

Student Financial Aid Programs

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The Office of Student Financial Aid assists students in obtaining financial assistance through a variety of sources to supplement their contribution to a college education.

Please visit the Financial Aid Webpage for current policies, procedures, and requirements.

Financial Aid Application Deadlines

Time is a very critical part when applying for financial aid. The following institutional priority deadlines indicate the date financial aid applications must be completed to ensure maximum grant eligibility and processing time:

Semester	Date
Fall/Spring	January 15
Spring only	November 1
Summer Sessions	May 1

Verification Priority Deadline

Semester	Date
Fall/Spring	July 1

Steps in Applying for Financial Aid

APPLICATION PROCESS

- A student must be admitted into a degree-seeking program to be eligible for financial aid. An application for admission to Texas A&M University-Kingsville can be completed online at: ApplyTexas.org website or directly at Apply with TAMUK website.
- Apply for a student and spouse, if applicable, Federal Student Aid ID online at FSA ID webpage. Your FSA ID will allow you to electronically sign your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and access your application.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Applications can be filled out beginning October 1 of each year. Our School Code is 003639. Students must list Texas A&M University-Kingsville as one of the college/university choices in the FAFSA to be considered for financial aid at this university. Completing the FAFSA requires students and contributors to consent to the Direct Data Exchange (DDX) from the IRS which includes certain financial information. Those who do not file a tax return must use proper income or benefit sources to complete it. The FAFSA can be completed for free by visiting www.studentaid.gov.
- The U.S. Department of Education will review and process your FAFSA information, notifying you via e-mail that the FAFSA Submission Summary has been produced and is ready for review. Our Office will send you an e-mail informing you when the FAFSA Submission Summary has been received.
- Monitor your application status on the Blue and Gold Portal. The Department of Education may randomly select your application for a process called Verification or may require additional requirements. At such time, you will be required to submit additional information and documents.

To allow time for accurate processing, the deadline to submit verification documents to TAMUK for the term you are registered for in the respective year is:

Semester	Date
Fall	November 1
Spring	April 1
Summer	June 1

FINANCIAL AID PROCESS

Students and spouse, if applicable, will apply for a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID to sign the Free Application of Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID is also used to sign loan documents and complete other federal aid processes electronically. The student and spouse (if

applicable) must apply for separate FSA IDs for their own personal use as the FSA ID serves as a legal signature and thus should not be shared with anyone, including family.

Student completes the FAFSA.

- a. It is important to file as soon as possible as some sources of financial aid have limited funds.
- b. The federal school code for **Texas A&M University-Kingsville** is **003639**.
- c. It is required that the students and spouse, if applicable, provide consent to the IRS Direct Data Exchange (DDX) to import tax information directly into the FAFSA. If any contributors deny the use of DDX, the student will be ineligible for student aid.

Student receives a FAFSA Submission Summary 7-10 days after the FAFSA is submitted.

- a. The U.S. Department of Education (DOE) sends the FAFSA Submission Summary to the email address provided on the FAFSA.
- b. The FAFSA Submission Summary is information provided on the FAFSA. Student reviews information for accuracy and verifies that Texas A&M University-Kingsville is listed correctly.
- c. If the summary has errors, you can correct your application using your FSA ID on the FAFSA website.

Verification may be required. To be reviewed for aid eligibility you must **submit documents and forms when requested by the Office of Student Financial Aid through the secured link sent to your student email**. The U.S. Department of Education selects approximately 30% of students who complete the FAFSA for Verification. Verification is a process where the school confirms that the data reported on the FAFSA is accurate. Students will be informed by the U.S. Department of Education on the FAFSA Submission Summary if they are selected and will receive notices from Texas A&M University-Kingsville of the required Verification documents that must be submitted.

Award Offer Review

Students will need to log in to their Blue and Gold to access and review the financial aid offer and provide an action (Accept/Reduce Award Amount/Decline) as to the aid offered. Funds from grants and scholarships may be readily available.

If accepting a Direct Student Unsubsidized Loan (for graduate students), the student must complete Direct Loan Entrance Counseling and Direct Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN) online. Loan Entrance Counseling and the MPN are required to be completed before the disbursement of Direct Loan funds, otherwise release of the funds will not disburse. It is recommended that these loan application requirements be satisfied 2-3 weeks prior to the start of the semester of first enrollment.

Students must reapply for financial aid each year through the applicable FAFSA process.

General Information

Applicants must be accepted for admission, pre-registered for classes, and have all financial aid documents completed and on file before financial aid funds can be disbursed.

Applicants must maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP) to be eligible for financial aid. Students must enroll for summer courses to be reviewed for summer eligibility.

Awards are subject to revision based on academic or enrollment status.

For more information, please contact the Office of Student Financial Aid Services at (361) 593-5372

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