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**Section I**. Naval ROTC Scholarships/Awards

A. Scholarships

1. The Naval ROTC offers a full tuition and fees scholarship accompanied with stipend payments every two weeks while in school. This scholarship also includes a payment to cover the cost of course books every semester. Each Naval ROTC scholarship requires a minimum 5-year active duty commitment in the Naval service. This scholarship is available for incoming freshmen as well as current college students. The “Side-Load” application criteria are as follows:

* 2.5 GPA
* Passing Physical Fitness Test
* Meet medical requirements

See a NROTC Military Advisor for further information regarding the NROTC Scholarship Program.

B. Awards

1. See Enclosure (1) for further information. The enclosure provides all information regarding NROTC Awards.

**Section II**. Corps of Cadets Scholarships/Awards

A. Scholarships

1. Corps 21 Scholarship

* 4-year scholarship
* Valued at approximately $20,000 total and payable up to $5,000 per year
* Current number of Corps 21 Scholarships: 29
* election based on superior academic performance and demonstrated leadership

2. General Rudder Corps Scholarship

* 4-year scholarship
* Valued at $10,000 total and payable at $2,500 per year
* Current number of General Rudder Corps Scholarships: 195
* Selection based on superior academic performance and demonstrated leadership

3. Commandants Leadership Award

* 4-year scholarship
* Valued at $8,000 total and payable at $2,500 per year for the first two years and $1,500 per year for the last two years
* Current number of Commandants Leadership Awards: 160
* Selection based on superior academic performance and demonstrated leadership

4. Sul Ross/Corps Scholarship

* + 2-year scholarship with potential for renewal
  + Valued at $2,400 total and payable at $600 per semester for four semesters of freshman and sophomore years
  + Current number of Sul Ross/Corps Scholarships: 1150
  + Selection based on excellent academic performance and demonstrated leadership

5. Meade-Carpenter Emerging Leaders Award

* + 1-year scholarship with potential for renewal
  + Valued at $1,200 total and payable during freshman year
  + Current number of Meade-Carpenter Emerging Leaders Awards: 76
  + Selection based on excellent academic performance and demonstrated leadership

6. Chester Reed Scholarship

* + 2-year scholarship with potential for renewal
  + Valued at $2,400 total and payable at $600 per semester for four semesters of freshman and sophomore years
  + Current number of Chester Reed Scholarships: 60
  + Selection based on financial need

B. Awards – Will Schrank can provide further information. Mr. Schrank is located in Commandant’s Office and can be reached at (979)845-2811.

**Section III**. University Scholarships/Grants

University Resources are available to all students based on various needs. The resources available include scholarships, grants, and loans. Scholarships and grants are considered “free money” and the student is not required to repay them. Loans are considered self-help and are usually required to be repaid once the student graduates or enrolls in less than a full load of classes. Regardless of the amount of need or student status, every student is greatly encouraged to talk to an advisor in the Financial Aid department or visit the online financial aid portal at <financialaid.tamu.edu> to see what kinds of aid they qualify for.

A. Scholarships –

1. [State Engineering Scholarship Program](https://scholarships.tamu.edu/add_scholarships/state_engineering.aspx) – Students who are pursuing an undergraduate degree in engineering at a participating general teaching institution in Texas.

* You must be enrolled as a sophomore in an undergraduate engineering degree program at a Texas public university.
* You must have registered for the Selective Service or be exempt from this requirement.
* You must have graduated from high school in the top 20% of your graduating class.
* You must have graduated from high school with a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a four-point scale or the equivalent in mathematics and science courses offered under the recommended or advanced high school program.
* You must maintain an overall GPA of at least 3.0 on a four-point scale at the public institution in which you are enrolled.

2. [Top 10% Scholarship Program](https://scholarships.tamu.edu/add_scholarships/top_ten_percent.aspx)-

* You must be a Texas resident.
* You must demonstrate financial need (to be determined by the college or university financial aid office).
* You must complete a 2010-2011 FAFSA or TASFA (if applicable) and file by March 1, 2010\*\*.
* You must complete Recommended or Distinguished Achievement HS curriculum.
* You must rank in the top 10 percent (as of your 7th semester or 6th if the college uses that semester for admissions).
* You must graduate from an accredited high school in Texas.
* You must be an entering Freshman (however can come in as first time junior or senior, from high school with college credits placing you at this classification).
* You must be enrolled full time at the university (12 or more hours)

**Renewal Requirements (contingent upon available funding)**

* You must complete 30 semester credit hours (SCH) in the previous year.
* You must maintain a cumulative 3.25 GPA.
* You must complete at least 75% of hours attempted.
* You must be enrolled full time at the university (12 or more hours)

3. [Valedictorian Tuition Exemption](https://scholarships.tamu.edu/add_scholarships/Valedictorian_Exemption.aspx) – Exemption is granted for your first two semesters immediately following graduation from high school.

