

How to Pay For College



The rising STAR of Texas

Types of Financial Aid

- ❖ Grants
- ❖ Work-Study
- ❖ Student Loans
- ❖ Bobcat Promise
- ❖ Veteran/Hazelwood Assistance
- ❖ Scholarships

Eligibility to Apply for Financial Aid

- ❖ In order to be considered for financial aid, you must meet the following criteria:
- ❖ *Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
 - Non-citizens who are Texas residents may complete a [Texas Application for State Financial Aid \(TASFA\)](#).
- ❖ Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in an undergraduate degree-seeking or post-baccalaureate teacher certificate program.
- ❖ *Be enrolled at least half-time in courses that count toward your degree (6 hours for undergraduates).
- ❖ Make [satisfactory academic progress](#) (Minimum GPA: 2.0)
- ❖ Not be in default on a federal student loan.
- ❖ Not owe a refund on any federal financial aid grant.
- ❖ Have a high school diploma, GED, or completion of high school in an approved homeschool setting.
- ❖ Have a valid Social Security number.
- ❖ Be registered with Selective Service (if required).
- ❖ Not have a federal or state conviction for drug possession or sale.

How To Apply For Financial Aid

Filling Out

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

This is very important or else you will not receive any aid or scholarships
Dates are very important!!!

- ❖ Complete a [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA) or renewal FAFSA. In order to maximize your financial aid, you should submit your FAFSA prior to **January 15** for the upcoming academic year. If you are a non-citizen who is a Texas resident, complete a [Texas Application for State Financial Aid](#) (TASFA).
- ❖ File your FAFSA as soon after October 1st as possible—keeping in mind our January 15 priority deadline. If necessary, you may estimate your income on the FAFSA if you have not yet filed your tax return.
- ❖ *Do not wait until you have been accepted to Texas State University*
- ❖ When filling out step 6 of your FAFSA, be sure to list Texas State and its Title IV school code--003615.

Important Links for Filling Out FAFSA

- ❖ Complete the FAFSA Form:

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

- ❖ 7 Easy Steps to the FAFSA – Start Here Video:

<https://www.finaid.ucsb.edu/fafsasimplification/>

- ❖ Filling Out the FAFSA will make you eligible for Grants, Work-Study programs, and Loans & allows you to receive outside or departmental scholarships

Bobcat Promise

- ❖ **Helping guarantee all Texas children have access to a higher education, regardless of their family's financial resources.**

To increase access to higher education, Texas State University offers the Bobcat Promise. This program guarantees free tuition and mandatory fees for 15 credit hours per semester to new entering freshmen with a family adjusted gross income that does not exceed \$50,000. The amount awarded under this program is equal to the tuition and fees reflected in the Texas resident cost of attendance, and any award or combination of awards cannot exceed one's demonstrated need.

Eligible students must 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 in order to receive the guaranteed funds. Students may qualify for the program for up to eight continuous long semesters (fall and spring). This program will provide up to the cost of 15 credit hours of tuition and fees each fall and spring semester (an award of \$11,540 for the 2020-2021 academic year).

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.

<https://www.finaid.txstate.edu/undergraduate/freshman-aid-programs/bobcatpromise.html>

Bobcat Promise Criteria

❖ Eligibility Criteria

- To be eligible for the Bobcat Promise, you must:
- Be an entering first-time freshman (transfer students are not eligible)
- Be a Texas resident
- Have a family adjusted gross income of **\$50,000** or less
- Be enrolled full time and complete at least 15 credit hours each semester (fall and spring semesters)
- 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

❖ Renewal Criteria

- To continue being eligible for the Bobcat Promise after the first year, you must:
- Maintain at least a cumulative 2.0 Texas State GPA (reviewed each May)
- Have completed at least 15 credit hours per semester during the previous academic year (fall and spring semesters)
- Meet the institutional and program-specific (e.g., TEXAS Grant) [Satisfactory Academic Progress](#) (SAP) requirements
- Submit a completed [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA) by March 15 prior to the upcoming academic year
- Continue to have a family adjusted gross income of \$50,000 or less
- Have financial need as demonstrated by the FAFSA

Any combination of aid, including outside scholarships, will not exceed the [cost of attendance](#).

