



FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Apply for admissions to Texas Southmost College at <https://www.applytexas.org/>
- Be U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens
- Have a valid Social Security Number
- Must not be in default on any prior student loan
- Must not owe an overpayment on any Title IV financial aid
- Must be meeting Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
- Must have graduated from an accredited high school or have a GED
- Male applicants between 18 and 26 years old must be registered with Selective Service

APPLY FOR AN FSA ID

- Visit <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/sign-in/landing>. You will need a username and password for yourself and a parent if dependent and for spouse if married. Information needed:
 - Your Social Security number (if available)
 - Your personal information such as name, your date of birth, your street address
 - Your e-mail address

APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

- Complete the financial aid application (FAFSA) online at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
TSC's school code is 030646. To apply, you will need:
 - Your Social Security Number
 - Your parents' Social Security numbers (if any) if you are providing parent information
 - Your driver's license number if you have one
 - Your Alien Registration Number if you are not a U.S. citizen
 - Federal tax information or tax returns ****including IRS W-2 information, for you (and your spouse, if you are married), and for your parents if you are providing parent information.**
 - Use income tax records for the specified year:
 - 2024-2025 FAFSA - You will use 2022 income tax information (*available December 2023*)
 - 2025-2026 FAFSA - You will use 2023 income tax information (*available December 2024*)
 - 2026-2027 FAFSA - You will use 2024 income tax information (*available October 2025*)
 - Information on cash; savings and checking account balances; investments, including real estate but not including the home in which you live; and business and farm assets for you, and your parent if you are providing parent information

CHECK YOUR FINANCIAL AID STATUS

- You must check the status of your financial aid through TSC Self-Service under "My Documents" tab. If documents are pending, you will get notified via e-mail to submit them as soon as possible. Make sure to check your TSC email daily.

FINANCIAL AID BASED ON ENROLLMENT AND NEED

- 1-5 credits is less than half time enrollment
- 6-8 credits is 1/2 enrollment
- 9-11 credits is 3/4 time enrollment
- 12 + credits is full-time enrollment

REQUESTING STUDENT LOANS

- Log in to TSC Self-Service and go to “Request a New Loan”
- Once a loan has been offered, you will receive an e-mail notification with specific instructions on how to process the loan in 3 steps.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- Exemptions are a type of financial assistance allowing some Texas residents to attend a public college without paying tuition or in some cases tuition and fees. Please complete the Special Programs Request form through TSC Online for the appropriate program. For more information go to:
<http://www.collegeforalltexas.com/apps/financialaid/tofa.cfm?Kind=E>

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Scholarship cycle typically opens every October 1st with a deadline of April 1st. Application is available at:
<https://www.tsc.edu/student-resources/student-services/financial-aid/scholarships/>

MAINTAINING SAP

- In order to receive Title IV funds, students must meet the following minimum requirements:
 - Grade Point Average - Minimum 2.0 Cumulative GPA
 - Completion Rate - Maintain a minimum 67% completion rate
 - Timeframe to Complete Academic Program – this measure limits the number of hours required for a degree. The maximum is 150% of the required credits to complete the student’s program of study.

WITHDRAWING/DROPPING COURSES

- When a federal Title IV grant or loan is disbursed and the student does not complete the enrollment period, the law requires that TSC calculate the amount that must be returned by the school. Check with the financial aid office before you decide to withdraw a course as you might owe funds. Withdrawing and/or dropping will may also affect your financial aid SAP status.