

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA
2009-2010 Financial Aid Process for “FAFSA on the Web”
Fall 2009, Spring 2010, &/or Summer 2010

**PRIORITY DEADLINE TO COMPLETE YOUR
FINANCIAL AID FILE FOR FALL or SPRING is MAY 1, 2009**

➤ **HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID ON THE WEB AT:** WWW.FAFSA.ED.GOV

- **Get a PIN:** If you filed your FAFSA electronically last year (2008-09), you should already have a **PIN number** and you may complete your Renewal Application rather than completing the entire FAFSA. You should receive your Renewal Application by e-mail no later than mid-January. If you do not receive a Renewal Application you may still complete the 2009-2010 FAFSA at the above website. If you do not have a **PIN number**, you may go to the above website and click on “**Register for a PIN.**” The PIN will allow you to sign your application electronically each year and expedite processing of your application. This is the fastest way to begin the application process.
- **Apply early:** If you are applying for Fall 2009, Spring 2010, &/or Summer 2010, you should begin applying for financial aid early in the Spring. The 2009-2010 FAFSA will be available on the web January 1, 2009; however, you should first complete your 2008 Federal Income Tax Return before completing the FAFSA!! If you already have a PIN number, you may apply at: www.fafsa.ed.gov
- **Complete the 2009-2010 FAFSA:** Go to the above website and read the instructions under “Before Beginning a FAFSA.” Before completing the FAFSA, it is recommended that you print and complete the FAFSA Worksheet to assist you in completing your FAFSA correctly. Click on “**Worksheets**” to print each worksheet. After you complete the worksheets, you are ready to enter the data. Click on “**Filling Out a FAFSA**” (or “**Filling Out a Renewal FAFSA**” if you filed electronically last year and have a PIN).
- **School Code:** When completing the FAFSA, be sure to include our school code (at the end of the FAFSA) in order for us to receive your Student Aid Reports electronically. *Our school code is: 031703*
- **Student Aid Reports:** After you “submit” your FAFSA on the web, we should receive your electronic Student Aid Reports within one week. You will also receive Student Aid Reports from the Central Processor. If you do not receive your reports within 2-3 weeks, (if you applied electronically), you should call **1-800-4-FEDAID** to check the status of your application. If you filed a paper application, it could take 2-3 weeks to receive your reports.

➤ **Need assistance?** Feel free to call us at (903) 223-3066 or send e-mail to: fin.aid@tamut.edu

- **Additional documents** will be required after we receive your 2009-2010 Student Aid Reports. Once we review your reports, we will correspond with you by mail and inform you of additional documents needed for us to review your reports or if you must fulfill other requirements. You will also be notified if discrepancies exist in your file that must be corrected.

ADMISSIONS OFFICE APPLICATION

- File an **Application for Admission** with the A&M-Texarkana Admissions Office (or go to: www.tamut.edu & click on Admissions).
- Request all required **official grade transcripts** (as specified by Admissions) be sent directly to our Admissions Office from your prior college/s. Inform the Admissions Office that you are pursuing financial aid and *request that your transcripts be evaluated* when your file is complete. If you are an undergraduate student, you must have satisfactorily completed at least 54 semester hours with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00. If you are a graduate student, you must have a valid Bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution and a minimum cumulative graduate GPA of 3.00 on all, if any, graduate level courses completed at the time of transfer to A&M-Texarkana. Graduate students *may* receive Federal Student Loans for a maximum of twelve consecutive months at undergraduate loan limits while in pursuit of Admission to a Graduate Program. This graduate preparatory period is allowed only once during your college career. After being admitted to a graduate program, additional Federal Student Loans may be requested at graduate loan limits.

NOTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL AID AWARD

- When your financial aid file is completed and all information is accurate, an “Award Letter” will be mailed to you indicating the type and amount of award/s for which you qualify based on your anticipated enrollment at Texas A&M University-Texarkana. Mailing of award letters normally begins in June.
- You must then follow the instructions to “accept” or “decline” your award/s within 10 days.

**PLEASE ALLOW 4-6 WEEKS FOR US TO REVIEW YOUR
FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION FROM THE DATE WE RECEIVE YOUR STUDENT AID REPORTS!!**

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