

FINANCIAL MATTERS



Aggie One Stop Scholarships & Financial Aid Student Business Services

Registration

HOWDY PORTAL

Students use Howdy as a self-service portal to access services and resources. Some examples include:

Prepare for & register for classes Student records such as grades, transcripts & degree evaluations Scholarships & Financial Aid portal Billing payment suite

https://howdy.tamu.edu

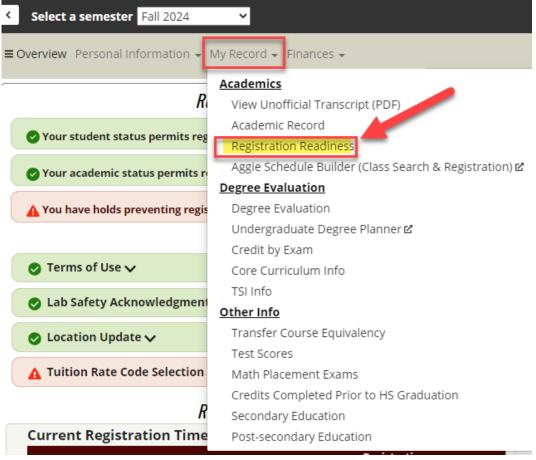
*The Howdy portal will be undergoing a new look to be unveiled in stages during the summer. Monitor Howdy for notices to be posted.



Registration Readiness

- Overview in online orientation
- Reminder! Monitor & review regularly every semester.
 - Action Items
 - Tuition Rate Code Selection (one time selection)
 - Terms of Use (every semester)
 - Location Update (every semester)
 - Lab Safety Acknowledgement (every semester when taking a lab)
 - Holds
 - May prevent registration or access to order transcripts







TUITION RATE CODE

TUITION LOCKED RATE (TLR)
 Resident Students Only

 Locks in the amount of tuition and required fees at a per semester rate for 12 consecutive semesters after high school.

TUITION VARIABLE RATE (TVR) Resident and Non-resident Students

Amount of tuition and can vary from year to year based on different economic factors.

CALCULATED LOCKED RATE

Transfer and Re-Admit Students Only

Locks in the amount of tuition and required fees that was in effect the first term of enrollment in college.

Examples and FAQ's:

https://sbs.tamu.edu/tuition-fees/locked-variable-rate-plans

Must make final selection by the 5th day of class of first semester

Rate code selection is locked in and cannot be changed after this date.



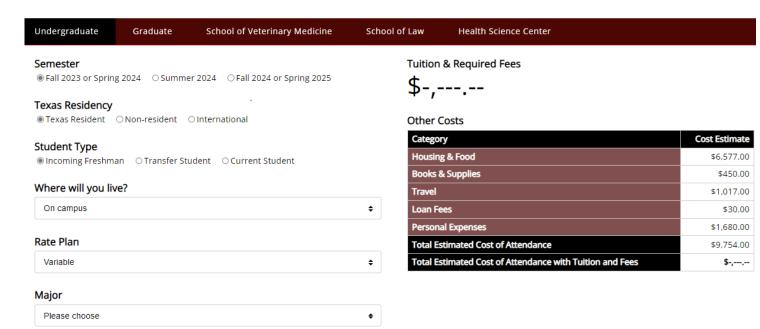
Billing & Payments

TUITION CALCULATOR & COST OF ATTENDANCE

- Estimated Cost of Attendance information displayed
- Display is dynamic based on selections:
 - New/transfer/current
 - Locked/variable
 - Residency
 - Housing plans
 - Major/program when applicable



Tuition Calculator and Cost of Attendance



This amount does not include the following fees:

Hours

Distance education differential tuition and fees



WHO CAN PAY

The Student

Authorized User(s)*

- \rightarrow Parent
- → Guardian
- \rightarrow Spouse
- → Partner

*A student may add more than one Authorized User





BILL PAYMENT SUITE

Howdy

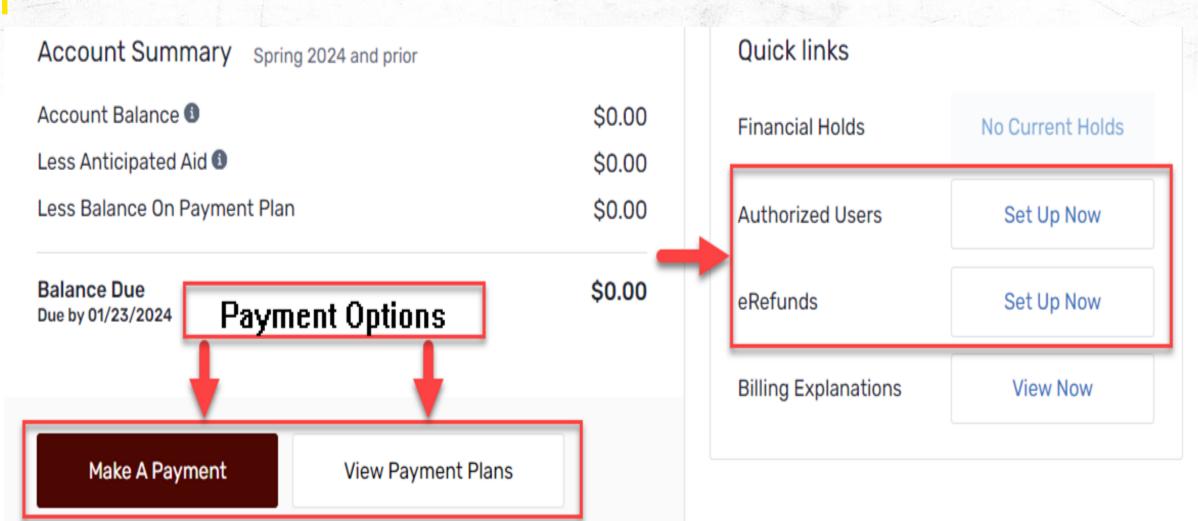
Select Payment/Refund icon in Howdy to access Bill Payment Suite:



- Review tuition and fee bill
- Make payment in full or sign up for payment plan
- Students set up/manage refund preferences/direct deposit banking info
- Students add/manage Authorized Users

billpay.tamu.edu

BILL PAYMENT SUITE





AUTHORIZED USERS (AUs)

- Students add and manage Authorized Users (AUs) access to their student billing account.
 - Email sent to AU to setup account login
- Authorized Users would be able to view bills and remit payments to the student bill.
- Multiple Authorized Users can be granted access to the account.
- Refunds from student account issued to student, not Authorized User*

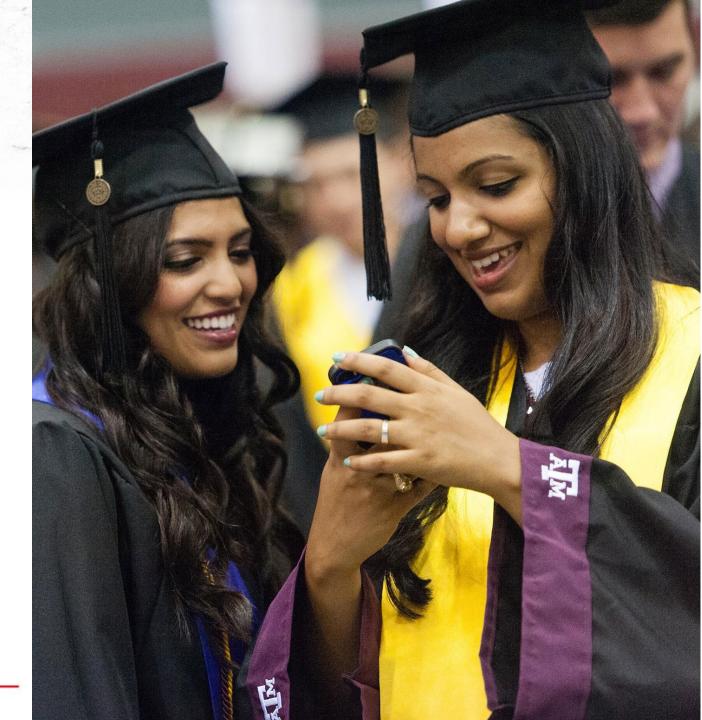
*Only Parent Plus Loan refund option for parent.