* You must be certified as the valedictorian from your high school.
* Texas A&M University must be the first college or university at which you enroll full-time.

4. [ConocoPhillips SPIRIT Scholars Program](https://scholarships.tamu.edu/add_scholarships/conoco_phillips.aspx) – The ConocoPhillips SPIRIT Scholarships Program is open to students pursuing a bachelor’s degree, master’s degree or PhD who are interested in careers in the energy business. The award is $5,000 annually and includes internship and mentoring opportunities and enrichment activities.

* You must be enrolled as a full-time student.
* You must have a minimum GPA of 3.25.
* You must be committed to business, engineering, or geosciences as a major.
* You must demonstrate leadership abilities and extracurricular involvement.
* You must have a strong interest in a potential career in the energy industry.

B. Grants –

1. [Federal Pell Grant](https://financialaid.tamu.edu/Types/grants/pell_grant.aspx) – Federal Pell Grants are awarded to undergraduate students who have not earned a bachelor’s or professional degree and who possess financial need. All students meeting eligibility requirements are offered the Federal Pell Grant.

* + - * + You must have “need” as determined by the FAFSA
      * Recipients must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress.

2. [Academic Competiveness Grant (ACG)](https://financialaid.tamu.edu/Types/grants/acg.aspx) –

* + - * You must be a first or second year student enrolled in a two or four year degree program.
      * You must be a U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen.
      * You must be eligible for the Federal Pell Grant in the same award year.
      * You must be enrolled at least half-time (6 credit hours).
      * You must have completed a Rigorous Curriculum in high school.
      * You must have financial need.
      * You must have a cumulative GPR of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale at the completion of the First Academic Year in order to receive second year ACG.

3. [SMART Grant -](https://financialaid.tamu.edu/Types/grants/smart_grant.aspx)

* + - * [You must apply for financial aid by submitting the](https://financialaid.tamu.edu/Types/grants/smart_grant.aspx) [[Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)](https://financialaid.tamu.edu/Types/grants/smart_grant.aspx)](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)[.](https://financialaid.tamu.edu/Types/grants/smart_grant.aspx)
      * [You must be Federal Pell Grant eligible.](https://financialaid.tamu.edu/Types/grants/smart_grant.aspx)
      * [You must be a U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen.](https://financialaid.tamu.edu/Types/grants/smart_grant.aspx)
      * [You must be enrolled half-time (6 or more hours) in a four-year degree program and classified as a junior or senior.](https://financialaid.tamu.edu/Types/grants/smart_grant.aspx)
      * [You must major in physical, life or computer science, engineering, mathematics, technology or a critical foreign language.](https://financialaid.tamu.edu/Types/grants/smart_grant.aspx)
      * [You must have at least a cumulative 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.](https://financialaid.tamu.edu/Types/grants/smart_grant.aspx)

4. [Texas Public Education Grant (TPEG)](https://financialaid.tamu.edu/Types/grants/tpeg.aspx) – The Texas Public Education Grant (TPEG) is a program administered by the State of Texas to provide assistance to students with financial need, seeking a first bachelor’s degree, graduate degree or professional degree

5. [TEACH Grant](https://financialaid.tamu.edu/Types/grants/teach_grant.aspx) – The TEACH Grant Program was implemented in the 2008-2009 academic year. This new program was created to assist students who are seeking degrees in high need fields and who anticipate teaching in those fields at the secondary or elementary level. You must apply through the FAFSA.

* + - * + You must be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
        + You must enroll in coursework necessary to begin a career in teaching or plan to complete such coursework.
        + You must score above the 75th percentile on a college admissions test or maintain a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.25.
        + You must complete a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve.

6. [TEXAS Grant](https://financialaid.tamu.edu/Types/grants/texas_grant.aspx) – The Toward Excellence, Access & Success (TEXAS) grant was established in 1999 by the Texas Legislature to provide need-based financial assistance to Texas students.

