

Colleges offering **FREE Tuition**

Students must be **TEXAS Residents**, admitted, and have submitted FAFSA/TASFA to the college in order to qualify for these free tuition offers.

Keep in mind that **Free Tuition does not mean you get a free ride**. Other fees such as housing and fees are applied to your semester bills. However, free tuition takes the majority of the cost from your bill. This is a great deal so please take advantage of this opportunity and check out all the schools with these programs. (This list does not include college scholarships. Please check your college website for scholarship information.) Check the website for more information, deadlines, and any changes.



College	Criteria for Free Tuition	Deadlines
Angelo State University 	Blue and Gold Guarantee • 1st-time freshman • Pell Grant Eligible • Family income of \$70,000 or less • Covers eight semesters; not including summers: • Must complete 15 hours each semester	• May 1st- Blue and Gold Guarantee (Be admitted and Complete all Financial Aid paperwork) • May 1st- Admission and FAFSA • Website: https://www.angelo.edu/admissions-and-aid/paying-for-college/blue-and-gold-guarantee/program-requirements.php

Lamar University 	Lamar Promise Program • 1st-time freshman or transfer student; Covers tuition/fee for students with a family income of \$40,000 or less • Must be a dependent student and Federal Pell Grant eligible • Must complete 15 credit hours each semester	• February 1 • February 1 Lamar Promise (be admitted and submit all financial Aid Paperwork) • Website: https://www.lamar.edu/financial-aid/types-of-aid/grants/lamar-promise.html
Midwestern State University 	Mustangs Guarantee Program • Federal Pell Grant eligible • Family income of \$65,000 or less • Eligible for four years, excluding summers • Must complete 12 each semester and maintain a 2.0 GPA (30 credit hours per academic year: Fall, Spring, Summer)	• May 31- Mustangs Guarantee Program (Be admitted and complete all financial aid paperwork) • March 1- Must be admitted by the date to be considered for University Scholarships • Website: https://msutexas.edu/finaid/m-guarantee.php#:~:text=The%20Mustangs%20Guarantee%20Program%20will,programs%20received%20by%20the%20student.
Rice university 	The Rice Investment • 1st-time freshman or eligible transfer student • FAFSA & HB 1403 eligible • Full time • \$140k - \$200k: Half Tuition • \$75k - \$140k Full Tuition • \$75k & Below Full Tuition, Fees, Room & Board	• November 1st- application • January 15th- Financial aid and admission paperwork submitted and accepted • Complete CSS • Website: https://financialaid.rice.edu/rice-investment

Sam Houston State University 	BEARKAT Promise • 1st Time Freshman or transfer students • Federal Pell Grant eligible • Family income of \$40,000 or less • Renewable for three years, not including summers • Must complete 12 credit hours each semester: maintain 2.5	• November 1st- Scholarships • November 1st- Bearkat Promise • March 15- FAFSA Priority deadline • April 15- Verification documents must be submitted • Website: https://www.shsu.edu/dept/financial-aid/aid/bearkatpromise
Stephen F. Austin University 	Purple Promise Program • 1st-Time Freshman • Must be a “dependent” student and Federal Pell Grant Eligible • Family Income \$80,000 or less • Eligible for up to four years, not including summers • Must complete 30 credit hours each year, and maintain a 2.2 GPA	• February 1st- scholarship (must be admitted to apply) • March 15- Financial Aid Priority • June 1st Purple Promise Program. • Website: https://www.sfasu.edu/admissions-and-aid/financial-aid/types-of-aid/grants/purple-promise/#:~:text=Purple%20Promise%20pays%20the%20remaining,based%20on%20the%20flat%20rate.&text=Deadline%20has%20been%20extended%20for,the%202024%2D25%20FAFSA%20opening.
Tarleton State University 	Tarleton Promise • 1st-Time Freshman • Pell & TX Grant eligible, • Family Income \$85,000 or less • Top 50% graduation class • Renewable for up to 4 years • Covers tuition/fees/room & board/book allowance • Enrolled full-time (12 Credits)	• February 15th- Completion FAFSA • February 15th- Completion of Tarleton Scholarships App • Website: https://www.tarleton.edu/becomeatexan/tarleton-promise/#:~:text=Tarleton%20State%20Promise%20Benefits,at%20our%20Fort%20Worth%20location.
Texas A&M University- College Station	Aggie Assurance Program • 1st Time freshman or transfer student • Family income of \$60,000 or less;	• October 15th- Early action and engineering Major admissions • December 1st- Regular admissions/ Scholarships