REFUNDS

Refunds are issued to the <u>student</u> via direct deposit.

Examples when refunds are issued:

- Overpayment to the student account
- Financial Aid and Scholarships exceeding total bill
- Student drops below full-time enrollment & bill adjusts & reduces amount due



SET UP FLYWIRE DIRECT DEPOSIT

Students will set up direct deposit for their refund.

- Log in to <u>howdy.tamu.edu</u> with NetID and password
- 2. Select <u>Payment/Refund</u> icon & directed to Bill Payment Suite
- 3. Go to the **eRefunds tab**
- 4. Select **Enroll for eRefunds**
- 5. Provide required US bank info
- 6. Agree to Terms & Conditions
- 7. Click **Submit**
- 8. Review and Confirm





PAYMENT OPTIONS & DUE DATES

- Payment Options:
 - → Payment in Full
 - → Payment Plan
 - *\$50 non-refundable service fee when signing up for the payment plan
- Due Dates for fall 2024 payment(s)
 - Payment in Full payment
 - 1st Payment Plan payment automatic withdrawal/charge

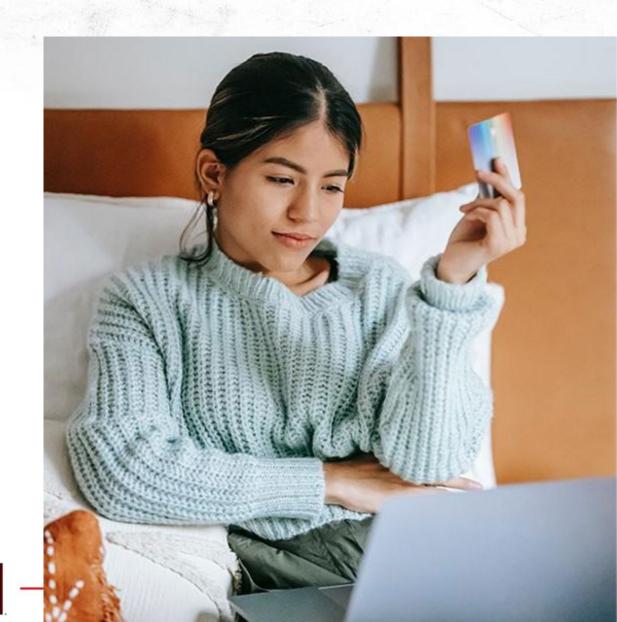
August 16, 5 p.m.



PERSONAL PAYMENTS

Students and Authorized Users may use the following payment methods in Bill Payment Suite:

- E-Checks/ACH Payment (Free)
 - Includes debit cards
 - Paper checks Recommend submitting e-Check in lieu of mailing a paper check.
- Credit Cards
 - A 3% service fee is applied for credit card payments.





OTHER PAYMENT SOURCES

One or more of these sources may be applied towards the bill:

- Waivers/Exemptions
- Third-Party Sponsor
- Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan
- Texas Tuition Promise Fund
- 529 Plans
- Financial Aid/Scholarships
 - Military Education Benefits





LATE PAYMENT PENALTIES

Payments not received by the payment deadline(s) are subject to the following:

- Late Payment fee\$100 assessed

 - \$30 Returned item fee if not able to withdraw due to insufficient funds
- Removal from courses
 - Classes dropped if payment requirements not met by the end of term's Add/Drop registration period.
 - May be reinstated back into dropped courses if payment is made during designated payment window.
 - Reminder alerts sent via text & posted in Howdy portal.





