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Most colleges offer free tuition programs for students who demonstrate financial need. ALWAYS check the financial aid/scholarship website for each college you are interested in attending!

Sample List of Free Tuition Programs at Texas Colleges

*contact the financial aid office at each college for additional information

Angelo State University- The Blue and Gold Guarantee Program covers eight semesters (summer terms not included) of tuition and mandatory fees for students demonstrating financial need. To qualify, a student must: 1. Be a bona fide Texas resident, 2. Be entering college as a first-time freshman, 3. Have a combined family Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$40,000 or less, 4. Be eligible for the Federal Pell Grant Program, 5. Complete all financial aid application requirements by the published priority application deadline (April 1), 6. Enroll in and maintain a minimum of 15 semester credit hours, 7. Meet and maintain the minimum standards of ASU's Satisfactory Academic Progress policy.

Rice University- Rice continues a policy of need-blind admission and meeting 100 percent of demonstrated need. For families whose income is \$80,000 or less, Rice will meet 100 percent of need eligibility without loans. That means these students' financial aid packages will be covered by scholarships, grants, work study and other aid. For those whose income is above \$80,000 and who are need eligible, Rice will cap the amount of loans in financial aid packages at \$10,000 for the four undergraduate years (as long as they remain eligible for need-based aid). To apply, complete FAFSA, CSS Profile and IDOC applications by March 1st for priority deadline. See website for details: <http://financialaid.rice.edu/main.aspx?id=36>

Texas A&M University- The Aggie Assurance aids students with a family income of \$60,000 or less by pledging to provide enough scholarships and grants to pay tuition for all eligible students. FAFSA form must be completed by March 31st priority deadline.

Texas Tech University- The Red Raider Guarantee offers free tuition and mandatory fees up to 15 credit hours per semester to new entering freshmen who are Texas residents and enrolled full-time with family adjusted gross incomes that do not exceed \$40,000. Eligible students must apply, be accepted for admission and have a complete financial aid file before May 1, 2009, to receive the guaranteed funds.

The University of Arlington- UTA provides grant assistance to cover all fall and spring tuition and fees for undergraduate Texas residents who have a family income of \$25,000 or less.

The University of North Texas- The Emerald Eagle Scholars Program is available to new entering freshmen whose family's adjusted gross income does not exceed \$40,000. The program encourages academic success and timely completion of a bachelor's degree. For eligibility enrollment requirements, visit: www.unt.edu/emeraldscholars

Military Dependents Financial Assistance

*There are many educational benefits afforded to veterans of the United States Armed Services and their dependents. Below is specific information on a recent State of Texas funded benefit:

The Hazlewood Act- Provides qualified veterans, spouses, and children with an education benefit of up to 150 hours of tuition and fee exemptions at state supported colleges or universities. Effective with the fall 2009 term/semester, in order to be eligible to receive a Hazlewood Act Exemption, a veteran must:

1. Have been a Texas resident upon entry into the military, entered the service in the State of Texas, or declared Texas as his or her home of record;
2. Have a military discharge of honorable or general, under honorable conditions;
3. Served at least 181 days of active duty service (excluding training);
4. Not be in default on an education loan made or guaranteed by the State of Texas.

Transferability of Benefits (Legacy Program)- Eligible veterans may assign unused hours of exemption eligibility to a child under certain conditions. To be eligible, the child must:

1. Be a Texas resident,
2. Be the biological child, stepchild, adopted child, or claimed as a dependent in the current or previous tax year,
3. Be 25 years or younger on the first day of the semester or term for which the exemption is claimed (unless granted an extension due to a qualifying illness or debilitating condition), and
4. Make satisfactory academic progress in a degree, certificate, or continuing education program as determined by the institution.

For more information, go to any of these links:

<http://www.tvc.state.tx.us/Hazlewood.html>

<http://collegeforalltexas.com/apps/financialaid/tofa2.cfm?ID=500>

http://www.tvc.state.tx.us/BROCHURES/2008-Hazlewood_FAQ.pdf

UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The chart below includes a short list of upcoming scholarships, grants and college funding competitions.

