

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.

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Texas Southern University:
Contact the Office of Admissions for tuition assistance
and financial aid packages. A Promise Program is
not currently available.

This document is a guide

Information in this guide is current as of January 31, 2024.

Visit the website and contact admission’s personnel as the information provided here may change.

This information reflects Guaranteed Tuition Programs available as of October 2023.

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).

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Covers eight semesters, not including summers, or a bachelor's degree; must complete 24 semester credit hours per academic year (fall/spring)

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ First-time Freshman
- ☐ Admitted by May 1
- ☐ Federal Pell Grant eligible
- ☐ Family Income \$70,000 or less
- ☐ Minimum 2.5 institutional GPA

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



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 by Feb 1
- ☐ Federal Pell Grant eligible
- ☐ Be a dependent student per FAFSA
- ☐ Household AGI of \$40,000 or less
- ☐ Enroll in 15 credit hours 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 \$65,000 or less.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

The Mustangs Guarantee Program will cover the remaining balance of any tuition and mandatory fees for 15 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 first time in college freshman or transfer
- ☐ Admitted by March 1 for Fall, Nov 1 for Spring
- ☐ Federal Pell Grant eligible
- ☐ Be a dependent student per FAFSA
- ☐ Household AGI of \$65,000 or less
- ☐ Enroll in 15 credit hours each Fall/Spring
- ☐ Earn 12 hrs each Fall/Spring
- ☐ 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

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 (March 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
- ☐ Renewable for 4 years (consecutive); must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 for continued eligibility

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 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/

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

- ☐ Must be a Texas resident
- ☐ First-time Freshman
- ☐ Must complete the FAFSA
- ☐ Demonstrate Financial Need
- ☐ Federal Pell Grant Eligible
- ☐ Household AGI of \$80,000 or less
- ☐ Must complete 15 semester credit hours per semester
- ☐ Renewable with 2.0 cumulative Sul Ross GPA
- ☐ Must meet institutional and program-specific SAP requirements
- ☐ Required admissions and financial aid documents submitted by March 1

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.

Contact Information

Call: (254) 968-9000

Email: finaid@tarleton.edu

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/



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+
- ☐ Admitted to TAMIU and FAFSA/TASFA complete by March 15
- ☐ Household AGI \$100,000 or lower
- ☐ Demonstrate unmet financial need
- ☐ Transfers – Minimum 2.5 overall GPA
- ☐ Must enroll in at least 15 semester credit hours

For additional information, visit:

<https://www.tamiau.edu/financialaid/dustypromise/>

Contact Information

Financial Aid

Call: (956) 326-2225

Email: financialaid@tamiau.edu



Texas A&M University

Aggie Assurance

Aggie Assurance provides coverage of both tuition and fees for students whose family income is \$60,000 or less. Additionally, tuition support grants are offered to undergraduate students whose family income is greater than \$60,000 but no more than \$130,000. Tuition support grants range from \$500 - \$1,500 based on income and financial need. Students enrolled in a degree-seeking program at College Station, Galveston, or the Health Science Center will be considered for Aggie Assurance. Tuition support grants will continue to be available only to students enrolled at Texas A&M University-College Station.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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| ☐ Undergraduate seeking first Bachelor's degree at College Station, Galveston, or the Health Science Center | ☐ Demonstrate financial need |
| ☐ Complete FAFSA/TASFA by stated deadline on website | ☐ Enroll in at least 12 semester credit hours |
| ☐ Household AGI of \$60,000 or less for Aggie Assurance Consideration | ☐ Support offered for up to 4 consecutive academic years |
| ☐ Household AGI between \$60,000 and \$130,000 for tuition support grant consideration | ☐ 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>

Contact Information

Email: aggieonestop@tamu.edu

Email: aggie.tamu.edu



Texas A&M University – Central Texas

Central Texas Promise

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.

For additional information, visit:

Central Texas Promise

www.tamuct.edu

Contact Information

Office of Student Financial Assistance

Call: (254) 501-5854

Email: finaid@tamuct.edu



Texas A&M University – Commerce

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)
- ☐ 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.tamuc.edu/presidentspromise/

Contact Information

Financial Aid and Scholarships

Call: (903) 886-5096

Email: FAO.Web@tamuc.edu



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 April 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



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.

Contact Information

Call: (361) 593-5372 (JESC)

Email: JESC@tamuk.edu

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Texas resident
- ☐ First-time in college or transfer student
- ☐ Covers tuition and 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://tamuk.edu/javelinapromise/>



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

Includes tuition, fees, and books (\$300 book stipend per semester).

