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# FINANCING YOUR TCU EDUCATION

How does one measure the value of the investment in a college education? In a particular type of institution? In TCU specifically?

Before you learn how we can assist students and parents finance an education through merit-based awards, financial aid, and alternative payment plans, consider the quality of the investment itself. If you choose the right college, the return in personal fulfillment and professional achievement can be great.

#### Value.

TCU's tuition is several thousand dollars lower. than most institutions of comparable quality and

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selectivity. Our endowment of more than \$1 billion allows the University to charge tuition that is significantly lower than the actual cost of a TCU education. Income from the endowment provides about 40% of the cost of an education at TCU. This is one of the many reasons that national publications recognize TCU as one of the nation's best buys in higher education.

# **CAdvantages**

The advantages of a private, selective university with a national reputation are many: small classes taught by full-time faculty, stimulating classmates from across the United States and abroad. and the respect and confidence with which graduate and professional schools and employers will review your academic work.

Other distinctive aspects of TCU's include:

- A remarkable faculty (84% percent have earned a Ph.D. or terminal degree in their field of study)
- Technologically advanced facilities
- Opportunities for research alongside faculty
- The integration of academic and co-curricular opportunities
- And a beautiful residential campus in the heart of the Fort Worth community

# HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION IS AFFORDABLE

We recognize that financing an education is one of the most important investments that a family will undertake. As with all investments, it is essential that parents and students explore all financial alternatives and carefully consider the resources that must be dedicated to educational expenses.

TCU's financial assistance program can best be described as a cooperative partnership. Parents have an obligation to contribute to their children's education to the extent that they are able. The student also shares in this obligation by working, saving and borrowing. When there is a shortfall between TCU's cost and the family's ability to pay, the University will assist the family with managing their educational expenses.

# IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES



Earliest date to submit a **FAFSA** to the federal processor.



# Last date to apply for admission:

Priority funding deadline for incoming freshmen. Incoming freshmen should complete the CSS Profile and FAFSA by this date in order to insure notification of award before the May 1 National Candidate Reply Deadline.



# Early Decision Deadlines:

All students are considered for scholarship, but if you believe you are a candidate for the Chancellor's Scholarship, it is recommended that you apply by this date or shortly thereafter.



# Priority Financial Aid Deadline for Transfer Students:

Submit your FAFSA by this date.



# First financial aid notifications for 2017-2018 will be sent

to freshmen who have completed a FAFSA and CSS Profile.



TCU must receive the results of the FAFSA for transfer students by this date for priority funding.

# APPLICATION CHECKLISTS

#### **Ireshman** Academic Scholarships

- Postmark your application for admission by February 1.
- Complete the SAT or ACT tests no later than February.
- Financial aid notification will be sent at the time of admission, or shortly thereafter, for students who have competed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the CSS Profile.

#### **Iransfer** Academic Scholarships

- Final application deadline is August 1 and scholarships are awarded until funds are depleted.
- Earn a minimum college GPA of 3.25 and at least 27 hours of transferable course work.

## Fine CArts CAwards

- Auditions and portfolio reviews for these awards generally take place at the beginning of the spring semester. Please schedule auditions by early January.
- To schedule an audition or portfolio review, contact the specific department. Addresses and phone numbers are listed in this brochure on page 11.
- Recipients will be notified in mid-March.

#### **Financial** Eligibility-Based Aid

- Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA - www.fafsa.ed.gov) and a CSS Profile (student.collegeboard.org/ css-financial-aid-profile) by February 1 for freshmen and April 15 for transfers. Applications are processed by the federal processor in about one week. The earlier you apply, the earlier you will hear from TCU. Be sure to list TCU on the FAFSA (code 003636) and CSS PROFILE (code 6820).
- Once TCU receives the results of your FAFSqA and CSS Profile, we may request additional supporting documentation. Be sure to submit only requested information to TCU as soon as possible.
- TCU will begin notifying freshman recipients in early December.

## Other Financial Aid

Please contact the TCU Office of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid for information on any assistance program.

# FRESHMAN ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP CONSIDERATION

All TCU scholarships are highly competitive and candidates must present the following credentials for consideration:

- Academic achievement in a college-preparatory curriculum
- Excellent grade point average or rank in class (if available)
- Exceptional writing sample (essay)
- Superior academic references
- A significant record of co-curricular and community involvement

Competition for the more prestigious awards (Chancellor's, Deans and Faculty) is far more rigorous and requires a presentation of the very highest academic credentials.