	financial need as determined by FAFSA • Eligible for up to four years; not including summers. • Must complete 12 credit hours each semester, and maintain a 2.5 GPA • Includes Texas A&M Blinn TEAM, Texas A&M University- Galveston-Health Science Center	• April 15th- Financial Aid Priority • January 15th- aggie Assurance Program • Website: https://aggie.tamu.edu/financial-aid/types-of-aid/grants/aggie-assurance#:~:text=Texas%20A%26M%20University%20has%20provided,%2460%2C000%20and%20have%20financial%20need.
Texas A&M University-Commerce 	President Promise Program • 1st-time Freshman or transfer student • Family Income of \$85,000 or less; financial need as determined by FAFSA • Pell Grant Eligible • Eligible for up to four years, not including summers. • Must complete 15 hours credit hours each semester; maintain a 2.5 GPA (Pride program PLUS 3.0 GPA and includes \$100/yr book voucher)	• June 1st- Financial Aid Priority • Website: https://www.tamuc.edu/undergraduate/scholarships/#:~:text=The%20President's%20Promise%20Scholarship%20covers,semesters%20for%20new%20entering%20transfers.
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi 	Institutional Islander Guarantee • 1st-Time Freshman • Family Income \$125,000 or less • Must complete 30 credit hours each year and maintain a 2.5 GPA • Eligible for 8 consecutive semesters- Fall and Spring • PELL Grant Eligible • Includes Texas A&M-RELLIS	• March 1st- Priority admission/Scholarship APP • May 1st FAFSA Completed • Website: https://www.tamucc.edu/cost-and-aid/financial-aid/info-for-students/guarantee.php#:~:text=Islander%20Guarantee%20covers%20all%20tuition,at%20faoweb%40tamucc.edu.
Texas A&M University-San Antonio	Jaguar Promise • Top 10% and ECHS grades w/30 hours	• January 15th- Priority Scholarship • Website: https://becomeajaguar.com/jaguar-promise/

	eligible • Maintain a 2.5 GPA (ECHS) or 3.0 (Top 10) Full time. • Top 35% graduating with 11-35% of your graduating class from a high school • Family AGI of \$70,000 or less • Apply and submit FAFSA and general scholarship application • Covers tuition, fees, and books	
Texas A&M University- International 	The Dusty Promise • Top 10% Freshman (top 25% or 980 SAT/ 19 ACT) or undergraduate transfer student with a 2.5 GPA • Family income of \$100,000 or less • Covers unmet financial aid need • Eligible for 4 years • Must enroll in 15 credit hours each semester and maintain a 2.5 GPA	• December 1st- Scholarships • March 15th- Dusty Promise • March 15h Financial aid priority • July 1- Regular admissions • Website: https://www.tamtu.edu/finaid/dustypromise/
Texas State University 	Bobcat Promise • 1st Time Freshman Only • Federal Pell Grant eligible • Family Income of \$50,000 or less • Eligible for 8 semesters • Must complete at least 15 credit hours each semester; • Maintain a 2.0 GPA	• December 15th Scholarships • April 15th-Bobcat promise- admissions/FAFSA complete • Website: https://onestop.txst.edu/financial-aid/learn-more/icons/bobcatpromise.html
Texas Tech University	Red Raider Guarantee • 1st-time freshman or transfer student • Federal Pell Grant eligible	• November 1st- Priority Admissions • December 1st Priority Scholarship • March 15th- Red Raider HGuarantee- admissions

	• Family Income \$65,000 or less • Eligible for eight semesters; not including summers • Must have demonstrated financial need • Must Complete 12 credit hours each semester **subject to funding availability	/FAFSA/TASFA complete • Website: https://www.depts.ttu.edu/financialaid/guarantee/
University of North Texas 	Emerald Eagle Scholars • 1st-time Freshman only • Federal Pell Grant eligible • Family income of \$65,000 or less • Must complete 15 credit hours each semester; maintain a 2.5 GPA	• March 15th- Scholarship Priority/ FAFSA Complete for Emerald Eagle Scholar • March 15th – Submit SAT or ACT scores • Website: https://emeraldeagles.unt.edu/eligibility-requirements.html
University Of Houston 	Cougar Promise • 1st-Time Freshman • Federal Pell Grant Eligible • Family income \$65,000 • Must complete 24 credit hours each year; maintain a 2.5 GPA • Tuition support available if AGI is \$125,000 or less	• November 15th- Scholarship Priority • January 15th- Cougar Promise • April 15th- FAFSA Completion Deadlines • January 15th- Admissions documents must be submitted • Website: https://www.uh.edu/financial/undergraduate/types-aid/incentives/cougar-promise/#:~:text=The%20University%20of%20Houston%20Cougar%20Promise%20covers%20both%20tuition%20and,ranging%20from%20%24500%20to%20%242%2C000