THIRD PARTY SPONSORS

- Special payments provided by third parties include but not limited to:
 - Texas Workforce Commission, Employer tuition assistance programs, Military tuition assistance programs & international/foreign student sponsors
- Specialized Student Billing Must make arrangements for these types of payments.

Contact for all inquiries related to third party sponsorship or payment:

ssb@tamu.edu



WAIVERS & EXEMPTIONS

- Waives or exempts a portion or all tuition and fees for eligible students
- Deadline to submit required documentation:
 - 12th class day for the fall and spring
 - 4th class day for summer
- Scan QR code in the NSC workbook for full list of waivers/exemptions or visit <u>aggie.tamu.edu</u>
- Email Specialized Student Billing at <u>ssb@tamu.edu</u> for questions



TGTP

Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan

- Will pay for the number of tuition hours purchased under the student's contract
- Does not cover laboratory fees, coursespecific fees, room, board, books, sport passes
- Request TGTP from the Howdy portal at howdy.tamu.edu
- Instructions at TGTP.tamu.edu
- Plan will cover fall and spring
- Email questions to <u>ssb@tamu.edu</u>





TTPF

Texas Tuition Promise Fund

- Must be authorized EVERY SEMESTER on the TTPF website
- Account Purchaser MUST authorize payment to an in-state Texas public college, university, or community college
- To authorize TTPF to pay Texas A&M University for the semester, visit texastuitionpromisefund.com





OTHER 529 PLANS

- Use tuition calculator to estimate tuition costs
- Contact your plan administrator to inquire how they send payment
 - Some plans can transfer funds electronically to TAMU
 - Most mail checks
 - May take up to 2-3 weeks on average to receive
 - Payment may not be arrive by payment due date; be prepared to make alternate payment arrangements by due date
- Alternate payment considerations:
 - Payment plan sign up & make first payment by due date
 - Emergency Tuition and Fees Loan use to pay tuition and required fees

PARENT PLUS LOAN

Complete Federal PLUS Refund Authorization at: https://aggie.tamu.edu/resources/forms-and-media

- Parent PLUS Loans are applied to charges before other types of aid
- Parent PLUS Loan Refunds
 - Refund will issue to the student <u>UNLESS</u> parent elects refund issued to self/parent
 - Parent must select refund preference to self/parent when applying for the loan
 - Change selection at https://aggie.tamu.edu/resources/forms-and-media under Loans
 - Parents who are also set up as Authorized Users can opt for eRefund via direct deposit
 - Parent must set up their direct deposit information in the billing portal to opt for eRefunds



DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR PARENT PLUS

You are enrolling in refunds for Joe Aggie

We Need More Information About You First

eRefunds for Authorized Users are for Parent PLUS loan disbursements only and will not be used for refunds of student account credit balance.

Please provide additional information that matches your Parent PLUS Loan application.

Enter your own personal information (not the student's) so we can accurately identify you for a refund.

Last 4 of your own (not student) SSN	
Your Zip Code	

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EMERGENCY TUITION AND FEE LOAN

- Pays tuition and required fees
 ONLY
- Repayment up to 90 days
- Simple interest



https://sfaid.tamu.edu/stlapp/



SHORT TERM LOANS

- Temporary funding
- Can be used for rent, books, and other educational costs
- Repayment up to 12 months

Apply online:

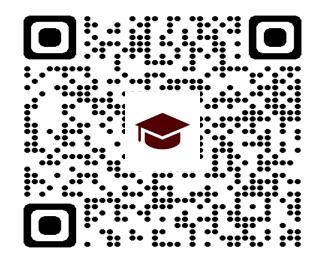
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GRADGUARD TUITION PROTECTION PLAN

Tuition insurance provides confidence by **reimbursing tuition costs if a student withdraws at any time** during the semester for a covered reason.*

OPEN YOUR CAMERA AND SCAN THIS CODE FOR MORE INFO



Mental Health Conditions Like depression or anxiety Chronic Illness
Like diabetes
or an
auto-immune
disorder

Other Costs
Like housing
(on and offcampus)





* Terms, conditions, and exclusions apply, incl. pre-existing conditions.

