

Texas State E-Mail

Account. Every new student enrolling at Texas State is provided an e-mail account. The Texas State e-mail account is the sole method of written communication with students regarding financial aid. Students will not be contacted through their private accounts such as hotmail, yahoo, AOL, etc. Therefore, it is important that students check their Texas State e-mail account daily for important financial aid information.

Other Financial Assistance

Scholarships

Scholarships are available to qualified students on a competitive basis. The Texas State General Scholarship Application is different from the FAFSA and can be obtained at www.finaid.txstate.edu. The online scholarship application for freshman and transfer students is available at www.applytexas.org. December 15 is the competitive scholarship deadline for incoming freshmen. The deadline for continuing and incoming transfer students is March 1. Students who are not Texas residents and receive a Texas State competitive scholarship of at least \$1,000 may be eligible to pay resident tuition.

Alternative Loan Resources

Some lending institutions offer student loans without processing a FAFSA. These are not federal loans, and most of these programs require school certification of eligibility. While Texas State does not promote these types of loans, Financial Aid and Scholarships does encourage all students to review carefully the repayment requirements, interest rates and other important aspects of the various alternative loan programs before deciding which loan is best suited to meet their needs.

TEXAS Grant Award Renewal

Students interested in renewing their TEXAS Grant award must do so by filing their FAFSA no later than March 31 prior to the upcoming academic year. Students who have an incomplete file as of October 1 will not be eligible to renew their TEXAS Grant award.

Short-Term Assistance

Students who need short-term/emergency assistance may borrow from \$50 to \$400. This short-term loan must be repaid within the semester it is borrowed. Students must be enrolled at least half-time, have at least a 2.0 Texas State GPA, no holds on their record and no defaults on previous short-term loans. Students who need assistance in paying tuition at registration may apply for the Emergency Tuition Loan (ETL) online at CatsWeb, click on Student Services and then click on Emergency Tuition Loan Application.

Refunds and the Return of Title IV Funds Policy

If a student withdraws or is expelled from Texas State, the student may be required to return all or a portion of the federal funds awarded to him or her. The student may also be eligible for a refund for part of the tuition and fees and/or room and board paid to Texas State for the semester. Any refund amount will first be applied toward the repayment due to the federal government.

To Withdraw

The student must complete the form entitled "Texas State Official Withdrawal Request" from the Registrar's Office. Financial aid recipients should speak with Financial Aid and Scholarships before the withdrawal is processed. The withdrawal date is defined as the date on which a student first indicates his or her intent to withdraw.

Two different refund calculations are applicable for a federal financial aid recipient who withdraws. These two refund calculations are the school refund calculation and the federal aid refund calculation.

Institutional Refund

Texas State's refund policy exists for calculating the refund of institutional charges. Texas State's Tuition and Fee Refund Policy can be found in the Refunds and Withdrawal section of the current semester's Schedule of Classes. If the amount of charges actually paid, either at registration or installment, is greater than the amount owed to Texas State at the time of withdrawal, students who withdraw from Texas State may receive a refund of tuition and refundable fees. Consult the Residence Life section of this catalog for information on the room and board refund schedule.

Federal Financial Aid Refund

The federal "Return of Title IV Funds" formula exists for calculating the amount of Federal Title IV aid that must be returned to the federal government – financial aid which the student is not entitled to retain per federal regulations. The federal formula is applicable to students who receive federal financial aid and withdraw on or before the 60% completion point. The federal formula requires that the unearned portion of Title IV funds be returned to the government if the student receives federal financial assistance in the form of a Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), Academic Competitiveness Grant, National SMART Grant, TEACH Grant, LEAP Grant, Perkins Loan, Federal Direct or Stafford loan, or Federal Direct or Stafford Parent Loan (PLUS). Students that withdraw unofficially will be withdrawn as of the 50% point in time. Worksheets used to determine the amount of refund or Return of Title IV aid are available upon request.

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University Housing Policy

In support of the educational mission of Texas State and the value of the on-campus life to the academic success of most students, all unmarried students under 21 years of age who have completed fewer than 56 credit hours must reside in university residence halls. Students are required to sign a room and board contract that is binding for the full academic year. Exceptions may be granted if a student lives at home with a parent or is married. These students must complete an Off Campus Request Form and submit it to

Residence Life with sufficient documentation to support the information given. Students who will have completed at least 56 credit hours or are at least 21 years of age do not need to submit an off campus request prior to the contract period.