Note: this newsletter is updated each month on the first day of the month.

Scholarship	Description	Award Amount	Contact/application Information	Deadline
Dallas Jewish Community Foundation Scholarship	Scholarship awards to seniors who demonstrate both academic merit and financial need; several different opportunities available.	Varies	http://djcf.org/scholarships-and-grants/index.html	Materials available on website: October 2009
APS Minority Scholarship	Scholarship award to any African-American, Hispanic American, or Native American US citizen or permanent resident who is majoring in physics in college.	\$2,000	www.aps.org/programs/minorities/honors/scholarship/index.cfm	Materials available on website: Nov. 2009
The University of Kansas School of Music Scholarships	Scholarship awards based on academic merit, leadership, SAT/ACT scores, GPA, essay questions, school and community service, and special awards/honors. Numerous scholarship opportunities are afforded through a single application for admission/scholarships.	Varies	http://www.admissions.ku.edu/apply/	Priority deadline: 11/01/09 Final deadline: 12/01/09
TCU Texas Youth Entrepreneur of the Year Award	Scholarship award based on demonstrated entrepreneurship. Open to 10 th , 11 th , and 12 th grade students.	\$1,000 to \$5,000	www.tcuyeya.org	11/1/09
Denton Republican Women's Club Scholarship	Scholarship award to selected female students who have shown academic excellence, who hold and demonstrate conservative values and who have secured two letters of recommendation from recognized conservative individuals.	\$250	See high school guidance counselor for application.	11/2/09
Ron Brown Scholar Program	Scholarship awards to ten African-American high school seniors. Applicants must excel academically, exhibit exceptional leadership potential, participate in community service activities and demonstrate financial need. The applicant must be a US citizen or hold a permanent resident visa card.	\$10,000 annually	www.ronbrown.org	11/1/09
"Freedom in America" Essay	Scholarship award through the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) for high school seniors. Requires an in-depth essay on First Amendment rights.	1 st -\$5,000 2 nd -\$2,500 (5) -\$1,000	www.thefire.org/contests	11/6/09
Cargill Community Scholarship	Scholarship award for students who have work experience. Must submit information on work experience and how it relates to future goals. FFA members must include SAE activities and 4-H members must include projects.	\$1,000	www.cargill.com/about/citizenship/scholarships.htm	Materials available on website: 11/20/09
Metro PCS Community Scholars Program	Scholarship awards to high school seniors enrolling full-time in a two or four year institution. Award is based on: volunteerism/community service and academic achievement.	Multiple \$2500 local awards & one \$25,000 national award.	www.metropcs.com/scholarship	Postmark by 11/25/09