## FRESHMAN ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic scholarship selection at TCU is a competitive process. The Application for Undergraduate Admission also serves as your application for scholarship consideration.

#### Your completed application must be postmarked no later than February 1.

Freshman scholarship recipients will be notified of their awards within a few weeks of receiving their letter of admission. Renewal of awards is based upon successful completion of at least 24 hours at TCU during each academic year (fall and spring terms).

A TCU cumulative GPA of 3.0 is required at the end of the freshman year; thereafter, a 3.25 cumulative TCU GPA at the end of each spring term is required.

The total value of scholarships listed on the following pages assumes that renewal requirements are met. Award amounts, other than the Chancellor's Scholarship, remain the same for the duration of the award.

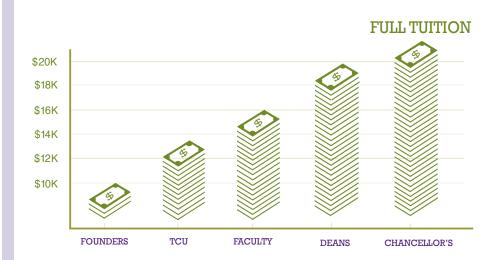
#### TCU FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Name	Amount	Total Value
Chancellor's	Full Tuition	Full Tuition (4 years)
Deans	\$20,000	\$80,000
Faculty	\$16,000	\$64,000
TCU	\$13,000	\$52,000
Founders	\$10,000	\$40,000
National Merit finalists:	\$2,000 minimum	\$8,000 minimum

TCU Academic Achievement Award

Amount varies.

This award is for current TCU students who were at the top of their class at the end of the freshman year and were not awarded an academic scholarship upon entering the University.



#### FALL 2017 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP PROFILE

1360-1470 | 29-33 | 3.65-3.97\* | CLASS

<sup>\*</sup>unweighted, academic classes only in a college-prep curriculum. Meeting these marks does not guarantee an academic scholarship, and they change annually depending on the quality of the applicant Pool.

# TRANSFER ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

#### TCC/TCU CORNERSTONE

- \$18,500 per year
- Up to 6 undergraduate semesters
- Total value \$55,500
  - Recipients selected from top Tarrant County
     College Cornerstone Scholars

# TRANSFER DEANS SCHOLARSHIP

- \$20,000 per year
- Up to 6 undergraduate semesters
- Total value \$60.000

# TRANSFER FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

- \$16,000 per year
- Up to 6 undergraduate semesters
- Total value \$48,000

#### PHI THETA KAPPA ALUMNI

- \$12,500 per year
- Up to 6 undergraduate semesters
- Total value \$37,500
  - » Candidates must be active PTK members

#### TCU SCHOLARSHIP

- \$13,000 per year
- Up to 6 undergraduate semesters
- Total value \$39,000

#### FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP

- \$10,000 per year
- Up to 6 undergraduate semesters
- Total value \$30,000

TCU rewards outstanding transfer students with academic scholarships. As with all merit-based awards at TCU, family income has no bearing on this competition. Meeting minimum requirements does not ensure selection. The Application for Undergraduate Admission also serves as the application for transfer scholarship consideration.

Transfer students must have their application completed and postmarked by August 1 in order to compete for fall semester scholarships and December 1 for spring semester scholarships. Scholarship renewal is based on the successful completion of at least 24 hours at TCU of letter-grade course work during the academic year (fall and spring terms). A TCU cumulative GPA of 3.25 is required at the conclusion of each spring term. Summer work, at or away from TCU, will not be used for renewal consideration.

Candidates for each of the awards listed above must have a minimum college GPA of 3.25 and at least 27 hours of transferable course work. The amount of the scholarship is determined by the cumulative GPA, total transferable hours, whether enrollment was full- or part-time, strength of curriculum, communication skills, and outside activities.

Students with 60 or more hours may receive scholarship eligibility of six semesters only. Total values listed above assume that renewal requirements are met. Award amounts remain the same for the duration of the award

## GRANTS BASED ON FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY

The following grants are awarded to meet financial eligibility as evidenced through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). They do not require repayment. You must file the FAFSA with the federal processor each year to be considered for grant programs. Since the grants are based on financial eligibility, academic standing, and availability of funds along with other factors, awards may vary from year to year depending upon the economic situation of the family.