* + - * + You must be a Texas resident.
        + You must register for Selective Service or must be exempt from this requirement.
        + You must demonstrate exceptional financial need as determined by the FAFSA (preference will be given to students with the lowest EFC).
        + You must be a graduate of an accredited high school in Texas no earlier than fall 1998.
        + You must have completed the Distinguished or Recommended high school curriculum. We encourage you to have a final high school transcript mailed directly to the Office of Admissions, P.O. Box 30014, College Station, TX 77842-3014, in order to expedite the verification of eligibility for this program. If a high school does not offer the above curricula, you may request a form to have the high school certify eligibility.
        + You must enroll in a non-profit public college or university in Texas within 16 months of graduation from an accredited public or accredited private high school in Texas, and
        + You must not have accumulated more than 30 semester credit hours, excluding those earned for dual or concurrent courses or awarded through credit by examination (AP, IB or CLEP).
        + Have earned an Associate Degree from a public technical, state or community college in Texas and
        + Enroll in any public university in Texas no more than 12 months after receiving their associate’s degree
      * **OR** 
        + If you are transferring from another college or university and you previously received the TEXAS Grant, you may be eligible to continue receiving it at Texas A&M University. Please notify a financial aid advisor to determine continued eligibility.
        + If you are a student athlete, you must have NCAA compliance approval to be eligible for this program.

7. [Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)](https://financialaid.tamu.edu/Types/grants/fseog.aspx) – The FSEOG is available to Federal Pell Grant recipients with high financial need. Preference is given to students who are attending on a full-time (12 credit hours) basis.

8. [Teach for Texas Conditional Grant](https://financialaid.tamu.edu/Types/grants/teach_for_texas.aspx) – The Teach for Texas Conditional Grant is a forgiveness loan program with certain conditions that must be met once the award is accepted. Specifically, you must agree to repay the award/loan if you do not become a full-time, certified teacher, teaching in a specified “shortage field” or in a community experiencing a “critical shortage of teachers.”

* + - * + You must have a current GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
        + You must have completed at least 75 percent of the semester credit hours attempted in the most recent academic year.
        + You must be enrolled at least 3/4 time in an approved educator certification program as: a junior, a senior, a renewal recipient in the final fifth year required by some institutions in order to be recommended for certification, or a post-baccalaureate student enrolled for the first time in a traditional educator certification program.
        + You must have no conviction for a felony or an offense under Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code (Texas Controlled Substances Act), or under the law of another jurisdiction involving a controlled substance as defined in Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code (unless other applicable eligibility requirements set forth in rule have been met).

9. [International TPEG](https://financialaid.tamu.edu/Types/grants/itpeg.aspx) – The International Texas Public Education Grant is awarded to international students only. The International TPEG does not have to be repaid.

* + - * + You must be classified as an international student as determined by the registrar.
        + You must maintain satisfactory academic progress.
      * **Applying –** find the application online at financialaid.tamu.edu/Types/grants/itpeg.aspx

10. [Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Higher Education Grant – The Bureau of Indian Affairs Higher Education Grant is a federal grant program for Native American students.](https://financialaid.tamu.edu/Types/grants/bia_grant.aspx)

* + - * + [You must be a member (or at least one-quarter degree Indian blood descendent of a member) of an American Indian tribe that is eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States through the Bureau of Indian Affairs to Indians because of their status as Indians.](https://financialaid.tamu.edu/Types/grants/bia_grant.aspx)
        + [You must be accepted for admission to a nationally accredited institution of higher education that provides a course of study conferring the Associate of Arts or Bachelor’s degree.](https://financialaid.tamu.edu/Types/grants/bia_grant.aspx)
        + [You must demonstrate financial need as determined by the financial aid officer of the post-secondary institution.](https://financialaid.tamu.edu/Types/grants/bia_grant.aspx)
      * [Applications for the BIA Grant are available through the education office of the Tribe in which you are affiliated or possess membership.](https://financialaid.tamu.edu/Types/grants/bia_grant.aspx)

C. Loans –

1. Federal Stafford Loans –

* + - The Stafford loan program is provided by the federal government, but it is administered by commercial institutions. Student loan borrowing cannot exceed the cost of attendance, nor may you borrow over the annual and lifetime aggregates that are set for the Stafford loan. An origination fee and guarantor fee may be assessed upon disbursement. The type of loan you are offered is based upon the results of the FAFSA.
    - Once you are awarded the Federal Stafford Loan, you will be instructed to choose a lender. You are free to choose a lender from our lender list or you may choose a lender not on that list. The choice of a lender is entirely yours and must be made before your loan(s) will be funded. Choosing another lender will not impact the timing of your funds. You are encouraged to contact several lenders before making a decision about who to borrow from.

