

Financial Aid — State Grant Programs

Information about grants available through your state of residence may be viewed at www.studentaid.gov and clicking "state government". Eligibility for the following programs is based on the results of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Some individuals who are not U.S. Citizens or U.S. Resident Aliens may have established residency in the state of Texas and may be eligible for Texas grants. Contact Student Financial Services for a TASFA application.

Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG)

The State of Texas has established a program to help equalize tuition between state-sponsored institutions and independent universities. To qualify for this grant a student must establish eligibility through the FAFSA (or TASFA for students who have established domicile in Texas and are not U.S. Citizens or Resident Aliens), be a Texas resident, not be a recipient of an athletic scholarship, and not be enrolled in a theological degree program. Annual awards at Southwestern range from \$100 to \$3,200. Recipients must be enrolled at least three-quarter time. At the end of the academic year in which a student receives a renewal award the student must:

1. maintain an overall grade point average of at least 2.5
2. complete at least 75% of coursework attempted
3. as an undergraduate student complete at least 24 credit hours in their most recent academic year; as a graduate student, complete at least 18 credits in their most recent academic year

Federal/State Employment Programs

Eligibility for the following programs is based upon the results of the FAFSA. These programs are designed to give students work opportunities to help with University expenses and obtain experience that will complement each recipient's educational program or career goals. Students indicate on their FAFSA if they want to be considered for a work-study award. Funds are awarded on a first come, first served basis to students who have remaining eligibility for additional aid they may receive during the school year. Southwestern awards approximately \$2,200 for the year. Students receive the portion of their award that is actually earned through their work-study job.

Federal Work-Study (FWS)

This is a federal program that provides part-time jobs for undergraduate students with financial needs. Students work on campus, or in a community service job, and are paid at least minimum wage via direct deposit.

Texas Work-Study (TWS)

This is a state-sponsored program. Students work on campus and are paid at least minimum wage via direct deposit.

Texas Work-Study Mentorship Program (TWSMP)

The purpose of the mentorship program is to provide employment to eligible students with financial need to mentor, tutor or advise students at participating institutions of higher education or high school students within local school districts and nonprofit organizations.