Congrats on your admission to The Texas A&M University Higher Education Center at McAllen!

Welcome to the Aggie Family! Share a pic of yourself with your Fightin’ Texas Aggie Banner and #Aggiebound. More info for newly admitted students is available at admissions.tamu.edu/igotin.
NOW THAT YOU’RE ADMITTED

1. **Register for a New Student Conference**
   Accept your offer of admission to The Texas A&M University Higher Education Center at McAllen (HECM) by registering for a mandatory New Student Conference (NSC) in the Applicant Information System (AIS) at howdy.tamu.edu via the Applicant tab.

   NSC fees can be deferred if you used an application fee waiver for the Texas A&M application for admission. NSC fee deferral means the fee will be added to your tuition bill. You may choose this option online during NSC registration allowing you to register without making a payment. **Note:** conference fees are nonrefundable.

   If you DO NOT register for an NSC in AIS by the deadline we will assume you have declined your offer and cancel your admission. Please note, accepting your financial aid package does NOT mean that you have accepted your offer of admission. That process is independent from NSC Registration.

   **Fee Questions:** 979.458.5155  
   **Registration Questions:** 979.845.1060

2. **Learn About Local Housing Options**
   No on-campus housing is available at the Higher Education Center at McAllen; however, the HECM can provide recommendations for student housing.

   **Contact the HECM:** 956-213-8360

3. **Submit Your Bacterial Meningitis Immunization Record**
   All incoming students are required to use Med+Proctor to submit Bacterial Meningitis immunization records. Visit medproctor.com and click “register” to create your account and download the required immunization forms.

   Proof of vaccination must be provided at least two weeks prior to your NSC. You will not be able to check-in for your conference or register for classes until this requirement is met.

   **support.medproctor.com**  
   admissions.tamu.edu/meningitis

4. **Complete NSC Online Orientation**
   Before attending the NSC all students must complete the mandatory online orientation. The modules will set you up for success at the NSC and will be available as early as April. To complete online orientation, sign on to howdy.tamu.edu and go to the My Record tab and follow the instructions.

   newaggie.tamu.edu/online  
   New Student & Family Programs: 979.845.5826

5. **Select a Tuition Rate Code**
   In-state residents will be offered a choice between a variable rate tuition plan or a locked rate (fixed) tuition plan. Non-resident students are not eligible for locked rate tuition and will be assigned the variable rate.

   You must select your rate code before attending your NSC. Go to howdy.tamu.edu, select the My Finances tab and follow the instructions. The choice will be offered prior to your first semester of enrollment and cannot be changed in future semesters.

   admissions.tamu.edu/freshman/cost

   Texas A&M University meets the requirements of the Texas Education Code, Section 54.017 regarding fixed tuition for undergraduate students.
Take the Math Placement Exam
The Math Placement Exam (MPE) is a multiple-choice, online examination that helps your academic advisor determine which mathematics course you should take to ensure academic success in your major. All incoming freshmen are required to complete the MPE. Students enrolling in the College of Engineering and the College of Science will take the MPE at their NSC. Students in these two colleges may take two practice exams prior to their NSC and are encouraged to do so. To take the MPE, go to howdy.tamu.edu, select the Applicant tab and follow the instructions.

math.tamu.edu/placement
Math Placement Exam Questions: 979.845.7554

Complete the Texas Success Initiative Pre-Assessment Activity and the TSI Assessment Test
Your TSI status will be noted on AIS. If you are not exempt, you must complete the mandatory Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA) and then take the TSI Assessment Test before attending an NSC. Non-exempt students will be blocked from registering for all classes during the NSC until the TSI PAA has been completed, the TSI Assessment Test has been taken and scores are on file at Texas A&M. If you have taken the TSI Assessment Test anywhere other than Texas A&M, please do not assume that your test scores have been sent here.

successcenter.tamu.edu/Texas-Success-Initiative
Texas Success Initiative Questions: 979.458.4900

Send A Final High School Transcript with Graduation Date When Available
We know your final official high school transcript may not be available by the time you attend your NSC. If it is not, plan to send it as soon as it is available.

Send Official College Transcripts (if applicable)
If you took dual credit or attended college prior to enrolling at The Texas A&M University Higher Education Center at McAllen, send ALL college transcripts.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ENGINEERING STUDENTS

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)
The College of Engineering requires students to purchase a computer to complement the course instruction.

tx.ag/BYOD
WELCOME TO THE AGGIE FAMILY
HULLABALOO, CONNECT, CONNECT!

