

A halftone-style background image featuring three graduates in caps and gowns. On the left, a male graduate smiles at the camera. On the right, a female graduate is shown in profile, looking down. At the bottom, another female graduate is laughing joyfully while holding a diploma. The SMU logo is centered in the upper half of the image.

**SMU®**

**We're worth it**  
BECAUSE YOU ARE

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*Accessibility and Affordability at SMU*

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**You're bright and hardworking. We want you here.** That's why we are passionate about matching our rigorous academics, powerful opportunities and incredible classroom-to-career experiences with access to outstanding financial resources – so that you can become who you want to be, regardless of your financial need.



## **Your search for an excellent return on your college investment ends here**

But don't just take our word for it. *Forbes* counts us among the "schools with the highest quality and best financial outcomes" in its 2019 "Best Value Colleges" ranking.

*We are only among 300 institutions nationwide that are worth the investment based on:*

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|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Timely graduation              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Net price       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access for low-income students |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Net debt        |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alumni earnings |  |

### **4 out of 5 receive aid**

Nearly 80% of first-year students are awarded grants and/or scholarships.

### **Top 5% in pay**

for graduates across a range of fields, according to College Factual.

### **72% without debt**

at the time of graduation.

## **Why you shouldn't miss your chance at an SMU education**

### **1. YOU'LL BE READY FOR JOBS THAT DON'T YET EXIST.**

*According to a McKinsey study, by 2030, up to 1/3 of the U.S. workforce and up to 14% of the global workforce will be looking for new jobs because of automation. Scary? Maybe. But we want you to be fearless and ready for anything. Because of the flexibility of our curriculum, you'll get to:*

- Prepare for an evolving world
- Graduate with multiple competencies
- Work toward your major, experiment – double or even triple major – and activate new skills
- Understand different cultures – you can't be a world changer if you don't understand the world

### **2. WE'RE REPEATING OURSELVES HERE – BUT WE'RE A FORBES "BEST VALUE" COLLEGE.**

*We'll do our best to cover your financial needs so that you can:*

- Prepare for demanding professions through internships and co-ops
- Test big ideas and launch a sustainable business in our self-starter culture
- Partner with your professor to become a co-creator of knowledge – you could engage in research as early as your first semester
- Connect with top employers through our career centers
- Take advantage of powerful opportunities created by our partnership with Dallas, which we helped shape into a global gateway
- Expand your global credentials through any one of our 150-plus SMU Abroad programs in 50-plus countries

### **#1 area for jobs**

*Forbes* ranked the Dallas area No. 1 among big cities in 2018.

### **#11 in merit aid**

in *Money's* "2019 Best Colleges".

### **#1 in STEM jobs**

DFW is the No. 1 metro area according to American Enterprise Institute study.



# How we help you afford an outstanding SMU education

## 1 WE REWARD ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

We will also consider your family’s financial situation. Our financial packages combine academic awards and need-based financial aid.

### 2019–20 Estimated Costs

Tuition and Fees.....	\$56,560
Average Housing and Dining .....	\$17,025
Total .....	\$73,585

### Gift aid – money awarded that doesn’t have to be paid back – to eligible incoming 2018 first-years

■ More than \$30,000 .....	55%
■ \$15,000 to \$30,000.....	33%
■ Less than \$15,000.....	12%

### Tuition Payment Plans

SMU offers several payment plans.

### Annual payment plans

Choose 12- or 10-month payment plans per year.

### Term payment plans

Choose 6- or 5-month payment plans for fall and/or spring terms or 2-month payment plan for summer term.

Payment plans are not available for January, May and August terms. For more information, visit [smu.edu/paymentplans](http://smu.edu/paymentplans).

## 2018-19 SAMPLE FINANCIAL AID PACKAGES

(Family assets may affect demonstrated need)

### ROGERS

a business major from Texas: 1480 SAT, 4.0 GPA, 20 units<sup>†</sup> | Family of 4 with 2 in college

Adjusted Gross Income .....	\$87,620
EFC* .....	\$7,925

### Awards

SMU Provost Scholarship.....	\$30,000
SMU Distinguished BBA Scholarship..	\$5,000
SMU Opportunity Award.....	\$13,256
Texas Tuition Equalization Grant .....	\$3,364
Federal Loans .....	\$5,500
Federal Work Study .....	\$4,000

**TOTAL PACKAGE .....**\$61,120

## 2 WE OFFER A RANGE OF ACADEMIC AWARDS, MANY OF WHICH CAN BE COMBINED

When you apply to SMU, you will be automatically considered for SMU awards when you apply by your chosen application deadline: November 1 for Early Decision I and Early Action or January 15 for Early Decision II and Regular Decision.

### SMU’s most distinguished awards

#### President’s Scholars [smu.edu/ps](http://smu.edu/ps)

- SMU’s most prestigious academic award covers full tuition and fees
- Awarded to 20–25 of the most accomplished students in the incoming first-year class

#### Hunt Leadership Scholars [smu.edu/hunt](http://smu.edu/hunt)

(separate essay and YouTube video statement required)

- Eligibility includes demonstrated leadership ability
- Awarded to 20–25 of the most qualified students; allows them to combine learning and leadership

### Academic school and departmental scholarships

Learn more at [smu.edu/academicscholarships](http://smu.edu/academicscholarships).



