External Scholarships
External scholarship opportunities present themselves from a variety of sources such as parents’ employers, fraternal and civic organizations, and business and professional groups.

UNT Transfer Scholarships
Students transferring for the fall term from a community college or an accredited university are considered for transfer scholarships. You can find more information by visiting: scholarships.unt.edu

UNT Departmental Scholarships
Students should contact the department of their major as early as possible in their academic career to get information about departmental scholarships.

UNT General Scholarships
To compete for annual and renewable scholarships administered by SFAS, complete the General Scholarship Application (GSA) each year at: scholarships.unt.edu

The GSA is available each fall term. Application deadlines vary for each individual scholarship opportunity.

Scholarship recipient selection is competitive and annual based on availability of funding, so apply early!

Financial Aid

‣ You must complete a “Free Application for Federal Student Aid” (FAFSA) as early as possible before the academic year for which you are requesting assistance. You can access the application at: fafsa.gov.

‣ Students transferring mid-year (Spring/Summer) will need to contact their current financial aid office to request that their financial aid be canceled. Funds do not transfer between schools.

‣ Financial aid programs vary from school to school. You can expect your aid package to differ from your prior school.

‣ Loan funds received at your previous school will be taken into consideration when calculating annual loan eligibility.

‣ To ensure that students are not simultaneously receiving federal aid at two schools, SFAS will monitor transfer students’ aid history using NSLDS.

‣ Students will not receive a “Financial Aid Notification” until all Fall aid reflects cancellation on NSLDS.

‣ “Pending aid” includes scholarships and financial aid that the student has been awarded and/or “Accepted” on myUNT.

‣ “Pending Aid” does NOT include College Work-Study or Parent (PLUS) Loans that have been denied due to adverse credit history by the lender.
Keep Tabs on Your Total Student Loan Debt

What is NSLDS?
Did you know that you can keep tabs on your total student loan debt via the internet?
The National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) is the U.S. Department of Education’s central database for student aid. It receives data from schools, agencies that guaranty loans, the Direct Loan program, the Pell Grant program, and other U.S. Department of Education programs. NSLDS provides a centralized, integrated view of Title IV (federal) loans and grants that are tracked through their entire cycle; from aid approval through closure.

Do I have access to my information on NSLDS?
Yes. In order to log onto the nslds.ed.gov Student Access website, you will need to provide your social security number (SSN), the first two digits of your last name, your date of birth, and your FSA ID.

Priority Dates for Financial Aid
If your first semester to apply for aid at UNT will be Spring 2019, then UNT should receive your 2018-2019 FAFSA by August 15, 2018. If SFAS requests additional information or documentation, you should submit it to our office as quickly as you can. Check your ‘To Do List’ at http://my.unt.edu for requests for additional information.

If your first semester to apply for aid at UNT will be Summer 2019, then UNT should receive your 2018-2019 FAFSA by February 15, 2019. If SFAS requests additional information or documentation, you should submit it to our office as quickly as you can. Check your ‘To Do List’ at http://my.unt.edu for requests for additional information.

In addition, you will need to complete UNT’s Financial Aid Summer Application online at: http://my.unt.edu in early spring.

If your first semester to apply for aid at UNT will be Fall 2019, then UNT should receive your 2019-2020 FAFSA by January 15, 2019. If SFAS requests additional information or documentation, you should submit it to our office as quickly as you can. Check your ‘To Do List’ at http://my.unt.edu for requests for additional information.

Knowledge Your Limits
Knowing your annual and lifetime loan limits is key to your educational success. Student loans range from $5,500-$12,500 annually depending on your classification and dependency status.

If you transfer mid-year (Spring/Summer), you will receive your annual loan limit minus loans received at your previous school if you have not already been awarded up to your Cost of Attendance at UNT.

Undergraduate students cannot exceed hours above 150% of their required degree plan. The maximum includes all hours registered for, earned or attempted at any institution of higher education and is effective whether or not financial aid has ever been applied for or received.

How many attempted hours do you have?

The amount of Federal Pell Grant funds you may receive over your lifetime is limited by a new federal law to be the equivalent of six years of Pell Grant funding. Since the maximum amount of Pell Grant funding you can receive each year is equal to 100%, the six-year equivalent is 600%. Your Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU) is calculated by adding up the percent used each year. If your LEU equals or exceeds 600%, you will no longer receive Pell Grant funding. Similarly, if your LEU is greater than 500% but less than 600%, you will not be able to receive 100% of your scheduled award. You may track your LEU at nslds.ed.gov.