Living On-Campus

Ask someone about their college experience, and they're likely to relate stories of the most exciting, intense and memorable times of their life. These memories will almost always relate to their experience in a residence hall. A campus environment is an atmosphere where lifetime friendships are formed, ideas and ideals are exchanged, and a whole world of opportunity and potential is spread before those willing to explore, study and get involved. In fact, many of these experiences occur outside the classroom in the living and social environment of the residence halls.

It is our mission to provide you with an environment that will contribute to your academic and social success as well as providing you with skills necessary to be successful in your career choice. Research on-campus and nationally has shown that, when compared to those living elsewhere, students living in the residence halls are more fully involved in academic and extracurricular activities, and tend to earn a higher GPA.

Texas State provides a variety of settings for these experiences, offering living options for over 6,500 students in 21 residence halls and 5 university-managed apartment complexes, including Bobcat Village, Clear Springs, Comanche Hills, Campus Colony and Riverside.

Dining On-Campus

No matter what you like to eat, when you want to eat, or whom you want to be with, our food plans have your needs in mind. We offer four dining plans so you can pick the one that best fits your schedule, eating preferences, and pocketbook.

Applying to Live On Campus

Contracts for on-campus housing are distributed and accepted only after you have been admitted to Texas State.

Cancellation Deadlines

Once your contract has been signed and returned, cancellation deadlines must be met for a deposit to be refunded. Please see our contract for specific cancellation details.

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Students attending Texas State while receiving educational assistance under one of the public laws for veterans and/or their dependents must contact the Texas State Office of Veterans Affairs to complete the required forms. Information and forms are also available on our website www.va.txstate.edu.

New and transfer students applying for educational benefits under the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for the first time must provide the Office of Veterans Affairs with a photocopy of the DD214 Member 4 form, "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty." Reserve and National Guard members applying for Chapter 1606 benefits must provide DD 2384 form: "Notice of Basic Eligibility." In addition, they must provide a copy of their Military Transcript (AARTs for Army, Smart for Marine Corps and Navy and CCAF for Air Force) and a Change of Place of Training VA Form 22-1995 for transfer students. Active duty military and dependents are exempt from the above requirements. All students must provide a copy of their Degree Audit Report (DAR) for their major and must follow the degree requirements in order to receive the maximum payout of their benefit. It is your responsibility to notify the Office of Veterans Affairs of any adds, drops, course, or program changes.

Benefit payments are made at the end of each month. Any student enrolling under any of the provisions for VA educational benefits should bring sufficient funds to defray the initial cost of tuition, fees, and living expenses for approximately three (3) months.

As a graduate student receiving veteran benefits, you must file with the Office of Veterans Affairs an official master's degree outline, a certification deficiency plan, or other similar documentation showing the requirements needed to accomplish your objective. It is your responsibility to notify the Office of Veterans Affairs of any adds, drops, course, or program changes.

Student eligibility for the Hazlewood Exemption was changed during the last legislative session. Please check with the Office of Veterans Affairs for information about the Hazlewood Exemption to see if your eligibility status has changed. Applications and information sheets for the Hazlewood Exemption may be obtained at the Office of Veterans Affairs or at www.va.txstate.edu.

Tuition and Fees

Information regarding tuition and fees per semester credit hour for a specific semester may be obtained at www.sbs.txstate.edu/students/information.html.

Texas State reserves the right to change fees in keeping with the acts of the Texas Legislature and the Board of Regents of The Texas State University System. The payment of all fees entitles the student to admission to classes; admission to auditorium and athletic attractions; subscription to The University Star; use of the Student Center and Recreational Sports Center, health services, and Sewell Park facilities; and group use of the Wimberley Camp. These fees also help provide funds for the Associated Students, band, choir, dramatics, debate and other student activities.

Tuition

Summer Offerings Other Than the Traditional Six-Week Terms. The tuition and fees credit hour rate for any course of less than six-weeks duration will be the same as the tuition and fees credit hour rate for the traditional six-week term. The tuition and fees credit hour rate for any term of more than six-weeks duration will be the same as the tuition and fees credit hour rate for a regular semester of the school year.