

## 2021-2022 Texas A&M University Freshman Scholarship Application Special Instructions

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### Incoming Freshman Scholarship Program

<http://scholarships.tamu.edu>

The incoming freshman scholarship program encompasses several scholarships awarded by Scholarships & Financial Aid including the Opportunity Award, Terry Foundation Scholarship, Brown Foundation Scholarship, President's Endowed Scholarship, Lechner Scholarship, McFadden Scholarship, Century Scholarship, and President's Achievement Scholarship. Selection criteria include (but are not limited to): high school scholastic record, extracurricular activities, awards, leadership experiences, and in some cases, evidence of financial need. Awards generally range from \$500-\$3,000 per year and are available for 1-4 years, dependent upon the individual scholarship. Incoming freshman for the 2021-2022 academic year can apply online at any time between August 1 and December 15.

A complete admission application including **all required credentials such as official high school transcripts, and application fee must be received by the Office of Admissions by December 15 to ensure scholarship consideration.** Award recipients are notified of their selection status in early spring.

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### Application Deadline

The deadline for the *ApplyTexas Scholarship Application* is **December 15**. Documents received after this date will not be considered. All other Texas A&M University committees and non-Texas A&M University committees that use our scholarship application adhere to the same deadline. Due to the volume of applications received, **corrections to the application are not permitted once submitted.**

### Essay Submission

Applicants are required to complete Essay Topic A only. Essays should be typed or computer generated and should not exceed the space allotted. **ONLY** the first submission of your essay will be considered. Re-submissions will not be read.

### Note About Essays and Formatting

We strongly recommend that you type/compose and **SAVE** your essay in a different program (like NotePad or MS Word) using a *mono-spaced font* (like Courier), then copy and paste it into the provided text box. Be aware that when you save your text, it will be converted to a mono-spaced font and any formatting you may have done will be lost and may impact what you have written. Similarly, if you attempt to copy and paste any specially formatted text such as a bulleted list of items, the bullet format will be lost.

Be sure to review all text answers and make any necessary revisions before submitting your application.

### Supporting Documentation

Scholarship applications are not considered complete until all required supporting documentation is received by Texas A&M University.

## **Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR)**

All freshman applicants must complete a SRAR with a few exceptions.\* Applicants create the Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR) using their official high school transcript. The SRAR lists the courses and associated grades that have been completed, or will be completed, for high school and/or college credit. It replaces the high school transcripts used by the Office of Admissions during the initial admission process in most cases. Applicants will enter their courses, grades, class rank (if provided on transcript), weighted GPA, and graduation plan in the SRAR. Since accuracy is critical, you must have a copy of your high school transcript available to use as a reference when you create your SRAR. The SRAR cannot be submitted prior to the application but you can and should work on it as soon as possible. It must be submitted and linked with your application by December 15.

\*All freshman applicants must complete the SRAR except the following:

- International applicants not completing high school in Texas
- GED graduates
- Students who have already graduated from high school

If a rank is not provided by the high school for students to enter in their SRAR a rank will be assigned.

Texas residents reporting a top ten percent ranking must also provide verification of ranking by submitting an official high school transcript with a relative numeric ranking via TReX or the upload feature in AIS.

## **Optional- SAT or ACT Score**

Due to the impact of COVID-19 on testing opportunities, Texas A&M University will not require test scores from students applying for the of Fall 2021. Sending test scores will not create any advantage nor disadvantage for students who provide them. Test scores must be reported prior to December 15 for consideration. Texas A&M University considers the student's highest, one-day test score regardless of how many times the test has been taken. The University does not combine the highest separate math and critical reading/verbal from different test dates. SAT and ACT scores expire after 5 years. When registering to take these tests, you should request that the testing agency to send the scores to Texas A&M University. The TAMU SAT code is 6003; the TAMU ACT code is 4198.

## **Resumes**

Resumes will not be considered for scholarship selection. Please enter activities in PRIORITY ORDER in the ApplyTexas application. Priority should be given to those activities/awards that applicants have been involved in over four years of high school or those in which applicants have had significant leadership positions. Specific scholarships may require supporting documentation such as a letter of recommendation or proof of eligibility. Unless specifically requested, do **not** submit letters of recommendation.

## **Scholarship Program Details**

Once submitted, your scholarship application is considered by Scholarships & Financial Aid, the Corps of Cadets, many academic colleges and departments across campus, and other University partners. For additional information on how the scholarship application is utilized, please see the following link: <https://u.tamu.edu/CollegeDepartmentScholarships>

## Selection Criteria

Selection criteria for incoming freshman awards vary from scholarship to scholarship and from committee to committee. Some scholarships have very specific criteria while others have more general requirements. For example, some scholarships are awarded only to students who attend a particular high school while others are awarded based on financial need, academic merit, or a combination of the two. Generally, scholarship committees look for students with high academic achievement, students who graduated in the top of their high school class, and students who are committed to extracurricular and volunteer activities.

## Financial Need (FAFSA, ISFAA & TASFA)

In order for the scholarship committees to determine financial need, applicants must complete a financial aid application.

US citizens and Permanent Residents should submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) <https://studentaid.gov>

Students who are not US citizens but are classified as Texas residents may complete the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) <http://financialaid.tamu.edu/Undergraduate>

Texas A&M suggests that you seek to submit your aid application by December 15 to maximize award opportunities.

International students may submit the International Student Federal Aid Application (ISFAA) at <http://financialaid.tamu.edu/International> The priority deadline for the ISFAA is May 1.

By submitting a completed FAFSA, ISFAA, or TASFA (and all requested documentation) you will be considered for federal, state, and institutional aid as eligible.

## Notification of Awards

Scholarship funds are extremely limited and highly competitive. Every scholarship committee reviews many applications each year. Unfortunately, *many qualified students do not receive awards.*

Only scholarship award recipients will receive official notification from the committees. In general, most scholarship committees will make their final decisions and will begin notifying award recipients in early spring. The notification process is usually completed by June 15.

## Checklist for Scholarship Applicants

- \_\_\_ Have you submitted the ApplyTexas scholarship application online?
- \_\_\_ Have you proof-read your application carefully? Remember, no corrections or additions can be made to the scholarship application after submission.
- \_\_\_ Have you submitted your Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR)?
- \_\_\_ Have you requested official high school transcript (with class rank) be sent?
- \_\_\_ Optional- Have you requested SAT or ACT scores (including writing portion scores) be sent to Texas A&M by the testing agency?
- \_\_\_ Have you paid the \$75 admission application processing fee (\$90.00 for international students) or submitted the required documentation for a fee waiver?