

Financial Aid helps assist you with the costs of your education. This includes any scholarships, grants, student loans, private loans, work study and waivers.

### The FAFSA opens on October 1, 2016 for the 2017-2018 school year.

# **Financial Aid Checklist**

Apply for Admission to Texas Tech University using the
ApplyTexas.org application.
Aid cannot be awarded until you are admitted.
Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov.
Opens Oct 1, using prior year income.

Texas Tech School Code 003644. Please utilize the DRT-Data Retrieval Tool.

At Texas Tech your FAFSA data is used to qualify you for financial aid. Since

grant funding is limited, priority is given to early applications.

Apply for Texas Tech scholarships

Go to scholarships.ttu.edu. The deadline is December 1st.

Complete your enrollment certification.

Students will receive emails asking them to indicate enrollment.

Contact Student Business Services about waivers and exemptions, if needed. Waivers and exemptions might include bordering state or county, military, etc.

If your FAFSA data does not match your current situation, you may qualify for an adjustment to your FAFSA.

An adjustment to your financial aid awards might be possible.

#### Set up your Direct Deposit account.

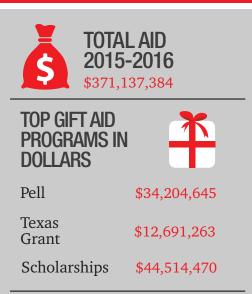
Sign in to **raiderlink.ttu.edu** with your eRaider and add your banking information at the My Direct Deposit link under Manage My Finances. Funds disburse 10 days prior to the start of class each semester.

#### Check Raiderlink and your Texas Tech email account.

Additional requirements or opportunities are emailed to admitted students using their Raiderlink and TTU email accounts.

#### Seek additional funding.

If your financial aid package does not cover your bill, there are several options to consider such as work study job, student loans, or external scholarships. (www.scholarships.ttu.edu)







Texas Tech University

\$22,773

National \$33,000



WHAT PERCENT OF TTU UNDERGRADS HAVE SOME SORT OF FINANCIAL AID? 78%

## **Other Resources**

Scholarships: www.scholarships.ttu.edu FAFSA: www.fafsa.gov Student Loans: www.studentloans.gov | www.financialaid.ttu.edu Work Study: www.rrsec.ttu.edu Student Business Services: Payment Plan Info@ www.sbs.ttu.edu TTU Student Financial Aid & Student Billing Account: www.raiderlink.ttu.edu Federal Student Aid: www.studentaid.gov Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board: www.thecb.state.tx.us College For All Texans: www.collegeforalltexans.com Military and Veterans Programs: mvp@ttu.edu

# TOP SCHOLARSHIP TIPS

#### 1. Search on Your Own

Ask about opportunities at school, community and religious organizations, even within your field of study or campus organization. Don't be afraid to ask everyone you know if they are aware of scholarship opportunities that may be available to you.

# 2. Apply for ALL Scholarships You Qualify for, Regardless of Award Amount

One of the most common issues students encounter within their scholarship search is limiting themselves by scholarship amount. Small award amounts add up, too, so apply for any and all scholarships you qualify for, even if the amount is smaller.

#### 3. Keep (and Use) a Scholarship Calendar

Create a specific timeline that allows you to devote a set aside time to applying for scholarships. Look at your scholarship search like any other assignment or project that's due – consider your due date before each deadline! Remember, the more scholarships you apply for, the better your chances.

#### 4. Improving Your Scholarship Essays

To put your best foot forward, work to improve your application essays. It's also helpful to save your essays so that you can reuse essay parts that are applicable to other scholarships.

You should never have to pay for scholarship information.

# RED RAIDER GUARANTEE

RRG guarantees tuition and mandatory fees (based on 30 credit hours for the year) to new entering freshmen and transfer students with an associate's degree, who are Texas residents, have a family adjusted gross income that does not exceed \$40,000, and who will be enrolled full time, who meet the priority deadline, and who have a complete file.

### 2016-2017

\$10,500 per student

2015-2016 \$9800 per student



"Cost was always a factor when it came to my college search. The staff in the Financial Aid Office helped guide me through the entire process including the FAFSA. They were always eager to help me out. The opportunities they provided me were a major reason I chose Texas Tech. Their support helped put me and my family at ease."

> Ariana Hernandez English Major Veribest, Texas



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