#### TCII GRANT

- Awards varv
- Both academic profile and financial need are reviewed
- Renewal is based upon the results of the FAFSA and a minimum TCU cumulative GPA of 2.5

#### FEDERAL PELL GRANT

- Awards for 2017-2018 range between \$606 and \$5,920
  - » The largest of the federal grant awards, this program provides grants to students meeting eligibility criteria established by the U.S. Congress

#### TEXAS TUITION EQUALIZATION GRANT (TEG)

- Awards range between \$200 and \$3,364
  - » Bona fide Texas residents who are not enrolling in a theology degree program or receiving an athletic grant-in-aid and who demonstrate financial eligibility are considered

#### MIDDLE INCOME GRANT

- Awards vary; generally between \$500 and \$5,000
  - » Specifically designed for middle income families who may not qualify for aid based on normal awarding criteria

#### FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT (FSEOG)

- Awards vary
  - » Awarded on the basis of financial eligibility as established through the FAFSA
  - » Priority is given to students who qualify for the Federal Pell Grant

# SPECIAL GRANT PROGRAMS

#### AIR FORCE RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (AFROTC)

- Up to full tuition and fees per year with a \$350-\$500 monthly stipend while in school, and a \$600 annual text book allowance
  - » Interested students should contact TCU Air Force ROTC at 817.257.7461, via email at TCUAFROTC@tcu.edu, or go to www.afrotc.tcu.edu for more information

#### TCU ROTC ROOM & BOARD GRANT

- Awards are \$12.500
- Award may not be combined with academic scholarships
  - » Recipients of three-year advance designee or four-year ROTC scholarships who have a minimum SAT score of 1250 or an ACT of 27 are eligible
  - » Students will be judged against the applicant pool and meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee an award

#### M.D. ANDERSON PRE-MED

- Amount varies usually from \$500 to \$5,000 per year
  - » Applicants must have completed Chemistry 10113 or 10114 and 10125 or 10123 and 20123 and Biology 10504, 10514 or equivalent, and have a cumulative TCU GPA of at least 3.0 overall and in the sciences
  - » Applicants must demonstrate service to TCU, fellow students and the profession
  - » Evidence of health-related experience and motivation toward a career as a doctor or dentist is also required
  - » Applications are available from the TCU financial aid office

#### ARMY RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (AROTC)

- Up to full tuition and fees per year with a \$300 \$500 monthly stipend while in school and a \$1,200 annual book allowance
  - » Interested students should contact the Army ROTC Unit at 817.257.7455 or go online to www.army.tcu.edu

#### TCU ROTC ACTIVITY GRANT

- One-year half tuition grant
- Award may not be combined with academic scholarships
  - » Recipients of three-year advance designee scholarships who have a minimum SAT score of 1290 or an ACT of 28 are eligible
  - » Students will be judged against the applicant pool and meeting minimum requirements does not quarantee an award

#### HOPE PIERCE TARTT GRANT

- Amount varies most awards are between \$1,000 and \$4,000
  - » Residents of Gregg, Harrison, Marion, Panola and Upshur counties in Texas are eligible
  - » Applications are available from the TCU financial aid office

#### SUMMER INTERNATIONAL STUDY GRANT

- Awards vary generally between \$500 and \$6,000
  - » Degree-seeking students with financial eligibility who will be returning to TCU for at least one more year of study are eligible to apply for funding
  - » Applicants must have at least a 2.5 TCU cumulative GPA



# RELIGIOUS AFFILIATED PROGRAMS

To receive aid from more than one religious affiliated program, applicants must demonstrate sufficient financial eligibility through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

#### BEASLEY FOUNDATION GRANT

#### Awards range from \$1,000 -\$10,000

- » Members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) who have financial eligibility are considered
- » Results of the FAFSA, high school grade point average, class rank and SAT/ACT scores are reviewed
- » Renewal is based upon results of the FAFSA, completion of at least 24 hours annually, and a 2.5 minimum TCU cumulative GPA

#### MINISTER'S DEPENDENT GRANT

#### Awards are for half-tuition for up to 18 hours per semester

- » Full-time students who are unmarried, dependent children of full-time Disciples of Christ ministers in active service; spouses of full-time Disciples ministers; youths of the Juliette Fowler home; unmarried, dependent children of employees of the Juliette Fowler home; and spouses of full-time students of Brite Divinity School are eligible to apply
- » Renewal is based upon maintenance of satisfactory academic progress

