

# TYPES OF AID

There are various types of financial aid at A&M-San Antonio, which consists of grants, loans, student employment and scholarships. These types of financial aid are available to any student who qualifies. In order to qualify, a student must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>). To find out more information on the types of grants offered at A&M-San Antonio, please read additional information pertaining to each grant.

## Grants

Grants are gift aid programs that do not have to be repaid. Grants are awarded based on a federal need analysis formula and are mostly awarded on first completed, first awarded basis.

### Federal Pell Grant

The Federal Pell Grant Program helps eligible students defray the cost of post-secondary education. The Federal Pell Grant is a federal aid program designed to provide a "foundation" of financial assistance to all eligible undergraduate students and may be combined with other forms of aid to meet the full cost of education. To qualify, a student must demonstrate financial need. The amount of the grant is based on the computed Expected Family Contribution (EFC), student's enrollment status as a full-time or part-time student, their plans to attend school for a full academic year or less, and the cost of attendance. Students enrolled for less than full-time will receive a reduced grant award in accordance with federal grid tables. Federal Pell Grant eligibility is limited to 12 semesters or 6 years of undergraduate study (See **Continued Eligibility Section**).

Eligibility must be established each year:

- A student must be enrolled in an eligible program as a degree-seeking student.
- A student must be an undergraduate who has not earned a first baccalaureate degree.
- Meet the requirements of the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy.

### Eligibility

Federal Pell Grant is based on established financial need to undergraduates only. Eligibility ends with first baccalaureate degree or a change to graduate status as determined by the Registrar's office.

### Continued Eligibility

Students must maintain at least half-time enrollment in most cases, continue to meet Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements and continue to demonstrate financial need.

The amount of Federal Pell Grant funds the student may receive is limited by federal law to be the equivalent of six years or 600% of eligibility used.

If a student's Federal Pell Grant eligibility used equals or exceeds 600%, the student will no longer receive Federal Pell Grant funding. Similarly, if a student's Federal Pell Grant eligibility used is greater than 500% but less than 600%, the student may be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant, but may not be able to receive a full scheduled award.

Students can log on to National Student Loan Data System ([https://nsldsfa.ed.gov/nslds\\_SA/](https://nsldsfa.ed.gov/nslds_SA/)) (NSLDS®) using their FSA ID and view their Federal Pell Grant eligibility used. The Federal Pell Grant eligibility used can be found on the Financial Aid Review page.

To learn more about the Federal Pell Grant limits and how eligibility is calculated, please visit <https://studentaid.ed.gov/types/grants-scholarships/pell/calculate-eligibility> (<https://studentaid.ed.gov/types/grants-scholarships/pell/calculate-eligibility/>).

### Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

The FSEOG program was established to assist in making the benefits of post-secondary education available to qualified students who, for lack of financial means of their own or of their families, would be unable to obtain such benefits without the grant.

The (FSEOG) provides grants to students who demonstrate the greatest financial need. Students must be eligible for the Federal Pell Grant and demonstrate exceptional financial need. Eligible students must be citizens or eligible noncitizens of the U.S. who are accepted for admission and are enrolled at least half-time as undergraduate students, and are maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress.

- A student must meet all Title IV requirements.
- A student should demonstrate exceptional financial need, be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant and have a 0 EFC (Expected Family Contribution).
- A student must be an undergraduate who has not earned a first baccalaureate degree.

The maximum award at A&M-San Antonio is \$1000 per semester or \$2000 per academic year and is awarded first to those with lowest EFC's who are eligible for Federal Pell Grants. If funds are still available, FSEOG is awarded to remaining students with the lowest EFC. Any exception to these limits is made on an individual basis based on the professional judgment of the Director.

### TEXAS Grant (Toward Excellence, Access & Success Grant Program)

This state grant is awarded to students who are working on their first undergraduate degree. Students must also meet certain financial need requirements and have earned either a recommended or distinguished achievement high school diploma. To be eligible for the TEXAS Grant:

- have previously received a TEXAS Grant
- be a resident of Texas
- have not been convicted of a felony or crime involving a controlled substance
- have financial need (as demonstrated by FAFSA)
- have not exhausted TEXAS Grant eligibility
- meet TEXAS Grant Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)—see below
- enroll in an undergraduate degree program on at least a three-quarter time basis
- **or**
- 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 the associate degree.
- be a resident of Texas
- have not been convicted of a felony or crime involving a controlled substance
- have an Expected Financial Contribution (EFC) less than or equal to 5430

- enroll in an undergraduate degree program on at least a three-quarter time basis (9 SCH)

#### TEXAS Grant SAP Requirements

- At the end of the first year, a student entering the program must meet Texas A&M University-San Antonio's Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirement.
- Renewal Texas Grant recipients must have an overall college grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and complete at least 24 semester credit hours per year.
- For more information regarding Texas Grant, please visit College For Texans

Important: The award amount (including state and institutional funds) is equal to the student's tuition and required fees. Preference will be given to students with the lowest EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) and will continue as funds permit.

### **Texas Public Educational Grant (TPEG)**

The Texas Public Educational Grant program was established in 1975 to furnish financial assistance to needy students attending public institutions of higher learning in Texas. Awards approved through this program are derived from a combination of federal and state funds. Student must be a citizen or an eligible noncitizen of the U.S., maintain satisfactory academic progress, and demonstrate financial need. The maximum award is \$2000 per academic year.

### **Undergraduate and Graduate Tuition Grant**

Student must be a Texas Resident, maintain satisfactory academic progress, and demonstrate financial need. The maximum award is \$2000 per academic year.