First Freedom Student Competition	Essay contest regarding the First Amendment, history, and the relevance of religious freedom in America and the world today.	Up to \$3,000	www.firstfreedom.org	On-line by 11/23/09; Postmark by 11/28/09
Hispanic Heritage Foundation Educational Grant	Grant award based on 500 word essay submitted by student. Student must be of Hispanic heritage to enter.	\$1,000 to \$10,000	www.colgate.com/hazlau	11/30/09
The Terry Foundation Scholarship at The University of Texas Austin	Scholarship award based on academic merit, strong leadership and financial need to students who have applied and been accepted to The University of Texas at Austin by 12/1/09 (the scholarship deadline at UT) through the Apply Texas Application for Admissions and Scholarships along with the required essays at: www.applytexas.org .	Varies up to the cost of attendance at the University of Texas-Austin	http://bealonghorn.utexas.edu/freshmen/scholarships/index.html	12/01/09
The Terry Foundation Scholarship at Texas State University	Scholarship award based on academic merit, strong leadership, and financial need. Apply for admission to Texas State University at www.applytexas.org . Applicants will automatically be considered for the Terry Scholarship if they are eligible based upon the review of their application.	Varies up to the cost of attendance at Texas State University	http://www.txstate.edu/honors/prospective/scholarship.html#	12/01/09
The Terry Foundation Scholarship at Texas A&M University	Scholarship award based on academic merit, strong leadership and financial need. Student must have applied and been accepted to Texas A&M University by 1/15/10 (the admission deadline at A&M). The Texas Application for Admissions and Scholarships along with the required essays can be accessed through: www.applytexas.org . If selected as a recipient, FAFSA submission is also required by 4/15/2010.	Varies up to cost of attendance at Texas A&M University	https://scholarships.tamu.edu/tamu_scholarships/freshman/terry_schol/terry_scholFAQ.aspx	12/01/09
KFC Colonel's Scholars Program	Scholarship award to assist students with financial need who plan to pursue a bachelor's degree at a public institution within their legal state of residence. Must be a graduating senior, have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher and be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.	Up to \$5,000 per year.	www.kfcscholars.org	Online application available 12/01/09 through 2/10/10
University of Missouri Freshman Scholarships "Mizzou"	Scholarship award designed to enhance recruitment and retention of students from underrepresented populations. Academic eligibility and interview required. Scholarship is renewable year to year.	Varies by scholarship	https://sfa.missouri.edu/scholarshipapps/index.php	12/01/09
Texas A&M Academic Scholarships	Scholarship awards based on academic ability for incoming freshman students. Some scholarship awards may be specifically related to intended college major.	Varies	The admission application for A&M serves as this scholarship application. Go to: www.applytexas.org	12/01/09
Boston University Trustee Scholarship	Scholarship award for full-tuition for four years. Applicants are typically in the top 10% of high school graduating class and active leaders in the school and community.	Varies	www.bu.edu/admissions/trustee	12/01/09
Air Force ROTC High School Scholarships	Scholarship award program that pays tuition, fees and books plus monthly stipend depending on award type to graduating seniors who are interested in joining the Air Force ROTC in college. *Must pass physical fitness test.	Varies by program	www.afrotc.com/scholarships/hsschol/types.php	12/01/09
USA Funds-McKelvy Foundation Scholarship	Scholarship award. Up to 50% of the scholarships will be targeted to students who, in addition to demonstrating financial need, are members of an ethnic-minority group or are physically disabled. Scholarships are renewable.	\$1,500	http://www.usafunds.org/planning/index.htm	Applications accepted online beginning 12/15/09 through 2/15/10

Boomer Esiason Foundation Scholarship Program	Scholarship award for students with cystic fibrosis based on scholastic ability, character, leadership potential, service to the community, and need for financial assistance.	\$500 - \$2000 awarded quarterly	www.cfscholarships.com/BEFScholarships/index.htm	Deadlines - 15th of December, March, June, & September 2009-2010
Anne Ford Scholarship	Scholarship award for seniors with learning disabilities who plan to pursue a college degree.	\$10,000	www.ncld.org/about-us/scholarships-aamp-awards/the-anne-ford-and-allegre-ford-scholarship-award	12/31/09
Gaia Community Scholarship	Scholarship award to two students who aspire to be the change they wish to see in the world, live authentically and make a difference. Short essay must answer four crucial questions.	\$1,000	www.scholarship.gaia.com	12/31/09
Best Buy Scholarships	Scholarship award to high school students in grades 9-12 who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement, volunteer efforts, and work experience.	\$1,500	http://www.bestbuyinc.com/community_relations/scholarship.htm	Materials available on website: Jan. 2010
Casey Family Scholars	Scholarship award up to \$10,000 to students who have spent at least 12 months in foster care and were not subsequently adopted.	Varies	www.orphan.org/index.php?id=36	Materials available on website: Jan. 2010
Marine Corps Scholarship	Scholarship awards to students whose parents served or are serving in the Marines.	\$1,000 - \$12,500 annually	www.mcsf.com/site/c.ivKVLAMTLuG/b.1696095/k.9BB0/for_Students.htm	Materials available on website: Jan. 2010
Los Padres Foundation College Awards	Scholarship awards for students from Hispanic backgrounds; Several awards available.	Varies	www.lospadresfoundation.org/home.html	Some applications due as early as 1/10/10. See website
Gates Millennium Scholars Program	Scholarship awards based on academic merit and significant financial need to students who are: African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, or Hispanic. The multiple step process requires submission of an application and nominator forms. See website for more details.	Varies with renewable funding for up to five years.	www.gmsp.org	Submitted online by: 1/11/10 Or Postmarked by: 1/11/10
Mary Ellen Locher Foundation Scholarship	Scholarship award for students who have a parent who has died from or survived breast cancer. Essays, grades, and financial need will be considered.	Up to \$2,000 per year	www.maryellenlocherfoundation.org/scholarships_overview.html	1/15/10
Army ROTC 4-Year Scholarship	Scholarship award program for students who enroll in Army ROTC in college. Pays tuition, fees, books and monthly stipend. Must have US citizenship, minimum 2.50 GPA, and minimum 920 SAT/19 ACT test scores. Physical standard and service commitment required.	Varies by program	www.goarmy.com/rotc/high_school_students.jsp	1/15/10
Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship	Scholarship award to Asian and Pacific Islander American students. Must have a minimum 2.7 GPA and enroll in college as a full-time, first year student. *MUST complete FAFSA by March 1.	\$2,500-\$5,000	www.apiasf.org	1/18/10
Lewisville ISD Education Foundation	Over 108 different scholarships available through the LISD Education Foundation. Each scholarship has different criteria. Some scholarships are high school specific and others are district wide. Online applications only. Deadline is strict!	Varies	www.lisdef.com	1/25/10