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Top 10%
- ☐ Top 11 – 35% with family AGI \$70,000 or less
- ☐ Early College High School with at least 30 credit hours
- ☐ Transfers- earned associate degree or 60 credit hours, family AGI \$70,000 or less
- ☐ Complete the FAFSA or TASFA by March 15, 2024

For additional information, visit:

Jaguar Promise
www.tamusa.edu

Contact Information

Call (210) 748-1000

Email: beajaguar@tamusa.edu



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
SAN ANTONIO

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 State University

Bobcat Promise

Bobcat Promise 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. 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 family-adjusted gross 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://www.finaid.txst.edu/fin-aid/freshman-aid-programs/bobcatpromise.html>

Contact Information

Call: (512) 245-2315

Email: FinancialAid@txstate.edu



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 first-time freshman students who are Texas residents and who enroll as full-time students each semester and transfer students who have earned an associate degree.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ First-time freshman and transfer students with an associate degree
- ☐ Household AGI \$65,000 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 semester 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).

Contact Information

Call: (940) 898-3068

Email: finaid@twu.edu

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ New first-time freshman or new transfer
- ☐ Covers gap for tuition and mandatory fees
- ☐ FAFSA/TASFA on file
- ☐ Demonstrate financial need
- ☐ Must be Pell Grant eligible or TASFA funds eligible
- ☐ Must enroll full time
- ☐ Maintain SAP requirements
- ☐ Renewable up to 4 years for freshman, 3 years for transfer
- ☐ Complete 24 credit hours per academic year, 30 preferred

For additional information, visit:

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



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.

Contact Information

Financial Aid Office

Call: (817) 272-3561

Email: 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



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 \$65,000 will have tuition covered with gift monies up to tuition. Students with family AGIs between \$65,000 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

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Tuition covered, Family AGI up to \$65,000
- ☐ 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

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 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/



The University of Texas at El Paso

Paydirt Promise

The Paydirt Promise program covers tuition and mandatory fees for eligible students with a family adjusted gross income of \$75,000 or less. The Paydirt Promise is available to first-time freshmen, returning, and transfer students. The Paydirt Promise is not available to students who are receiving an exemption or waiver for tuition.

Contact Information

Call: (915) 747-5204

E-mail: studentfinancialaid@utep.edu

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Household AGI up to \$80,000
- ☐ FAFSA/TASFA completed by March 15
- ☐ Renewable up to 5 total years
- ☐ Must enroll full-time each Fall/Spring
- ☐ Must maintain 2.0 GPA or higher and complete 24 credit hours per academic year

For additional information, visit:

www.utep.edu/student-affairs/financialaid/types-of-aid/paydirtpromise.html



The University of Texas of the 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, 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

- ☐ Household AGI up to \$100,000
- ☐ FAFSA/TASFA completed and registered for New Student Orientation by June 1
- ☐ Enroll in up to 15 semester credit hours Fall/Spring
- ☐ Renewable up to 4 years
- ☐ Maintain 2.0 GPA and complete at least 12 hrs each Fall/Spring

For additional information, visit:

www.utpb.edu/admissions-aid/falcon-free/



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
PERMIAN BASIN

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 up to \$125,000
- ☐ FAFSA/TASFA completed and admitted to UTRGV by April 1
- ☐ Demonstrate financial need
- ☐ Freshman Top 10% of HS class, or Min 19 ACT, or min 990 SAT
- ☐ 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/ucentral/tuition-advantage/

Contact Information

Call: (956) 882-4026

E-mail: ucentral@utrgv.edu



The University of Texas at San Antonio

UTSA Bold Promise

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 \$70,000
- ☐ FAFSA/TASFA completed and admitted to UTSA by March 15
- ☐ Enroll full-time Fall/Spring and earn minimum 24 hrs per academic year
- ☐ Renewable up to 4 years
- ☐ Must maintain SAP eligibility

For additional information, visit:

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

Contact Information

Call: (210) 458-8000

Email: onestop@utsa.edu



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 \$80,000
- ☐ 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/



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
- ☐ 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/



University of Houston–Clear Lake

UHCL Hawk Promise

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

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
- ☐ Admitted by April 1
- ☐ FAFSA/TASFA submitted and complete financial aid file by April 1
- ☐ Household AGI \$65,000 or lower
- ☐ Must be Pell eligible
- ☐ Enroll in minimum 12 semester credit hours Fall/Spring
- ☐ Must sign Terms and Conditions prior to first class day
- ☐ Renewable up to 4 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

Contact Information

Student Financial Aid
Call: (281) 283-2480
Email: uhcl_fao@uhcl.edu



University
of Houston
Clear Lake

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
Call: (713) 221-5880.



University of Houston–Victoria

JAG Promise and JAG Healthcare Promise

UHV'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

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>



University of North Texas

UNT Promise Program and Partnership

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

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ New first-time freshman admitted by Jan 15
- ☐ Household AGI of \$65,000 or lower
- ☐ Must be Pell eligible
- ☐ Demonstrate financial need
- ☐ Attend UNT the fall semester after H.S. graduation
- ☐ Enroll in minimum 12 hours in Fall/Spring

For additional information, visit:

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



University of North Texas–Dallas

UNT Dallas Promise Programs

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

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

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

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.

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 - 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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