Gradguard.com/tuition/tamu





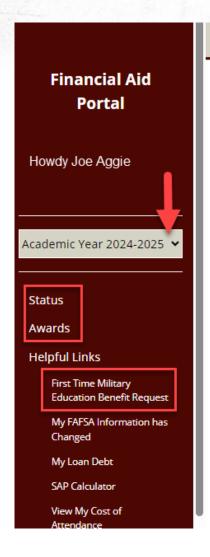
Scholarships & Financial Aid

HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

- Submit financial aid application
 - Overview in online orientation or visit aggie.tamu.edu
- Priority deadline for 2024-2025 was April 15th, but it's not too late!
- FAFSA and TASFA open October 1 or later for 2025-2026
- University Scholarship Application for continuing students
 - uwide.tamu.edu
 - Opens October 15th
 - Closes February 1st
 - Continuing students will be applying for 2025-2026



FINANCIAL AID PORTAL



Status

Summary for 2024 - 2025 Aid Period

* In an effort to protect your confidential and personally identifiable information (i.e. social security number, tax informa Scholarships & Financial Aid accepts documents submitted via fax, postal mail, or in-person. Please include your UIN on all documents submitted. Documents may not be submitted via email.

* Click here for mailing instructions

Upload Documents

If the following documents apply to you, please use the link below to submit these documents. If you do not to submit the following documents, please address any incomplete requirements in the To Do section below

- · Education Abroad documentation for financial aid
- eTASFA Parent signature page
- International Student Financial Aid Application (ISFAA) and related documents
- Request to Increase Cost of Attendance
- Student Correspondence
- Texas Aggie Graduate Grant (TAGG) Application
- · Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) paper application only
- VA Primary Institution Letter

Click here to upload documents





Select Financial Aid icon in Howdy



- Status
 - Check for To Do items
- Awards
 - View, decline/accept award offers
- Report Outside Scholarships and Resources
- Request Military Education benefits



RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID

- Applying aid to the bill
 - Runs every morning to disburse aid to the bill
 - No earlier than 10 days prior to the start of each semester
 - August 10, 2024 for Fall
 - January 4, 2025 for Spring

Outside Scholarships

- Must be received from donor to apply to bill
- If mailed, allow 2 full weeks
- If dropped off at Aggie One Stop, allow 1 week

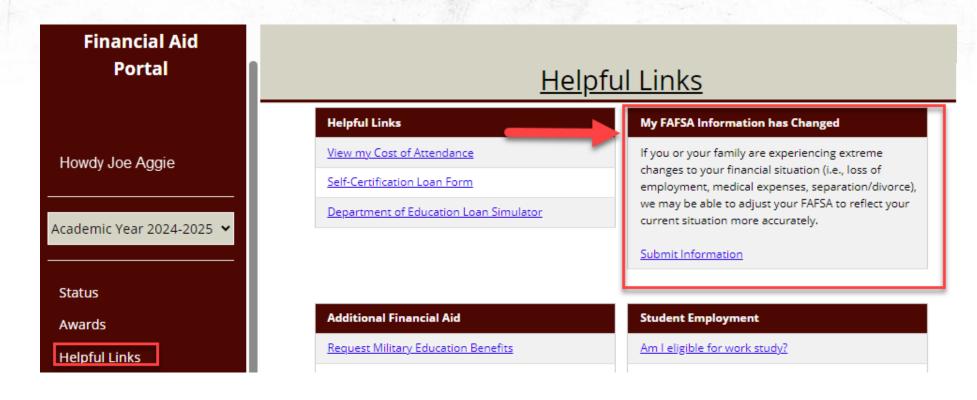
Work Study

- Will not pay directly to bill
- Students will work and earn a paycheck
- Find a job at <u>jobsforaggies.tamu.edu</u>



CHANGES IN CIRCUMSTANCES

- Loss or reduction in income?
- Excessive medical expenses?