University of Houston-Victoria 	Texas advance Commitment • \$2,4000 Scholarship for UHV Jaguar Village housing • New full-time students to UHV • Eligible to receive federal, state, and or university aid • Must attend Victoria Campus and complete 12 hours a semester	• March 15th- Scholarship priority • January 15th- Cougar Promise. Admitted and FAFSA complete • June 3th Regular Decisions • Website: https://www.uhv.edu/financial-aid/cost-of-attendance/uhv-commitment-scholarship/
University of Texas-Austin 	Texas Advance Commitment • 1st-time freshman or transfer student • Demonstrated financial need- FAFSA/ TASFA • Family income \$65,000- Tuition is fully covered • Family income 65K-12K- Tuition assistance as needed • 2.0 GPA, eligible for 4 years	• January 15th- Texas advance Commitment • Website: https://www.admissions.utexas.edu/cost-aid/financial-aid/texas-advance-commitment/#:~:text=Your%20Texas%20Advance%20Commitment%20award,the%20funding%20the%20student%20received.
University of Texas-Dallas 	Comet Promise • 1st-time freshman only • Federal Pell Grant eligible • Family Income \$65,000 or less • Eligible for four years, not including summers • Must complete 30 credit hours each school year; maintain a 2.0 GPA	• Financial Aid priority • January 15th Comet Promise- Admitted, FAFSA/TASFA complete • July 1st Regular Decision • Be admitted by May 1st • Website: https://www.utdallas.edu/costs-scholarships-aid/costs/tuition/promise/
University of Texas- El	Paydirt Promise	• March 15th-Admitted/ FAFSA complete

Paso 	• 1st-time freshman or transfer student • Demonstrated financial need • Family income less than \$80,000 • Eligible for up to four years • Must complete 21 credit hours each school year; maintain a 2.0 GPA	• Website: https://www.utep.edu/student-affairs/financialaid/types-of-aid/paydirtpromise.html
University of Texas-Permian Basin 	Falcon Fee (Pending) • Federal Pell Grant Eligible • Family income of \$100,000 or less • Eligible for up to eight semesters of full-time undergraduate enrollment, excluding summers. • Must enroll/complete at least 12 credit hours each semester	• March 1st- top 5% scholarship Nomination • May 1st- Scholarship deadlines (must be in the 35% of your class) • July 15th- Regular admissions • July 15th- Falcon Free promise 9 Admit/FAFSA/TASFA complete • Website: https://online.utpb.edu/falcon-free/#:~:text=Falcon%20Free%3A%20Texas%20Families%20That%20Make%20%24100K%20or%20Less&text=We%20believe%20that%20a%20college,most%20Texas%2Dbased%20UTPB%20students.
University of Texas- Rio Grande Valley 	Tuition Advantage • 1st-time freshman- top 10% or 990 SAT or 19 ACT • Transfer student 2.5 GPA • Federal Pell Grant • Covers tuition/fees with a family income of \$125,000 or less • Eligible for 8 semesters or until graduation; whichever occurs first • Must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours per semester; maintain a 2.5 GPA	• January 15th- entering Freshman Scholarship • April 1st- Tuition Advantage- admitted and FAFSA/TASFA complete • April 15th- FAFSA/TASFA Completed • Website: https://www.utrgv.edu/ucentral/tuition-advantage/
	UTSA Bold Promise	• December 1 scholarship

University of Texas- San Antonio 	• 1st-time Freshman only; top 25% of graduating class • Federal Pell Grant eligible • Covers tuition/fees with a family income of \$70,000 or less • Eligible for up to four years, not including summers • Must complete 30 credit hours each school year; Maintain a 2.5 GPA to renew	• January 15th- Admit/FAFSA/TASFA • March 1st- Priority • June 1st- Regular admissions • Website: https://future.utsa.edu/promise/
University of Texas- Tyler 	Patriot Promise • 1st time freshman or transfer student • Federal Pell Grant Eligible • Covers tuition for students with a Family income of \$80,000 or less • Must complete 24 credit hours each year and maintain a 2.0 GPA	• May 1st- Admitted and FAFSA/TASFA completed • Website: https://www.uttyler.edu/admissions-aid/tuition-financial-aid-fees/patriot-promise/
West Texas A&M University 	Buff Promise • Federal Pell Grant eligible • Family Income \$80,000 or less • Eligible for up to eight semesters, not including summers. • Must complete 30 credit hours per school year	• December 1st- early Action Scholarship • February 1st- priority Scholarship • March 1st- Priority Scholarships • March 15th- Priority state Financial aid • April 15th- Buff Promise- Completed (admitted and FAFSA/TASFA complete) • August 1st Regular admissions • Website: https://www.wtamu.edu/student-support/financial-aid/buff-promise/index.html

University of Houston-Downtown 	Gator Pledge • 1st-Time in College • Family Income of up to \$50,000 • high school graduate who has earned a recommended or distinguished diploma • Eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant • Enroll as a full-time student at UHD, maintaining at least 24 credit hours within a 12-month period	• June 1st- submit all financial aid forms with supporting documentation • Website: https://www.uhd.edu/financial/types/financial-types-gatorpledge.aspx
University of Houston-Clearlake 	Hawk Promise • 1st-Time in College • Family Income of up to \$65,000 • A graduate from a Texas high school with a recommended, distinguished, or foundation diploma • Eligible to receive Federal Pell Grant • Enrolled as a full-time student (at least 12 hours per semester and complete a minimum of 24 hours within the academic year)	• April 1st- submit all financial aid forms with supporting documentation • Website: https://www.uhcl.edu/costs-aid/types/grants#:~:text=UH%2DClear%20Lake%20guarantees%20tuition,academic%20and%20financial%20need%20requirements.
Lee College 	First Time FREE at Lee • Reside in the Lee College service area	• Have applied for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) if you are eligible.

CSS Profile

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