026

E-mail: ucentral@utrgv.edu



The University of Texas at San Antonio

UTSA Bold Promise

Bold Promise is our commitment to offer high-quality, affordable education to incoming Texas resident students. Qualifying students will have their tuition and mandatory fees covered 100% for up to four academic years for first-time freshmen (eight consecutive fall/spring semesters) or two academic years for transfers (four consecutive fall/spring semesters) if students maintain eligibility.

Contact Information

Call: (210) 458-8000

Email: onestop@utsa.edu

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRST TIME FRESHMEN

- ☐ Be a Texas resident
- ☐ First time freshmen must graduate in the top 25% of high school class
- ☐ Household family income up to \$100,000
- ☐ FAFSA/TASFA completed and admitted to UT San Antonio by state of Texas priority FAFSA deadline and demonstrate financial need
- ☐ Enroll full-time Fall/Spring
- ☐ Renewable up to 4 years, if students maintain 2.5 overall GPA and earn minimum 24 hrs per academic year
- ☐ Must maintain financial aid SAP eligibility

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

- ☐ Be a Texas resident
- ☐ Minimum Cumulative transfer GPA of 3.2
- ☐ Complete an associate's degree and enroll the following Fall semester
- ☐ Household family income up to \$100,000
- ☐ FAFSA/TASFA completed and admitted to UT San Antonio by May 1 and demonstrate financial need
- ☐ Enroll full-time Fall/Spring
- ☐ Renewable up to 2 years, if students maintain 2.5 overall GPA and earn minimum 24 hrs per academic year
- ☐ Must maintain financial aid SAP eligibility

For additional information, visit:

<https://onestop.utsa.edu/financialaid/types/bold-promise/>



The University of Texas at Tyler

Patriot Promise

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

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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

For additional information, visit:

www.uttyler.edu/patriot-promise/



University of Houston

Cougar Promise

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

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

For additional information, visit:

www.uh.edu/financial/undergraduate/types-aid/incentives/cougar-promise/



University of Houston–Clear Lake

UHCL Hawk Promise and Transfer Promise

The Promise Program covers tuition and mandatory fees through a combination of grants, scholarships, and institutional aid for new resident freshmen and new resident transfer students with family incomes up to \$100,000 who meet certain academic and financial need requirements.

Contact Information

Student Financial Aid

Call: (281) 283-2480

Email: uhcl_fao@uhcl.edu

PROMISE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ New first-time (Texas resident) freshman who graduates from an accredited public or private high school in Texas and enrolls at UHCL within 16 months of graduation
- ☐ Be admitted and complete the FAFSA and submit all required financial aid documentation by the January 15 deadline or until funds are fully awarded
- ☐ Household AGI up to \$100,000
- ☐ Be a Texas Resident who is Federal Pell Grant eligible
- ☐ Be a dependent student per FAFSA
- ☐ Enroll in a minimum 12 semester credit hours Fall/Spring (complete at least 24 hours each academic year)
- ☐ Maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA
- ☐ Renewable for three (3) additional years

TRANSFER PROMISE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ New first-time (Texas resident) transfer student who received an Associate Degree and enrolls at UHCL within 12 months
- ☐ Be admitted and complete the FAFSA and submit all required financial aid documentation by the January 15 deadline or until funds are fully awarded
- ☐ Household AGI up to \$100,000
- ☐ Be a Texas Resident who is Federal Pell Grant eligible
- ☐ Be a dependent student per FAFSA
- ☐ Enroll in minimum 12 semester credit hours Fall/Spring (complete at least 24 hours each academic year)
- ☐ Maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA
- ☐ Renewable for one (1) additional year

For additional information, visit:

www.uhcl.edu/costs-aid/types/grants



University of Houston–Downtown

Gator Promise

The Gator Promise is the University of Houston–Downtown’s commitment to make college education accessible and affordable for all Texas students with family adjusted gross income (AGI) of \$100,000 or less. Effective Fall 2027, the Gator Promise guarantees 100% of tuition and mandatory fees will be covered for eligible students by grant assistance (a combination of grants, scholarships, and/or other available funding from federal and state).

