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Welcome to Scholarships and Financial Aid. Sam Houston State University provides current and prospective students with resources to assist in the search for scholarship funds from university and external sources. The Scholarship Team coordinates and oversees the University's comprehensive scholarship program and acts as a liaison between the departments on campus, the University Scholarship Committee, the Financial Aid Office and Office of Enrollment Management. The Scholarship Team coordinates and administers more than 500 SHSU scholarship programs a year, ranging from a few hundred to several thousand dollars.

Popular Scholarships

- [Smith-Hutson College of Business Administration Annual Scholarships](#)
- [Terry Foundation](#)
- [Transfer Scholarship](#)
- [SHSU Scholarship List \(by Department and Classification\)](#)

Useful Scholarship Information

- [Outside Scholarships](#)
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- [Tips on Applying for Scholarships](#)

Eligibility for scholarships (What are general qualifications? FAFSA?)

While financial aid is based on need, scholarships are primarily awarded on the basis of academic merit, leadership, honors, extracurricular activities and other criteria. To be considered for these and other scholarships, you must meet the minimum eligibility criteria.

Scholarship award decisions (general statement)

Sam Houston State University offers a variety of academic scholarship opportunities for freshman, transfer, continuing and other students.

How to apply/deadlines (Scholar X/department may have different deadlines)

Sam Houston's SH [ScholarX Scholarship Application](#) is a virtual clearinghouse for many SHSU scholarships. [Complete one application](#) and apply for many SHSU scholarships. February 1st is the priority deadline. Do not send letters of recommendations, essays, or lists.

DEADLINE INFORMATION

- **Priority Date:** February 1st - It is recommended that students have a completed application submitted by February 1st.
- The **College of Education** and the **College of Criminal Justice** have a firm deadline of February 1st. Applications for scholarships for the College of Education and the College of Criminal Justice will not be considered if received after February 1st.
- The **College of Business Administration** has a deadline of February 20th.

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FAFSA Priority Deadlines

Fall and Spring: March 15

Spring only: Sept. 30

Scholarship Priority Deadline

February 1st

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- The **Sociology Department** has a firm deadline of November 1st for Spring awards and March 15th for Fall awards.
- Awarding will start in mid-February.
- Students are notified via mail from the department offering the scholarship and via e-mail from the Financial Aid & Scholarships Department if they are awarded. Students can also view their award packages on their Self-Service Banner.

How is my Scholarship Disbursed?

- Once a recipient is selected an Award Letter is mailed to the student's permanent address. Students are also notified via email from Financial aid.
- Awarded Scholarships can be viewed by logging into **Banner** using their SAM ID and PIN.
- Applications received after deadline dates will be awarded pending availability of funds
- Students must accept their scholarship awards through their Self-Service Banner.

How do scholarships impact other financial aid awards?

While scholarships are based on merit and academic achievement, they are still considered part of your financial aid package. They are counted towards your overall package along with grants, work-study, and loans. Federal and state financial aid programs require that students not receive financial aid in excess of one's cost of attendance. Need based aid, (such as grants and subsidized loans) also must remain within a student's financial need as determined by their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

If you are awarded a scholarship, waiver, and/or tuition exemption and you are or will be receiving financial aid through Sam Houston State University, you must notify your financial aid counselor (either by e-mail, phone, or in person at our office) of your award. Your counselor will help determine if the award necessitates a revision of your financial aid package.

Requirements for scholarship renewal

Once awarded a scholarship, please read the terms and conditions in your Self-Service Banner for continued eligibility requirements, if any. If the scholarship is renewable, it may require you to submit a new application each year. You may need to maintain a minimum GPA (sometimes less than the GPA that won you the scholarship). You may be required to complete a certain number of credits or specific courses. Scholarships frequently require a minimum level of enrollment. If you fall below the minimum or fail to enroll a semester, you may lose the scholarship. If you struggle with a course and consider dropping, please do not do so until you have talked to your adviser and a scholarship representative from the Financial Aid Office. Dropping one or more courses below full time may impact your scholarship.



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