- Click on My FAFSA information has changed to complete online questionnaire
- Documentation will be requested in the portal, or a link will be provided to schedule an appointment



WHERE IS MY FINANCIAL AID?

What might cause a delay in receiving my financial aid?

- Aid has not been accepted in the financial aid portal
- Documents requested not received
- Not enrolled in enough hours
- Courses not counting on degree plan
- Entrance counseling for direct loans not completed
- Master Promissory Note for Direct Loans not completed & received



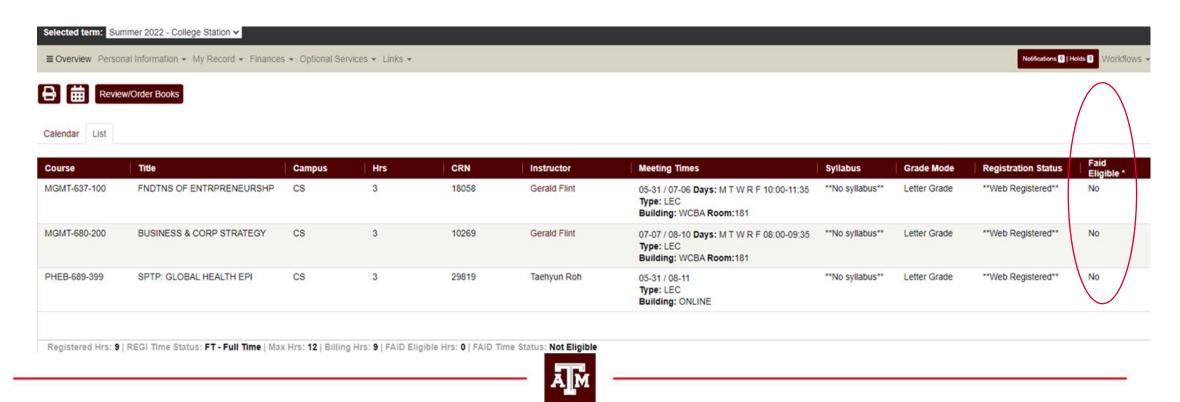
FINANCIAL AID REFUNDS

- If financial aid exceeds the amount owed, the excess will be refunded to the student
- Federal (Title IV) financial aid can only be applied to:
 - Tuition and required fees
 - Meal plans
 - On campus housing
- Title IV aid includes:
 - Pell Grant
 - Supplemental Opportunity Grant
 - Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans
 - Direct Parent PLUS Loans
 - TEACH Grant



MAINTAINING FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY

- Courses must count toward degree requirements
 Impacts federal aid eligibility and the Cost of Attendance
- View which courses count towards degree
 - Howdy Portal My Dashboard tab My Record Schedule
 - Check the next business day after registering
- Discuss registration with Academic Advisor



MAINTAINING FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY

- Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
 - Monitored at the end of every semester
 - Must maintain 2.0 cumulative GPA
 - Must complete 75% of registered courses
 - Must not exceed 134% of degree program requirements
 - Appeals are accepted



MILITARY-AFFILIATED STUDENTS

Aggie One Stop

- Military Education Benefits
 - Federal VA Education benefits
 - Hazlewood Exemption
- Scholarships
- Grants
- Loans

Specialized Student Billing

- Military Tuition Assistance programs
- ROTC scholarships
- Military in Texas Waivers
- Temporary Tuition Deferment*

*Must be using state or federal military financial assistance (VA, Hazlewood, Tuition Assistance, ROTC, etc) & payment of these benefits must be delayed for reasons beyond one's control.

<u>SSB@tamu.edu</u>



AGGIE ONE STOP

Contact Aggie One Stop for questions about:



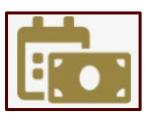
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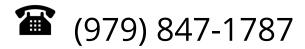
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CONTACT US







Bus 6 (12th Man) from the Memorial Student Center