CoServe Electric W. Tip Hall Jr. Scholarship	Scholarship award for graduation seniors who meet the following criteria: 1. A high school senior who is a US citizen and; 2. The student's permanent residence is served by CoServ Electric and; 3. Have a minimum of one-year membership with CoServ Electric and be in good standing.	\$2,500	http://www.coserv.com/Portals/0/PDFs/2010Application.pdf	Postmarked by: 1/29/09
Eagle Scout Scholarship	Scholarship awards to Eagle Scouts. Selection is based on financial need, scholastic accomplishment, and involvement in scouting, school, and community activities.	Varies	www.nesa.org	Postmark by: 1/31/10
Texas Student Housing Authority Scholarship	Scholarship award to Texas High School graduating seniors based on academics and leadership excellence. Family financial needs may be considered. Scholarships for 2010-2011 will be limited to students attending college in Austin, College Station, or Denton, Texas.	Full or partial cost of OFF-CAMPUS room for one academic year.	Application available in high school Guidance and Counseling office.	1/31/09
Texas AFL-CIO Scholarship	Scholarship award to high school seniors who are members of union families (including members of AFT and it's affiliates).	\$1,000	www.texasaflcio.org	1/31/10
Guaranteed Trustees Scholar Award St. Edward's University	Scholarship award guaranteed to prospective students who rank in the top 20% of high school senior class and score at least 1200 SAT or 27 ACT. No separate application required.	\$40,000 (\$10,000 per yr. for 4 years)	www.gotostedwards.com/meritawards.xml	2/1/10
The Holy Cross Scholar Award St. Edward's University	Scholarship award to prospective students who rank in the top 10% of their high school senior class and score at least 1250 SAT or 28 ACT. Must demonstrate an outstanding commitment to leadership, service, and academics.	Full tuition for 4 years (10 total students chosen each year)	www.gotostedwards.com/meritawards.xml	2/1/10
NSO Scholarships at Johnson & Wales Univ.	Scholarship awards to recognize outstanding members of national student organizations worth up to full tuition. Application for admission to Johnson and Wales University serves as the NSO application.	Varies (over \$28 million awarded last year)	http://www.jwu.edu/content.aspx?id=12660 or email:nso@admissions.jwu.edu	Priority given to applications received by: 2/1/10
Robert J. Trulaske, Sr. Scholarships College of Business, University of Missouri	Scholarship awards for entering freshman in the College of Business at the University of Missouri. Three different scholarships will be awarded. Criteria varies from academic to financial need. See website for further details or contact high school guidance counselor for application.	Varies	www.business.missouri.edu MUST ALSO COMPLETE FAFSA: www.fafsa.edu.gov	2/1/10
ESA Foundation Endowments-Scholarships	Scholarship awards (27+ different ones) managed by the ESA Foundation. Applicants must be a senior w/ GPA of 3.0 or ACT 22/SAT 1030 (V+CR+M). Students may apply to no more than 3 scholarships.	Varies	http://www.esaintl.com/esaf/	2/1/10 - check website
University of Texas at San Antonio: Terry Scholarship	Scholarship award based on academic merit to students who demonstrate financial need and have strong record of leadership and service. Competitive applicants should rank in the top 20% of their high school class and have an 1100 SAT/24 ACT or higher.	Varies by need. Average: \$55,000 over 4 years.	www.utsa.edu/terryscholars	2/1/10