2. Federal Perkins Loans **–** The Federal Perkins Loan is a low interest loan for both undergraduate and graduate students with financial need. The loan is funded by the federal government, but the school acts as the lender. All payments on the Perkins loan will be made to Texas A&M University.

* + - * You must have a “need” as determined by the FAFSA.
      * You must be enrolled at least half-time at Texas A&M University.
        + Undergraduate Students – 6 hours
        + Graduate Students – 4 hours
      * You must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress.
      * You may not exceed annual or lifetime aggregate loan limits.

Interest Rate

* + - * Fixed rate of 5% - Interest will begin to accrue 9 months after you graduate or drop below half-time enrollment.

Limits

* + - * Undergraduate Students
        + Annual Limits - $5,500
        + Maximum Limits - $27,500
      * Graduate/Professional Students
        + Annual Limits - $8,000
        + Maximum Limits - $60,000\*

\*Includes undergraduate amounts

3. USAA Pre-Commissioning Loan – the bank of USAA offers a low interest rate loan to cadets seeking a commission in the United States military. The loan totals an amount of twenty-five thousand dollars. For more information on this offer visit usaa.com.

D. **Any cadet seeking more information should visit the Scholarships and Financial Aid Office in the Pavilion or search on the website located at financialaid.tamu.edu**.

**Section IV**. Active Duty (MECEPs/MCPs/STA21s) Scholarships/

Grants/Benefits

A. Scholarships

1. Pat Tillman Military Scholarship – Available to veterans and active duty service member pre and post 9/11. Available to service members who wish to start, finish, or further their education. The award is annually renewable. Must meet the following additional criteria:

* Unmet financial need.
* Educational and career ambitions.
* Record of personal achievement.
* Compelling, thoughtful, genuine, and thorough essay question response.
* Demonstration of service to others in the community and a desire to continue such service.

2. Faye Leeth Memorial Endowed Scholarship – Established to help Veteran students attending Texas A&M. Students must meet the following criteria:

* Must have completed the Apply Texas Application.
* Must have a FAFSA completed and on file.
* Must have a 2.5 GPR.
* Award is $1,000.00 for a year.

B. Grants

3. Pell Grant - Amount granted will be determined by U.S. Department of Education and you will be informed of your award by A&M VA Office. The grant is a need-based grant for undergraduates who have low-income. Member must fill out Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) before the beginning of the academic year/semester.

C. Loans

1. Admiral Mike Boorda Loan Program - offers loans ranging from $500 up to $3,000 an academic year, to eligible active duty Sailors and Marines accepted to the following programs: Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program (MECEP), Medical Enlisted Commissioning Program (MECP), or the Meritorious Commissioning Program (MCP). Visit the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society on the web at http://www.nmcrs.org/boorda.html. Enclosure X provides additional information.

D. Hazelwood Act

The Hazelwood Act is available to active duty or veterans who meet the following criteria:

* Entered the military in Texas or with Texas as home of record.
* Received an honorable discharge from your service branch, or have a Reenlistment Certificate which states “honorable/(ably) discharged.”
* Provide your DD-214 Member 4 Copy, or provide your Certificate of Reenlistment stating “honorably discharged.”
* Complete the Hazelwood Exemption Application.

The Hazelwood Exemption can be utilized with the GI Bill (Chapter 30 or 33). For further assistance, contact the Texas A&M Veteran Services at (979) 845-8075.

E. GI Bill

1. Chapter 33/ Post 9/11 GI Bill:

This benefit will pay tuition directly to the university. Additionally, student will receive a payment of up to $1,000 annually (divided by academic term) for books and supplies. They will also receive a monthly living allowance based on the DoD Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) rate for E-5’s with dependents. The amount of this benefit varies from 40%-100% depending on length of service. Active duty will not receive BAH since they already receive BAH. Active duty will not receive book/supplies stipend.

