Financing TAMS Studies at UNT
Scholarship Opportunities

1. Departmental Scholarships
2. University Scholarships
3. External Scholarships
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.
  - 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 2018-2019 FAFSA, use your 2016 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
FAFSA Question

What will your high school completion status be when you begin the 2018-2019 school year?

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
  (SSB, ADC, AFDC, child support received, etc.)

Extraordinary Expenses
- Medical/dental expenses
- Elementary/secondary school tuition
- Payments on a Title IV education loan

Dependency Overrides
- Abuse
- Abandonment
- Neglect

Contact SFAS to determine if action is needed. Forms are available online.
The UNT 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)
To Do Items

To Do Items SFAS will manually process:
- Ability to Benefit
- Selective Service Match

To Do Items requiring student action:
- Expected Enrollment for COA

Students should monitor [my UNT] 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.

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## Cost of Attendance

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*2018-2019 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 my UNT student portal and UNT EagleConnect email account regularly.
Need more information?

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

**SFAS Contact:**
- financialaid@unt.edu

http://financialaid.unt.edu
Questions?