The Terry Foundation Scholarship at The University of Houston	Scholarship award based on the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •demonstrate financial need; •have a record of leadership in school and community; •demonstrate strong academic abilities, as evidenced by grades and SAT scores; •be a 2010 graduate from a Texas high school or Texas homeschool; •be admitted to the University of Houston as a full-time student for 2010-2011; •reside on campus for the first year; •be unmarried and without children; •be a U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident of the United States 	Varies up to cost of attendance at The University of Houston.	http://www.uh.edu/honors/scholarships/terry_scholars.html	Postmark deadline: 2/4/10 Online application deadline: 2/5/10
University of Texas at San Antonio: Presidential Honors Scholarships	Scholarship award based on academic merit. Competitive applicants should rank in the top 20% of their high school class and have an 1100 SAT/24 ACT or higher.	\$6,000 (\$1500 per year over 4 yrs.)	Requires application to UTSA through: www.applytexas.org as well as application to the UTSA Honors College: www.utsa.edu/honors .	2/15/10
Dr. Seuss's <i>Oh, the Places You'll Go!</i> 2010 College Scholarship Program	Scholarship award contest for high school seniors based on creative 500 word essay. Thinking about the Dr. Seuss book, answer the question: <i>What kinds of opportunities and challenges do you think your education will present in the future?</i> All submissions must be typed, double-spaced, and no longer than one page with minimum 12 pt. font. Name and title of entry must be included at top of page.	\$5,000	Mailed entries only! Oh, the Places You'll Go! College Scholarship Program c/o Random House Children's Books 1745 Broadway, Mail-Drop 10-3 New York, NY 10019	2/15/10
National Commission for Cooperative Education Scholarship	Scholarship award based on merit on behalf of eight NCCE Partner Colleges with required acceptance and attendance at one of the following colleges: Drexel University, Johnson & Wales University, Kettering University, Pace University, Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Cincinnati, University of Toledo, or Wentworth Institute of Technology. Award will be given to 170 students and is renewable each year.	\$6,000	www.co-op.edu	2/15/10
Chairscholars Foundation National Scholarships	Scholarship award to a physically challenged senior. Student must have a B average, performed some form of significant community service or made a social contribution, and demonstrate financial need.	\$3,000 - \$5,000 annually	www.chairscholars.org	2/15/10
Ronald McDonald House Charities	Scholarship awards for students in one of four categories: Asian(must have at least one parent of Asian/Pacific heritage), Future Achievers (must have at least one parent of African American or Black Caribbean heritage), HACER(must have at least one parent of Hispanic heritage)& Scholars(all students are eligible to apply).	\$1,000	www.rmhc.org/what-we-do/rmhc-u-s-scholarships/	2/16/10
Rice University Financial Aid/Scholarships	Scholarship award based on financial need. All admitted students with yearly incomes under \$80,000 will have all financial need met through a combination of grants, work study, merit aid (if qualified) and institutional funds. For students whose family income is above \$80,000, Rice will award a small subsidized loan in combination with grants, work study, merit aid (if qualified) and institutional funds to cover 100% of the student's unmet need. The subsidized loan for students who show need will be \$2500 each year they attend Rice.	Varies	http://financialaid.rice.edu/main.aspx?id=36	Priority deadline: 3/1/10
MG James Ursano Scholarship Fund	Scholarship awards to the dependent children of active duty, retired, or deceased US Army personnel.	Varies	http://www.aerhq.org/education.asp	Applications available in December; Due by 3/1/2010

