

Student Financial Aid Programs

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The Office of Student Financial Aid assists students in obtaining financial assistance through a variety of federal, state, institutional and private sources in order to supplement their own contribution to a college education. The financial gap between the cost of an education and monies available from the family can be complemented by grants, loans, scholarships and/or student employment. The office updates the types of aid available annually.

Please visit the Financial Aid Webpage for current policies, procedures, and requirements.

Financial Aid Application Deadlines

Time is a very critical part when applying for financial aid. The following institutional priority deadlines which indicate the date financial aid applications must be completed to insure maximum grant eligibility and processing time:

Semester	Date
Fall/Spring	January 15
Spring only	November 1
Summer Sessions	May 1

Verification Priority Deadline

Semester	Date
Fall/Spring	July 1

Steps in Applying for Financial Aid

Application process

- A student must be admitted into a degree-seeking program to be eligible for financial aid. An application for admission to Texas A&M University-Kingsville can be completed online at: ApplyTexas.org website.
- Apply for a student and parent Federal Student Aid ID online at FSA ID webpage. Your FSA ID will allow you to electronically sign your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and access your application.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Applications can be filled out beginning October 1 of each year. Our School Code is 003639. Students must list Texas A&M University-Kingsville as one of the college/university choices in the FAFSA to be considered for financial aid at this university. Completion of the FAFSA requires certain financial information including the student's and/or parent's income tax return. Those who do not file a tax return must use proper income or benefit sources to complete it. These include child support and other untaxed income or benefits. It is recommended that the FAFSA be completed at FASFA Website.
- The U.S. Department of Education will review and process your FASFA information, notifying you via e-mail that a Student Aid Report (SAR) has been produced and is ready for review. Our Office will send you an e-mail informing you when the SAR has been received.
- Monitor your application status on JNET. The Department of Education may randomly select your application for a process called Verification or may require additional requirements. At such time, you will be required to submit additional information and/or documents.

To allow time for accurate processing, the deadline to submit verification documents to TAMUK for the term you are registered for in the respective year is:

Semester	Date
Fall	November 1
Spring	April 1
Summer	June 1

Financial Aid Process

Students and one parent, if applicable, will apply for a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID to sign the Free Application of Federal Student Aid (FASFA). The Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID is also used to sign loan documents and complete other federal aid processes electronically. The student and parent must

apply for separate FSA IDs for their own personal use as the FSA ID serves as a legal signature and thus should not be shared with anyone, including family.

Students and parent(s) (if applicable) **complete the FAFSA.**

- a. It is important to file as soon as possible as some sources of financial aid have limited funds.
- b. The federal school code for **Texas A&M University-Kingsville** is **003639**.
- c. It is recommended that students and parents use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to import tax information directly into the FAFSA, if eligible.

Student **receives a Student Aid Report (SAR)** 7-10 days after FAFSA submitted.

- a. The U.S. Department of Education (DOE) sends the SAR to the email address provided on the FAFSA. If one is not provided or the email is not valid, a paper copy is sent.
- b. The SAR is a summary of the information provided on the FAFSA. Student reviews information for accuracy and verifies that Texas A&M University-Kingsville is listed correctly.
- c. If the SAR has errors, you can correct your SAR using your FSA ID on the FAFSA website.

Verification may be required, **submit documents and forms when requested.** Required forms can be found on the student portal via JNET and Blue and Gold. The U.S. Department of Education selects approximately 30% of students who complete the FAFSA for Verification. Verification is a process where the school confirms that the data reported on the FAFSA is accurate. Students will be informed by the U.S. Department of Education on the SAR if they are selected and will receive notices from Texas A&M University-Kingsville of the required Verification documents that must be submitted to the Office of Student Financial Aid.

Financial Aid Award Letter Created

After an electronic version of the SAR is received by the Texas A&M University Kingsville Office of Student Financial Aid (and verification has been completed, if applicable), the student's financial need is calculated. A student's estimated Cost of Attendance (COA) less the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) equals financial need. Several types of financial aid are based on financial need.

- a. The Financial Aid Award Letter noticed is then emailed to the student at the student's Texas A&M University-Kingsville email account. The Award Offer will include aid programs for which the student is eligible taking into consideration the calculated need.
- b. The student should follow the instructions provided in the Award Offer email and utilize all the supporting documents referenced in it.

Award Offer Review

The student will need to log in to JNET to access and review the financial aid package and to indicate the intended action (Accept/Reduce Award Amount/Decline) as to the aid offered. Funds from grants and scholarship may be readily available.

If accepting a Direct Student (Subsidized and/or Unsubsidized) Loan, the student must complete Direct Loan Entrance Counseling and Direct Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN) online. Loan Entrance Counseling and the MPN need to be completed prior to disbursement of Direct Load funds, otherwise release of the funds will not disburse. It is recommended that these loan application requirements be satisfied 2-3 weeks prior to the start of the semester of first enrollment.

Students must reapply for financial aid each year through that year's FAFSA process.

General Information

Applicants must be accepted for admission, pre-registered for classes and have all financial aid documents completed and on file before financial aid funds can be disbursed.

Applicants must maintain satisfactory academic progress to be eligible for financial aid. Students must enroll for summer courses to be reviewed for summer eligibility.

Awards are subject to revision based on academic or enrollment status.

For more information, please contact the Office of Student Financial Aid Services at (361) 593-5372

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