

# NEW AGGIE NEWS

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# HOWDY!

*The official greeting of Texas A&M University*



Welcome to the Aggie Family! We are extremely excited to welcome you to Texas A&M University at your New Student Conference in January. We look forward to assisting you during your NSCs and throughout your journey here in Aggieland.

This publication serves as a helpful guide for new students to prepare for New Student Conferences and life as a student at Texas A&M. New Student Conferences are an opportunity for new members of the Aggie family to get familiar with University's academic requirements, the many services and resources that are on campus, and allow our new students to become acquainted with their new homes in College Station, TX.

Our office, New Student & Family Programs is committed to ensuring your success during your time as a student here at Texas A&M. If you have any questions please feel free to call our office at (979) 845-5826, visit our website at [newaggie.tamu.edu](http://newaggie.tamu.edu), or email us at [nsfp@tamu.edu](mailto:nsfp@tamu.edu).



New Student &  
Family Programs  
DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

# WHAT TO EXPECT

## at your New Student Conference

New Student Conferences are designed to provide new students and families members the resources to be successful as a students at Texas A&M University. Your NSC will provide an array of informative sessions regarding academics resources, opportunities as an Aggie, and establishing relationships with colleges to learn more about the program's requirements and expectations. Here's a list of some of the key events during both Day 1 and Day 2 at your New Student Conference.

### Day One

**Check-In:** Kyle Field Zone Club  
8:00 to 9:15 a.m.

**Welcome & Academic Sessions:** Rudder Auditorium  
Day One Morning

**Student Life & Services Sessions:** Rudder Theatre  
Day One Afternoon

**Evening Social (optional):** MSC 2300  
5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

### Day Two

**Mandatory College Meeting:** Various locations  
8:30 a.m.

**Academic Advising:** Various locations  
2:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
*Exact time will be announced during your College Meeting. Plan to stay until 6:00 p.m. if necessary.*

*For a detailed listing of the New Student Conference programs, please visit [newaggie.tamu.edu](http://newaggie.tamu.edu).*

## NSC Checklist

- Submit transcripts from high school and prior colleges/universities(required)
- Verify Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirements (required)
- Submit proof of bacterial meningitis vaccination (required)
- Complete the Lab Safety Acknowledgement (required)
- Complete Online Orientation (required)
- Complete NSC registration for families and guests
- Arrange for lodging and parking during the New Student Conference
- Complete Math Placement Exam
- Complete Foreign Language Placement Exam
- Make tuition rate code selection

# Scholarships & Financial Aid

The Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid offers many financial resources to help you pay for your college education. Located on the 2nd floor of Pavilion Hall, the Office of Scholarship & Financial Aid caters to all the needs by providing many resources within financing one's education. At the start of each year, we recommend each student completing or renewing the Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year. Once you have applied for financial aid, you may check the status of your application at **howdy.tamu.edu** "My Finances" tab and then to the Scholarships & Financial Aid portal. If you have any questions about scholarships and financial aid, you may also call (979) 845-3236.

## Student Employment

Student Employment is another option for financing your education while gaining quality professional experience. The Student Employment Office provide services to Aggie students to jobs in department on campus and local businesses in the Bryan/College Station Area. Acquiring a job as a student allows our students to pursue both their educational goal while developing professionally as well. For more information visit [jobsforaggies.tamu.edu](http://jobsforaggies.tamu.edu).

## Scholarships

Texas A&M is committed to additional scholarship opportunity, you may apply for scholarships online at [scholarships.tamu.edu](http://scholarships.tamu.edu). Colleges/Departments also is a another avenue of receiving scholarship. Please contact your college/department for scholarships related to your major. To report an award from an outside source, please complete the Student Data Form in the Scholarships & Financial Aid Portal.

## Money Wise Aggie Program

Texas A&M University is dedicated to providing students with the knowledge and resources to make smarter personal finance decisions that help lay the foundation of financial success for the future. The Money Wise Aggie is a "free" service to students that provides personal advising and/or presentations in areas such as budgeting, credit cards and credit scores, financial challenges after college, and debt reduction strategies. For more information visit [moneywise.tamu.edu](http://moneywise.tamu.edu).

## Special Tips:

Transfer students, if you have completed FAFSA at your previous institution you need to add the Texas A&M code (003632) to your application.

Students attending Texas A&M for the first time in the Spring 2018 semester should complete FAFSA as soon as possible.

If you are a first-time borrower you are required to complete loan entrance counseling.