James M. and Virginia M. Smyth Scholarship	Scholarship award for students wishing to pursue a degree in the arts and sciences, human services, music or ministry.	\$2,000 annually for up to four years.	www.cfgreateratlanta.org/Grants-Support/Scholarships/The-James-M-Virginia-M-Smyth-Scholarship-Fund.aspx	2010 deadline not yet announced. Check website. Last year, due date was in April.
Sallie Mae First in Family	Scholarship award for Hispanic-American students who are the first in their family to attend college. Student must be a US citizen or permanent resident, have minimum 3.0 GPA, and demonstrate financial need.	\$5,000	www.thesalliemaefund.org/smfnew/scholarship/first_family.html	4/15/2010
American Legacy Scholarships	Scholarship award for child/children, or legally adopted child/children, of active duty United States Military, Guard, and Reserve personnel who were federalized and died on active duty on or after September 11, 2001.	Varies	www.legion.org/programs/donations/legacy	4/15/10
AMVETS National Scholarship	Scholarship award to veterans/active military, their sons, daughters or grandchildren. A son, daughter or grandchild of a deceased veteran is also eligible. Awarded on the basis of academic excellence and financial need, the scholarships go to deserving high school seniors, high school JROTC students and veterans pursuing a higher education.	Varies by type	www.amvets.org/programs/programs_scholarships.html	4/15/10
Ayn Rand Institute	Essay contest for 11 th and 12 th grade students based on Ayn Rand's book, "The Fountainhead". Essays judged on style and content.	Prize award from \$50 to \$10,000	www.aynrand.org/contests	4/25/10
Joseph Lipman Scholarships	Scholarship award to athletes who have overcome adversity during their high school athletic career.	\$1,000	www.nhsca.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=90&Itemid=97	5/1/10
Al's Formal Wear Scholarship	Scholarship award based on essay contest.	\$1,000	www.alsformalwear.com/scholarship http://www.alsformalwear.com/images/Scholarship_2010.pdf	5/31/10
Abbott & Fenner Scholarship	Scholarship award for those junior and senior students who have the desire and ambition to succeed. Requires one 500 to 1000 word essay on topic.	\$1,000	www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm	6/19/10
BigSun Scholarship	Scholarship award to student athlete based on essay. All student athletes are eligible regardless of sport. More than one award winner.	\$500	http://www.bigsunathletics.com/	6/24/10
Texas Early High School Graduation Scholarship	Scholarship grant to students who complete either the Texas Recommended or Distinguished Achievement graduation plans within 36 to 41 months. Must be a Texas resident.	Varies according to graduation completion date	www.collegeforalltexans.com/apps/financialaid/tofa2.cfm?ID=417 *Must review w/ your school counselor.	See website for details.
Academic Competitiveness Grant	Grant for students who demonstrate financial need and have completed a rigorous program of study.	\$750	www.studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/AcademicGrants.jsp	Varies
Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Fund	Financial assistance for children and spouses of deceased and disabled veterans, MIA's and POW's.	Varies	www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/CH35/CH35_Pamphlet_General.htm	Varies
Hispanic Scholarship Fund	Scholarship awards for Hispanic American students - several opportunities available; check website.	Varies	www.hsf.net/Scholarships.aspx?id=426	Varies - check website
Elks Scholarships	Scholarship awards for students based on GPA, leadership, and financial need.	Varies	www.elks.org/enf/scholars/ourscholarships.cfm	Varies - Check website
Sallie Mae Scholarship Giveaway	Scholarship awarded through a monthly drawing for any student who registers on the Sallie Mae Free Scholarship Search Website.	\$1,000 awarded monthly	http://www.collegeanswer.com/paying/scholarship_search/pay_scholarship_search.jsp	Monthly award

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