TWO WAYS TO GET CONNECTED TO AGGIELAND BEFORE YOU GET HERE

1. GET YOUR DIGITAL COPY OF AGGIEBOUND MAGAZINE

   This special edition of the magazine for future Aggies is made exclusively for admitted students like you.

   tx.ag/ABmagV5I3

2. SHARE YOUR BIG MOMENT

   Post a video of you finding out you got accepted and tag @Aggiebound on Twitter or Instagram! We might reshare it!

   Check out some of our favorite videos from the Class of 2022: tx.ag/tamu22videos
PRE-ENROLLMENT CHECKLIST

The checklist on this page will help you prepare for your first year. This checklist is also available in AIS with links to help you complete tasks required for enrollment.

- Register for a New Student Conference (NSC) in AIS at howdy.tamu.edu via the Applicant tab.
  - Complete NSC Family and Guest Registration.
  - Complete New Student & Family Programs online orientation. newaggie.tamu.edu/online
- Explore local housing options.
- Apply for financial aid. Financial aid is awarded by Texas A&M, College Station. (FAFSA/TASFA). financialaid.tamu.edu
- Provide proof of bacterial meningitis vaccination. medproctor.com/tamu-immunization
- Select a tuition rate code via the My Finances tab (if applicable). howdy.tamu.edu
- Fulfill the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirements (if applicable). Successcenter.tamu.edu/Texas-Success-Initiative
- Prepare for the Math Placement Exam and complete as instructed. math.tamu.edu/placement
- Complete the Lab Safety Acknowledgment via the My Record tab. howdy.tamu.edu
- Complete Foreign Language Placement Tests (if applicable). tx.ag/languageplacement
- Verify residency in AIS via the Applicant tab. howdy.tamu.edu
- Log in to your Texas A&M email account with your NetID and password. google.tamu.edu
- Send your final official high school transcript via TREx or mail when it is available.
- Send your AP/IB scores to qualify for and claim college credit (if applicable).
- Send your official college transcript(s) (if applicable).
Howdy Web Portal

Howdy is a “one-stop shop” for your student information and university resources. Howdy provides helpful information about financial aid, housing, registration, payment deadlines and more. Check Howdy regularly for important announcements, news and event information.

howdy.tamu.edu
Howdy Portal Questions/Problems: 979.845.8300

Activate Your Texas A&M Email Account

Once you have registered for your NSC, a Texas A&M email account is available for you. Your email address will be your NETID@tamu.edu. This email address will be used for all official school correspondence. It is important to activate this account and check it regularly. Activate your account at google.tamu.edu.

Apply For Financial Aid

Texas A&M University offers many financial aid options to help you pay for college. Scholarships & Financial Aid can assist you with learning about and applying for aid.

In order to be eligible for financial assistance, you must first submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov. The FAFSA is used to award grants, loans and work-study programs. There is no cost to submit the FAFSA, and it must be renewed every year. Although there is no deadline for submitting the FAFSA, priority is given to students who apply early. The FAFSA school code for Texas A&M University is 003632.

Veterans, or dependents of veterans, who plan to utilize military benefits should contact Veteran Services. For information, visit veterans.tamu.edu.

financialaid.tamu.edu
Financial Aid Questions: 979.845.3236

Commitment to Diversity

Texas A&M University has a strong institutional commitment to the principle of diversity in all areas. In that spirit, admission to The Texas A&M University Higher Education Center at McAllen and any of its sponsored programs is open to all qualified individuals. Texas A&M University does not discriminate on the basis of an individual’s disability and complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in its admissions, accessibility, treatment and employment of students in its programs and activities.

Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act)

Information regarding campus security and safety resources, policies, and procedures for safety (reporting crimes and emergencies, crime awareness and prevention, and security of campus facilities and residence halls), alcohol, drugs, weapons and sexual assault, and crime information is on the websites upd.tamu.edu and ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/campus.html.
ACADEMIC COLLEGES

College of Agriculture & Life Sciences
979.845.3712
aglifesciences.tamu.edu

College of Engineering
979.845.7200
engineering.tamu.edu

School of Public Health
979.845.2387
sph.tamhsc.edu

College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences
979.845.4941
vetmed.tamu.edu/bims