Veteran Benefits

Hazlewood Act Benefits

- ❖ The Hazlewood Act provides qualified Veterans with up to 150 hours of tuition exemption, including most fee charges, at public institutions of higher education in Texas. This does not include living expenses, books, or supply fees.
 - The Hazlewood Legacy Act is available to children if eligible Veterans assign their unused hours of exemption eligibility to their child.
 - Spouses and dependent children of eligible veterans who died in the line of duty or as a result of injury or illness directly related to military service, are missing in action, or who became totally disabled for purposes of employability as a result of a service-related injury or illness are entitled to each receive a 150 credit hours exemption.
 - Two students cannot use the same benefit in the same semester. If our report shows another student already using the benefit, we will reassign the full debt to the student.
 - Click Here for More Information:
<https://www.va.txstate.edu/benefits/hazlewood.html>
- ❖ Click Here to View the Many GI Bill Benefits
 - <https://www.va.txstate.edu/benefits/gibill.html>



Scholarships



Must maintain a 3.0 while in school to be eligible for additional scholarships open to Sophomores, Juniors, & Seniors

- ❖ Bobcat Online Scholarship System (BOSS)
 - <https://www.boss.txstate.edu>
 - Search and apply for university and external scholarships in the BOSS system, including scholarships specific to your college, major or area of interest. You can also find information on eligibility and requirements. Some scholarships may require a separate application.
- ❖ College of Music Scholarships
 - <https://www.music.txstate.edu/Scholarships/Music-and-Ensemble-Scholarships.html>
 - Scholarships range from \$1000 - \$5000 per year; typical scholarships are \$1000 per year
 - Out-of-State or International Students who receive at least \$1000 annually are eligible for in-state tuition.
- ❖ Terry Foundation Scholarships
 - <https://www.finaid.txstate.edu/scholarships/terry/freshman>
 - The Terry Foundation awards full-ride scholarships, renewable up to four years, to incoming freshmen.
- ❖ Click on Link for More Information About Scholarships for Transfer, Continuing, and International Scholarships
 - <https://www.finaid.txstate.edu/scholarships.html>

Scholarships – Part 2

❖ Music Scholarships

- <https://latin.music.txstate.edu/Scholarship/Music.html>

❖ General/Hispanic/Latin Scholarships

- <https://latin.music.txstate.edu/Scholarship/gen-scholar.html>

Texas Music Educators Association Scholarships

Deadline: November 1st

The following scholarships are available for **graduating high school seniors**:

- **Bill Cormack Scholarship:** \$3,000 per year for up to five years
- **Past-Presidents Memorial Scholarship:** \$2,500 per year for up to five years
- **Past-Presidents Scholarship:** \$2,500 per year for up to five years
- **Executive Board Scholarship:** \$2,500 per year for up to five years
- **One-Year Scholarships:** \$2,500 for one year (multiple awarded annually)

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be entering as a full-time freshman, as defined by the attending institution, in a Texas college or university in the fall, 2021.
- Must major in a music degree program leading to Texas teacher certification with music as the primary teaching field.

For more information click below:

<https://www.tmea.org/scholarships/>

Get Help

Click Here for Financial Aid and Scholarships Online Virtual Advisor

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/FinancialAidandScholarships@txst.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

Find Work Study Jobs: <https://www.careerservices.txstate.edu/>

[Disabled Students](#)—Additional financial assistance for disabled students

[Independent Status](#)—FAFSA's definition of Independent Student

[TASFA \(Texas Application For State Financial Aid\)](#)—Financial assistance for non-citizens who are Texas residents

[Veterans Affairs](#)—Financial assistance for veteran students

[Pathway Program](#)—Financial aid information for Pathway students

[Children of Fallen Heroes](#)—Additional financial assistance for students whose parent or guardian was killed in the line of duty

Deadlines

- ❖ **January 15** - Priority deadline for submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA).
- ❖ **March 1** - Transfer and Continuing Scholarship Application deadlines. Transfer students must also be admitted by this date to be eligible for consideration.
- ❖ **March 1** - Summer Financial Aid Application Submission priority deadline. A separate summer financial aid application is required.
- ❖ **January 15** - Texas Grant Renewals. FAFSA must be submitted for those seeking Texas Grant renewal.
- ❖ **December 15** - Freshman Competitive Scholarship deadline. Incoming freshmen must be admitted and have applied for scholarships through Apply Texas by this date to be eligible for consideration.

School of Music Application & Audition Information

- ❖ [Audition Dates, Preparing for an Undergraduate Audition, & Audition Requirements](#)
- ❖ [Click to Submit Your Accepted \(Music\) Application](#)