Financing TAMS Studies at UNT

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STUDENT FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS
Division of Enrollment
Scholarship Opportunities

1. Departmental Scholarships
2. University Scholarships
3. External Scholarships

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Departmental Scholarships

Departmental scholarships are administered and awarded by individual UNT departments.

➢ Application Process
  ▪ Students should contact the department(s) of their major and/or minor area of study for information about available scholarship opportunities, eligibility criteria and the scholarship application process.

➢ Award Process
  ▪ Each department has their own process to award the scholarships they administer.
  ▪ Scholarship award information is coordinated with Student Financial Aid & Scholarship (SFAS) to post the award to a student’s account.
TAMS Scholarships

- **Fall & Spring**
  - All TAMS students receive a departmental scholarship which pays full tuition and fee charges during the regular fall and spring terms.
  - TAMS provides students with textbooks.

- **Summer**
  - A select group of TAMS students receive a summer research scholarship.
University Scholarships

University scholarships are administered by SFAS and awarded through the University Scholarship Committee.

- **General Scholarship Application**
  - [http://scholarships.unt.edu](http://scholarships.unt.edu)
    - This application is required for all scholarship opportunities administered by SFAS.
    - The application is available annually, each fall term.
    - Students must sign into the application using their EUID and password.
    - Completing the application does not guarantee an award.

- **Scholarship Application Deadlines**
  - Each scholarship opportunity has a specific deadline and is awarded based on available funding.
  - Meeting eligibility criteria does not guarantee an award.

- **Award Notification**
  - All award notifications are sent to a student’s EagleConnect account.
UNT TAMS to Eagles Scholarship

Second year TAMS students may compete for this scholarship opportunity to assist them in completing their first undergraduate degree at UNT.

- **Eligibility Criteria**
  - Minimum 3.25 cumulative UNT GPA
  - Must successfully complete the TAMS program

- **Application Process**
  - Students must complete the General Scholarship Application.
External Scholarships

External Scholarships are scholarships administered by outside agencies.

- **Application Process**
  - Each outside agency establishes their application and award process.
  - Proof of enrollment or certification of eligibility may be required.

- **Opportunities Available**
  - Private Organizations
    - Business or Professional Groups
    - Fraternal Organizations
    - Religious Affiliates
  - Parent(s)’ or Student's Employer
  - Civic Groups
  - Online free searches:
    - [https://studentaid.ed.gov](https://studentaid.ed.gov)
    - [http://financialaid.unt.edu/scholarships](http://financialaid.unt.edu/scholarships)

Students should notify SFAS of any external scholarships they have received.
TAMS Financial Aid

➢ Grants
  ▪ Do not require repayment
  ▪ Based on financial need calculation as determined by the FAFSA
  ▪ Limited availability of funds
  ▪ Grants range from $303 to $5,920

➢ Loans
  ▪ Borrowed money that accrues interest and must be repaid
  ▪ TAMS students are not initially awarded loans
  ▪ Student and/or parent may request loans
    • Federal Direct Student Loan
    • Parent PLUS Loan
  ▪ Loan requests are processed after all grants and scholarships are finalized
How does a TAMS student apply for Financial Aid?

1. Create a FSA ID: https://fsaid.ed.gov
2. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): https://fafsa.gov
3. Use the IRS data retrieval
4. Reference tax return information

*For your 2017-2018 FAFSA, use your 2015 Tax Return
*UNT’s School Code: 003594
FAFSA Information

- **FREE** application - [https://fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov)
- Some sites require payment and may not allow certain responses that TAMS students must make.
- If at any time you have trouble completing the FAFSA, first be certain that you are on the correct website.
- Need help completing your FAFSA?
  - Contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center at **1-800-4FED-AID (1-800-433-3243)**
When should I apply?

- Students should apply once a year.
  - Available online after **October 1st**
  - Additional information may be required, check your myUNT and EagleConnect regularly to ensure information is submitted in a timely manner.

- Students must be admitted to UNT before a financial aid award package will be determined.

- Summer Financial Aid must be applied for separately each year.
  - Available through myUNT in early spring
When you begin college in the 2017-2018 school year, what will be your high school completion status?

TAMS students will provide the fourth answer selection:

“None of the above”

Students in the TAMS program are admitted to UNT as a regular student without earning their high school diploma.
### Special Considerations

#### Changes in Income
- Loss of job
- Loss of parent
- Loss of benefits
  (child support, social security)

#### Extraordinary Expenses
- Medical/dental expenses
- Elementary/secondary school tuition
- Elder care

#### Dependency Overrides
- Abuse
- Abandonment
- Neglect

Contact SFAS to determine if action is needed. Forms are available online.
The myUNT Student Portal

Gives students access to:
- To Do Items
- Accept/Decline Awards
- My Loan Debt
- View Anticipated Aid
- Summer Financial Aid Application
- Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
Award Messages on

Non-Disbursing TAMS Scholarship
No funds will disburse from this award. This amount is noted on your account so that financial aid eligibility will be calculated correctly as needed. Funding received was provided by a department to assist you with special program related expenses, and paid through transfer of funds directly to appropriate department(s) on your behalf. Please contact the department funding your scholarship for additional questions.

Non-Disbursing Book Award
No funds will disburse from this award. This reference amount is noted on your account so that your financial aid eligibility will be calculated correctly. The scholarship you receive provides the books needed for your program and there are no book expenses associated with your cost of attendance. Please contact the department funding your scholarship for additional questions.

*Always click on the name of the award noted on your student account to view details of the award.
Checklists SFAS will manually process:
- Ability to Benefit
- Selective Service Match

Checklist requiring student action:
- Expected Enrollment for COA

Students should monitor myUNT and EagleConnect regularly to ensure any additional information required is submitted in a timely manner.
How is Financial ‘Need’ calculated?

Financial need varies per student and is based on the **Cost of Attendance (COA)** less the **Expected Family Contribution (EFC)** as determined by the FAFSA.

- **COA** (Cost of Attendance)
- **EFC** (Expected Family Contribution)
- Scholarships & Grants
- Remaining Financial Need Eligibility
# Cost of Attendance

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*2017-2018 estimates based on a 17-hour class load fall & spring
Financial Need Examples

Example 1
- This student is eligible for grant consideration.
- Grants awarded will depend on available grant funds when the student’s FAFSA is finalized.

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Example 2
- This student is not eligible for grants.
- Loans may be requested

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*These numbers are for example purposes ONLY. Individuals’ amounts will vary.*
Important Reminders

- File your taxes early and keep copies.
- Complete your FAFSA early and ensure it is filled out completely without missing or incorrect information.
- Apply for Financial Aid & Scholarships separately.
- Never pay anyone for assistance with the FAFSA or researching scholarship opportunities.
- Keep copies of all correspondence with the Federal Processor and SFAS.
- Summer Financial Aid is processed separately.
- Check your myUNT student portal and EagleConnect email account regularly.
Need more information?

SFAS Office Hours:
- Monday-Friday, 8-5pm

SFAS Contact:
- financialaid@unt.edu

http://financialaid.unt.edu

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Questions?