Contact Information

Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid

Call: (713) 221-8041

Email: uhdfinaid@uhd.edu

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ New ‘first-time-in-college’ freshmen or transfer students entering UHD, admitted and enrolled, for Fall 2027
- ☐ A Texas resident
- ☐ A member of a household with an annual adjusted gross income (AGI) of \$100,000 or less
- ☐ Eligible to receive Federal Pell Grant (with FAFSA application, and all financial aid forms and supporting documents submitted by June 1, 2027)
- ☐ Enrolled full-time (minimum of 12 credit hours taken) each Fall and Spring semester. Summer is not included
- ☐ Maintain an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher
- ☐ Up to 2 consecutive years of enrollment for transfer students, with no gaps in enrollment; or by the time of completion of the first degree
- ☐ Up to 4 consecutive years of enrollment for freshmen, with no gaps in enrollment; or by the time of completion of the first degree

For additional information, visit:

www.uhd.edu/gator-promise



University of North Texas

UNT North Texas Promise Program

UNT North Texas Promise Program ensures eligible students will receive a combination of federal, state, and/or institutional funding to cover the full cost of tuition and mandatory course 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

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Texas Resident graduating from a Texas High School
- ☐ First-time freshman seeking their first bachelor’s degree
- ☐ Total Family Income of \$100,000 or less
- ☐ Graduated in top 25% or Pell eligible
- ☐ Apply for admission to UNT and submit all required admissions documents by January 15
- ☐ Submit a complete FAFSA and all required supporting documents by January 15
- ☐ Attend UNT the fall semester after high school graduation
- ☐ Enroll in a minimum of 12 semester credit hours each fall/spring

For additional information regarding eligibility and renewal criteria, please visit:

unt.edu/NTPromise



University of North Texas–Dallas

UNT Dallas Trailblazer Tuition Trust

Eligible first-time undergraduate students pursuing their first bachelor's degree at UNT Dallas may have 100% of tuition and mandatory fees covered through a combination of federal, state and institutional grants and scholarships for up to four years (eight consecutive semesters).

Contact Information

Call: (972) 780-3662

Email: financialaid@untdallas.edu

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Be a graduating Texas high school senior enrolling at UNT Dallas the fall immediately following high school graduation.
- ☐ Be eligible for the Federal Pell Grant.
- ☐ Be eligible for Priority Texas Grant funding.
- ☐ Have a total family income of \$100,000 or less.
- ☐ Be a Texas resident graduating from a Texas high school.
- ☐ Be admitted and have a valid FAFSA submitted to UNT Dallas by March 1st.

For additional information, visit:

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



West Texas A&M University

BUFF PROMISE

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.

Contact Information

Call: 1-800-99-WTAMU

Email: admissions@wtamu.edu

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



Texas Promise Facts

This guide lists 34 Texas public universities that offer at least one form of guaranteed tuition program.

Family/household income levels served range from \$30,000 to \$130,000, and the median cap is now \$100,000. More than half of the programs with an income cap (19 of 32) cover families earning \$100,000 or more. Three universities also give partial tuition support to families above their full-coverage limit: the University of Houston (\$65,001–\$125,000), The University of Texas at Austin (\$100,001–\$125,000) and Texas A&M University (\$80,001–\$130,000).

Three guaranteed tuition programs cover tuition in full for families with incomes up to \$125,000: Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, Texas Southern University and The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

All of the programs are open to freshmen, and most are also open to transfer students.

Three programs require Top 25% high school ranking to qualify: Texas A&M International University, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and The University of Texas at San Antonio (freshmen). Texas A&M International University and The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley also accept minimum test scores in place of Top 25% standing. Several other programs use class rank as one way to qualify:

- Texas A&M University – San Antonio is open to Top 10% students, and to Top 11–35% students with a family AGI of \$70,000 or less.
- Tarleton State University requires Top 50% standing.
- The University of North Texas accepts Top 25% standing or Pell eligibility.
- Beginning in Fall 2027, Texas State University will cover families earning up to \$100,000 if the student ranks in the Top 25%, up from \$50,000 otherwise.

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