# Academic Success Center

Texas A&M University is top ranked research institution that believes in providing the best academic overall academic standards for our students. The university provides students with the academic resources to be successful in the classroom. The Academic Success Center (ASC), is a collaboration between Academic Affairs and Student Affairs, which overall mission is provide access a comprehensive resources to Aggies from all geographical, socioeconomic, and ethnic backgrounds so that all Aggies can achieve reach their highest academic potential here in Aggieland. The goal of the Academic Success is to provide and foster the holistic approach of our Aggie family through this resource center.

## Transfer Student Program

As a new member of the Aggie family, we understand that transferring to a university this size can create obstacles and challenges. With this in mind our university is committed to the overall success of our entire Aggie family. The Transfer Student Program (TSP) is a program designed for all incoming Aggies to learn more about campus resources at the university, support and help students navigate their new home, and provide students the opportunity to meet students from across campus.

Transitioning to a new area can be difficulty for all of us, our university understands how important the Transfer Student Program is to our students, faculty, and staff members. The office of Transfer Student Program offers students the opportunity to participate in small group academic workshops, attend social events both on campus and around the Bryan College Station area, and the opportunity to promote a healthy well being through intramural and TSP Post. The staff is committed to the overall success with the students having a number of Transfer Peer Mentors from a variety of colleges and demographics. The TSPMs are all former transfer students, extensively trained and hold office hours and will do their best to help you find answers to questions, resources and encouragement so that you can get the most out of your experience at TAMU. Visit [successcenter.tamu.edu](http://successcenter.tamu.edu) for more information regarding the Transfer Student Program initiative.

## Dining

Everyone loves a great meal! Texas A&M University understands the importance of a balanced diet and providing quality food services. With that being said, our university offers more than 40 food options across campus. As you learned in online orientation, our university believes that dining plays an huge role within the overall quality of life on campus. As a university, we practice a commitment to building strong bodies, sharper minds, and establishing the foundation for a longer, healthier life. We know that in order for our students to be successful inside and outside of the classrooms that dining plays a huge role in that. For more information about our many dining options please visit [dining.tamu.edu](http://dining.tamu.edu).

## Transportation Services

Along with all of the many great services on campus, transportation is also a service provided to you as a new student. It is important to remember that all vehicles parked on Texas A&M's campus are required to have a parking permit unless they are parked in a pay to park visitor area. Parking registration is a personal obligation at [transport.tamu.edu/account](http://transport.tamu.edu/account) and click "Purchase Permit." Another great resource provided to our students are access to the AggieSpirit Bus. For more information please visit our Texas A&M Mobile App.

# Involvement on Campus

As a new member of the Aggie family, there many opportunities and ways for new students to get involved with the many traditions that encompass the Aggie spirit! Get involved through MSC Open House and Howdy Camp are two events and excellent opportunities or become apart of a student organization to find your home in Aggieland.

## MSC Open House

The MSC Open House is a great way for new students to become involve with student organizations on campus. Started in 1950, the event has become known as the premier student organization recruiting event of the year. MSC Open House is scheduled for Sunday, January 21, 2018 from 1:00-5:00p.m. at the Memorial Student Center. Visit [mscopenhouse.tamu.edu](http://mscopenhouse.tamu.edu) for more information.

## Howdy Camp

Howdy Camp is a three-day student led extended orientation program that focus on providing that new Aggies transition is one filled with memories and purpose! Howdy Camp is essential because it provides students with an array of resources that's be helpful during your time in College, Station. Howdy Campy dates are generally the first weekend in January. For more information and to register, visit [atc.tamu.edu](http://atc.tamu.edu) or call (979) 862-1785.

# Corps of Cadets

Texas A&M University is one of the few universities to offer student leadership program that entails the stories of the Aggie Spirit. The Corps of Cadet is the university's largest, oldest, and most visible student organization and leadership training programs at Texas A&M. With more than 2,400 students, the Corps of Cadets provide a balanced and structured lifestyle that helps cadets achieve academically and represents the students as the largest uniformed bodies of students in the nation. The Corps of Cadets has a purpose to develop well-educated leaders of character who are academically successful, embody the values of Honor, Integrity, Discipline, and Selfless Service, are highly sought-after, and are fully prepared for the global leadership challenges of the 21st Century. For more information please visit [corps.tamu.edu](http://corps.tamu.edu)

# Athletics

Another way of getting involved is participating in Texas A&M Spring Athletic Events. Take advantage of being apart of the America's loudest and proudest tradition as a member of 12th fan base man. As new member of the Aggie family, you'll have the opportunity to support one of the top athletic programs in the nation through Aggie basketball, baseball, softball, indoor track, and tennis. To learn more about attending athletic events and the schedule for all teams visit [12thman.com](http://12thman.com).