

FINANCIAL AID

FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

All students applying for admission to the Health Science Center are eligible to apply for federal financial assistance if they meet the eligibility requirements as determined by the Department of Education. To apply for all forms of federal or state financial aid a student must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (<https://fafsa.ed.gov>) on an annual basis. Students wishing to apply for institutional scholarships must also complete an online scholarship application through their Student Portal (after submission of the FAFSA for the new aid year). Texas residents that cannot complete a FAFSA, due to an ineligible citizenship status, may complete the TASFA (<http://www.collegeforalltexas.com/index.cfm?objectid=D465D848-EA0F-C0EA-5209BC8C89262877>) application for consideration of scholarships and/or other state aid.

The Office of Veteran Services and Financial Aid (VSFA) web site (<http://students.uthscsa.edu/financialaid>) is maintained and updated as needed to provide students with the most current information available and students are strongly encouraged to use it as their first source of information concerning VSFA policy and procedures.

The Health Science Center may require additional information to complete the application based on an evaluation of your FAFSA data. Students are encouraged to take seriously all correspondence requests for information from VSFA, as all documents are required by federal regulation to process your application. Students should only send documents requested by VSFA. Once all documents are received and processed, the application is considered complete and is ready for awarding. Awards for financial assistance are not made until mid-April for semesters beginning in the subsequent fall term, and may span the entire award year (fall, spring, and summer) as determined by the student's expected graduation term.

The Health Science Center awards students ready for packaging favorable aid such as grants/scholarships or work study funds on a first-come, first-served basis, using the date your FAFSA was electronically signed. Students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible each aid year and complete all required steps (<http://students.uthscsa.edu/financialaid/2013/02/how-to-apply>).

Students awarded Federal Direct Loans will be required to complete an Entrance Counseling Session (<https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/index.action>) prior to receiving a disbursement from this program. Disbursement of financial aid occurs for students on or around 10 days prior to the first class day if it falls on a business day. Emergency loans will NOT be given in advance of a scheduled disbursement date as this is considered an advance of federal funds and is barred by regulation. Students that receive Federal Direct Loans will be required to complete an online Exit Counseling Session (<https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/counselingInstructions.action?counselingType=exit>). Students that fail to complete it within 30 days of the initial notice will be emailed a link to the electronic Exit Counseling Guide (a copy can be found here (<https://students.uthscsa.edu/financialaid/2015/03/rights-and-responsibilities-for-federal-student-loan-borrowers>)).

SELECTIVE SERVICE REQUIREMENT

Students subject to selective service registration will be required to provide proof of registration, or proof the student is exempt from selective service registration, in order to be eligible to apply for federal

or state financial aid and/or to receive exemptions and waivers from the State of Texas.

COMPETITIVE ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Health Science Center awards competitive scholarships on a school-by-school basis as funds allow. All matriculating students are eligible to apply for competitive scholarships by submitting the online scholarship application (<http://students.uthscsa.edu/financialaid/2013/04/scholarships>). Each school will develop specific guidelines and criteria for awarding the scholarships. The competitive scholarship must be recommended by the Loan and Scholarship Committee of each school. Applicants should contact the appropriate school within the Health Science Center for information about deadlines.

Non-resident students who are awarded a competitive scholarship of at least \$1,000 for the academic year are entitled to pay the tuition and fees required of Texas residents for the duration of the scholarship or a period not to exceed one academic year. The total number of students at the Health Science Center paying resident tuition under the competitive scholarship criteria must not exceed five percent of the total number of enrolled students at the Health Science Center during the prior fall semester. Students must re-apply each academic year and complete the steps above - funds are not automatically renewable.

AIR FORCE RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS PROGRAM

By agreement with the Health Science Center, a student may obtain a commission as an officer in the U.S. Air Force upon completion of a baccalaureate or master's degree at the Health Science Center and completion of the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program at The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) (<http://www.utsa.edu>). Scholarships are available on a competitive basis from UTSA and these scholarships provide tuition and fee assistance, a book allotment, and monthly subsistence allowance. UTSA program coordinators will notify the Bursar's office when a scholarship has been awarded and the amount received will be factored into the students aid package here at the Health Science Center.

In addition to courses, students are required to attend a weekly leadership laboratory and physical training. For more information contact Air Force ROTC at UTSA at 210-458-4624 or e-mail at afrotc@utsa.edu.

FEDERAL or STATE COLLEGE WORK-STUDY EMPLOYMENT

The Health Science Center has limited amounts of College Work-Study funds to award each year. Funds are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to students who indicate they are "interested in Work-Study" on their FAFSA and have financial need. Candidates for State work study funds must also be classified as Texas residents. Students will earn these funds by working no more than 20 hours per week and can find potential employers by reviewing open positions on the VSFA website (<http://students.uthscsa.edu/financialaid/2013/03/federal-work-study>).

COST OF ATTENDANCE

The Cost of Attendance (COA) is determined by The Office of Veteran Services & Financial Aid (<http://students.uthscsa.edu/financialaid>) each year and is based on the estimated costs a student will incur for each semester. Included in the COA are estimates for actual tuition and fee costs, a book allowance, a room and board allowance including

health insurance, transportation, and personal/miscellaneous expenses. Students required to purchase a laptop for entry into their program of choice will receive an allowance for the bundle with the least cost. Students purchasing more expensive bundles will need to follow the budget adjustment process to request an increase to their COA. Students not required to purchase a laptop from the Health Science Center, that wish to include the one-time cost of a computer/tablet, can submit an adjustment request form along with proof of purchase by the student here (<http://students.uthscsa.edu/financialaid/2013/02/financial-aid-forms>). See information online (<http://students.uthscsa.edu/financialaid/2013/02/cost-of-attendance>) for the components of the various Cost of Attendance budgets as well as financial aid opportunities at the Health Science Center.