2. Chapter 30/ Montgomery GI Bill:

Base rates range from $536.50 a month for a half time student with less than 3 years service to $1368 a month for a full time student with at least 3 years service. These rates do not include a kicker that you may be eligible to receive. If you are active duty while enrolled as a student you are paid a calculated rate that reimburses tuition and fees or the veteran rate, whichever is lower. Active duty will not receive FULL benefits, only enough to cover tuition and fees.

F. VA Tutorial Assistance:

Tutoring is essential to correct a student’s deficiency. Member may receive Tutorial Assistance up to $100 a month and a maximum amount of $1200 a year. The first $600 is free from being charged against your entitlements. Tutoring can be reimbursed when you follow the following steps:

* Letter from the Professor recommending outside assistance.
* Attend tutoring and maintain receipt.
* Complete VA Form 22-1990t and submit to the Texas A&M VA Office. Ensure the form is faxed to VA Headquarters.

Enclosure (X) is the VA Form 22-1990t to complete to receive reimbursement for tutorial assistance.

**Section V**. Other Resources

A. Platoon Leaders Class

1. Training takes place during the summer at Officer Candidates School (OCS) in Quantico, VA. College freshmen and sophomores attend two six-week summer training sessions over two years. College juniors attend one 10-week summer training session. Candidates receive pay and allowances while attending Officer Candidate Courses. Lodging, textbooks, meals and travel costs are paid for by the Marine Corps. After graduation from college and completion of Platoon Leaders Class (PLC) at OCS, candidates are offered a commission as a second lieutenant. Must meet the following criteria:

* Full-time student at a two or four-year college or university\*
* U.S. citizen
* 18 to 28 years old, though exceptions may be considered

\* Students in two-year colleges can sign a letter of intent to later transfer to a four-year university

**PLC Aviation Additional Requirements** To qualify, you must be no more than 28 years old when commissioned. You must pass the Navy/Marine Corps Aviation Selection Test Battery (ASTB), be medically qualified for flight training and meet minimum vision requirements.

**PLC Law Additional Requirements** To qualify, you must have completed your bachelor’s degree. You will complete OCS during law school and must pass the bar exam before reporting to TBS. You must achieve an LSAT score of 150 or better, and be younger than 28 years old when transitioning to active duty.

**\* For additional information see enclosed Frost Calls.**

B. Departmental Scholarships –

The following Departments listed are the most popular Majors within NROTC offering scholarships within the Department.

1. Political Science – The Department of Political Science in the College of Liberal Arts offers numerous scholarship opportunities. Please visit the following website for scholarships available: <http://www-polisci.tamu.edu/scholarships/>. Students seeking further information may also call the Department of Political Science at (979)845-2511. The following are just a couple of the scholarships found on the website.

* John Alvis Memorial Scholarship - The John Alvis Memorial Scholarship is awarded each year to a Texas A&M University Political Science major. The purpose of this scholarship is to support students who are seriously committed to careers in public service. John Alvis, Class of 1989, fought for international democracy, and the recipient of this award exemplifies his American Patriotism. A commitment to public service and demonstrated financial need will be weighted more heavily than strict academic merit.
* Mary Anne & J. W. Kornegay Scholarship - The Mary Anne & J.W. Kornegay scholarships were made possible by the generous gift from a Political Science former student and is named in honor of his parents. The purpose of the scholarships are to help fund students who are studying abroad. Each spring semester, scholarships will be made available to political science majors.
* Political Science Excellence Scholarship -This scholarship is a Foundation Excellence Award created and administered by the Texas A&M Foundation, an independent non-profit corporation that directs fund raising in support of Texas A&M University. The Foundation Excellence Award (FEA) is a scholarship program created to increase diversity in Texas A&M's undergraduate student body. The FEA helps the university recruit and retain outstanding under-represented students instead of losing them to out-of-state colleges that offer more attractive financial aid packages. The FEA program was created in response to a legal decision in which public universities lost their ability to consider ethnicity in awarding financial aid. While the legal landscape surrounding the issue has changed, our commitment to diversity has not. Providing opportunity to all groups of people is critical to the future of our state and nation.   
    
  Telea J. and Paul K. Stafford '90 established this scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded each year, when possible, to an African-American majoring in political science.   
    
  Please visit the Foundation's FEA website [(http://giving.tamu.edu/content/tamufoundation/fea.php)](http://giving.tamu.edu/content/tamufoundation/fea.php) for more information and an application.