*“Lauren wanted the education, the Greek life and the competitive sports – she got all three at SMU. We saw her feel comfortable reaching out for mentorships. She also had a paid internship at Ericsson and multiple job offers before she graduated. Emily has had a marvelous experience. Access to faculty was great – the ability to email, meet and gain additional insights. She felt she was in the right place.”*

HEATHER AND LARRY FANN SMU Parents, Classes of 2014 and 2017

### ELLEN

a computer science major from Indiana: 1450 SAT, 3.31 GPA, 27.5 units<sup>†</sup> | Family of 4 with 1 in college

Adjusted Gross Income.....	\$249,943
EFC* .....	\$75,662

### Awards

SMU Second Century Scholarship..	\$20,000
SMU Discovery Scholarship .....	\$9,000
SMU IB Scholarship.....	\$7,500

**TOTAL PACKAGE .....**\$36,500

### KAYLA

a communications major from Texas: 28 ACT, 3.45 GPA, 21 units<sup>†</sup> | Family of 2 with 1 in college

Adjusted Gross Income .....	\$24,789
EFC* .....	\$0

### Awards

Federal Pell Grant.....	\$6,195
Federal SEOG.....	\$2,000
Texas Tuition Equalization Grant .....	\$5,130
SMU Opportunity Award.....	\$31,420
Federal Loans .....	\$5,500
Federal Work Study.....	\$4,000

**TOTAL PACKAGE .....**\$54,245

## 3 WE WORK HARD TO MEET YOUR NEEDS

We provide need-based aid for your unique financial circumstances and partner with you to explore a combination of federal, state and SMU-funded awards, including grants, loans and work-study options.

### Apply Now

Submit two forms by your chosen application deadline: November 1 for Early Decision I and Early Action or January 15 for Early Decision II and Regular Decision. These are the priority deadlines. Both forms will be available October 1, 2019. The FAFSA is required to determine your eligibility for federal and state need-based aid. The CSS PROFILE™ is required to qualify for SMU funded need-based aid. However, SMU requires neither for awarding academic scholarships.

### 1. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for federal and state aid

For U.S. and dual citizens and permanent residents to be eligible for federal and state sources of aid, submit the FAFSA each year.

- Visit [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Use SMU school code 003613.
- Take advantage of the IRS Data Retrieval Tool for an easier way to provide accurate tax information on your FAFSA.
- Visit [fsaid.ed.gov](http://fsaid.ed.gov) if you do not have a Federal Student Aid ID and would like to create one. Your FSA ID will be your electronic signature.

To learn more about federal student aid programs, visit [fsaid.ed.gov](http://fsaid.ed.gov).

### 2. CSS PROFILE™ for institutional aid

For SMU opportunity scholarships, shown in the sample aid packages below, you must submit a CSS PROFILE™ financial aid application each year. This will give our financial aid advisors more information to further assess your financial need.

File your CSS/PROFILE™ at [cssprofile.collegeboard.org](http://cssprofile.collegeboard.org). Use SMU school code 6660.



# FAQs

## HOW DO I APPLY FOR ACADEMIC AWARDS AND WHEN WILL I BE NOTIFIED?

Our academic awards reward hard work. If you apply by your chosen application deadline – November 1 for Early Decision I and Early Action or January 15 for Early Decision II and Regular Decision – you will be automatically considered for SMU academic awards. If you applied by November 1, you will be notified in early January. If you applied by January 15, you will be notified by mid-March.

## HOW DO I APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID AND WHEN WILL I BE NOTIFIED?

The priority deadline to apply for financial aid corresponds with your chosen application deadline: November 1 for Early Decision I and Early Action or January 15 for Early Decision II and Regular Decision. You must file the FAFSA (for federal need-based consideration) and the CSS PROFILE™ (for SMU Opportunity Award) by these priority deadlines. If you applied by November 1, you will be notified in early January. If you applied by January 15, you will be notified by mid-March.

## WHAT KIND OF FINANCIAL AID IS AVAILABLE?

SMU offers academic scholarships, grants, loans and work-study awards.

## HOW DOES SMU DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

FAFSA and CSS PROFILE™ information is sent to SMU, which compares the cost of attending SMU with the Expected Family Contribution (EFC)\* for the student’s college education.

## WILL I HAVE A FINANCIAL AID ADVISOR AT SMU?

SMU assigns a financial aid advisor to all students.

For more information about the academic award and financial aid process, call us at 214-768-2058 or 1-800-323-0672 or visit us [smu.edu/value](http://smu.edu/value)

*“All three of our sons had excellent options for going to college at selective schools, and they chose SMU. They benefited from small classes, direct access to faculty, great opportunities for campus involvement and leadership, and internships in banking, finance and real estate. SMU is big enough to have all the opportunities you could gain at a large university and small enough to really know your professors. SMU has been an incredible investment for our boys.”*

DINY AND JIM LANDEN SMU Parents, Classes of 2010, 2012 and 2016

\*According to the office of Federal Student Aid, the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is not the amount of money your family will have to pay for college or the amount of federal student aid you will receive. It is a number used by your school to calculate the amount of federal student aid you are eligible to receive. <sup>†</sup>Units refer to the number of successfully completed high school courses in the core areas of English, math, social sciences, science and foreign language.



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## DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE AT AN SMU EDUCATION

- 79% of SMU first-year students awarded scholarships and grants
- More than half of eligible 2018 first-year students awarded \$30K-plus in gift aid – money that does not have to be paid back
- 72% of students graduate without debt

## APPLY NOW TO SMU

- November 1\* Early Decision I, Early Action and priority scholarship and financial aid consideration
- January 15\* Early Decision II, Regular Decision and priority scholarship and financial aid consideration

*\*Electronic submission or postmark deadline*

## DON'T LOSE OUT. SUBMIT TWO FORMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR NEED-BASED AID

- FAFSA [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) for federal and state aid
- CSS PROFILE™ [student.collegeboard.org/profile](http://student.collegeboard.org/profile) for institutional aid

**Let's make it worth it. [smu.edu/apply](http://smu.edu/apply)**