2. The Department of Department of Construction Science within the College of Architecture offers scholarships. The scholarship application is available at <http://archone.tamu.edu/cosc/documents/scholarshipapplication09-10.pdf> . Students who need additional information may contact Amanda Holmes at [amandaholmes@tamu.edu](mailto:amandaholmes@tamu.edu) .

3. The Department of Mechanical Engineering within the College of Engineering has particular scholarships to students within the department. The scholarship application is available at <https://scholarships.tamu.edu/tamu_scholarships.aspx> , the general University scholarship application. The following are just a few of the scholarships awarded in 2009:

* **Dr. Alison J. Berry ‘76 Scholarship in Mechanical Engineering -** This scholarship was endowed by Eben W. Berry, Jr. ‘43 in remembrance of Alison Berry ‘76. Student recipients can continue to receive their scholarship as long as the eligibility requirements are met. Students who elect to pursue a graduate degree in mechanical engineering at Texas A&M may continue to receive this scholarship for an additional two years.
* **Clayton T. Burger ‘00 Scholarship in Mechanical Engineering -** This scholarship will help mechanical engineering transfer students who participate in varsity or intramural athletics or a student organization associated with athletics. Burger graduated in 2000 and began working for ExxonMobil. In 2003, Burger hit a golf ball 402 yards to win $80,000 in the “Longest Drive” contest. With a portion of his winnings, Burger has endowed this scholarship. His gift was matched by ExxonMobil.
* **Mollie & Jim Schulze ’50 Scholarship in Mechanical Engineering -** This scholarship will benefit undergraduate students pursuing a mechanical engineering degree. Recipients must have graduated from a Texas high school in the top 10 % of their graduating class and be a U.S. resident. The scholarship was established by Mollie and Jim Schulze of Granbury, Texas.

4. The Department of Aerospace Engineering within the College of Engineering has particular scholarships to students within the department. The Departmental Scholarship Application is available at <http://aero.tamu.edu/information-for/current-students/undergraduate-program/scholarship-application>. For additional information, contact the Department at (979)845-0735.

C. Study Abroad Resources

1. Scholarships – For a timeline of scholarship availability, please visit the scholarship timeline. To apply, please go to https://scholarships.tamu.edu/uwideapp. For more information please e-mail [saposcholarships@tamu.edu](mailto:saposcholarships@tamu.edu).

* Study Abroad Fellowship (SAF) - This is primarily a need-based scholarship.  Funding can vary depending on the length of program, granted to a student only once.  For Texas A&M University students enrolled full time at College Station campus and in good academic standing.  Applicants are required to participate in and complete a Texas A&M pre-approved credit-bearing study abroad experience.  Applicants must submit a completed scholarship application by the scholarship deadline and complete all program application requirements and be in an accepted program status by scholarship deadline.  Application deadlines are October (spring), February (summer), and April (fall).
* International Education Fee Scholarship (IEFS) - Funded by the International Education Fee, this is primarily a merit-based scholarship and awards may vary depending on the length of the program.  This scholarship is granted to a student only once in their current degree/non-degree program. It is for currently-enrolled Texas A&M University students who pay the International Education Fee.  Applicants are required to participate in and complete a Texas A&M pre-approved credit-bearing study or research abroad experience, generally defined as an experience outside the student’s country of citizenship. Graduate/Professional students and Undergraduate students have separate application processes, overseen by two different offices

2. Loans and Grants – Approximately 30% of students studying abroad in summer 2006 received a federal and/or private loan. All undergraduate students enrolled in at least 6 semester credit hours (half-time) and graduate students enrolled in at least 4 semester credit hours (half-time) at Texas A&M are eligible to apply for and receive federal and state loans and grants.

* The Scholarships & Financial Aid Office located in the Pavilion (near Evans Library) can provide a list of federal and state grants and loans for which students can apply. Additional information may be found on the website, <<https://scholarships.tamu.edu/add_scholarships.aspx>>.

3. Sponsorships - Each year, many students studying abroad raise scholarship money themselves through their own hometown connections. Study Abroad Programs encourage students to do this and have made arrangements with the Scholarships & Financial Aid Office for you to have such donations sent directly to Texas A&M in your name to be applied directly to your tuition and fees. Students have told us in the past that some corporate and business donors like to know that your requests for scholarships are valid and want receipts they can use for tax purposes.