#### BERMONT FAMILY UNDERGRADUATE JEWISH STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

#### Awards vary

- » For entering freshmen or transfer students who are Jewish
- » Preference will be given to student applicants who demonstrate financial eligibility through the FAFSA

#### CHURCH VOCATION GRANT

#### Awards are for half-tuition for up to 18 hours per semester

- » Students, regardless of denomination, preparing to become a minister or director of church music
- » Recipients must annually recertify the intention to enter a full-time church vocation and present evidence of progress toward that goal
- » Students are required to major in religion or church music
- » Funds are limited and awards are made on a first-come, first-served basis
- » Renewal is based upon receipt of the FAFSA by May 1 each year, completion of at least 24 hours annually, and a 2.5 minimum TCU cumulative GPA
- » Preference will be given to student applicants who demonstrate financial eligibility based upon receipt of the results of the FAFSA by May 1 each year

#### CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (CYF) GRANT

#### Awards are for half-tuition for up to 18 hours per semester

- » Students who were regional officers of the Christian Youth Fellowship are eligible to apply
- » Renewal is based upon results of the FAFSA, completion of at least 24 hours annually, and a 2.5 minimum TCU cumulative GPA

# APPLICATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS?

CONTACT TCU OFFICE OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

# PERFORMANCE AWARDS

TCU offers a variety of talent-based awards. The recipients of these awards are recommended by individual departments, and the awards may or may not be based in part on the results of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

#### ATHLETIC GRANT-IN-AID

#### Awards vary

- » Grants-in-aid for intercollegiate athletics are awarded in accordance with the policies and procedures of the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the Big 12 Conference
- » Additionally, student-athletes who apply for federal grants or for other TCU financial assistance programs also must meet the standards for regular financial assistance
- » For more information, write the Department of Athletics, TCU Box 297600, Fort Worth, Texas 76129

#### NORDAN FINE ARTS PROGRAM

#### Awards varv

- » Students with exceptional talent in art, ballet and modern dance, music or theatre are eligible
- » Awards are renewable subject to recipient fulfilling expectations and maintaining satisfactory academic progress standards
- » For audition/portfolio information, write the Dean, College of Fine Arts, TCU Box 298000, Fort Worth, Texas 76129

#### **BAND AWARD CHORAL AWARD** ORCHESTRA AWARD

#### Awards vary from \$500 to full tuition for 18 hours per semester

- » Funds are available for some members of the Horned Frog Band, University Choral Program and University Orchestra
- » Recommendations are made by the director after auditions
- » Awards are renewable upon recommendation of the director and maintenance of satisfactory academic progress standards
- » For more information on these awards, write the School of Music, TCU Box 297500, Fort Worth, Texas 76129 or call 817, 257, 7640





# LOAN PROGRAMS THAT REQUIRE REPAYMENT

TCU participates in a variety of educational loan programs with funding provided by federal, state, private and institutional lenders. All educational loans listed have a standard ten-year repayment period. Additional repayment plans are available. Individual amounts are determined by the TCU Office of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid.

Loan	Amount	Requirements
Federal Nursing Student Loan	\$3,200 for the freshman & sophomore years \$5,200 for the junior & senior years	Nursing students only Limited funds available
Direct Subsidized (Stafford Student Loan)	\$3,500 for the first year \$4,500 for the second year \$5,500 per year for subsequent years Maximum of \$31,000 including any amount borrowed through the Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan	
Direct Unsubsidized (Stafford Student)	\$2,000 - \$5,500 for the first year \$2,000 - \$6,500 for the second year \$2,000 - \$7,500 per year for subsequent years Maximum of \$31,000	
College Access Loan	Amounts vary based on available state funding; typical amount at TCU is \$20,000	Texas resident  Credit check required  Co-signer may be required
Direct PLUS (Parent Loan for undergraduate students)	Estimated cost of education, as determined by TCU, minus other aid	Parents of dependent undergraduate students are eligible Credit check performed







FAFSA	Elig.	Interest and Payment	Lender
•	<b>②</b>	<ul><li>» 5% fixed simple interest</li><li>» Payment of principal and interest deferred</li></ul>	TCU acts as lender for federal program
•	•	» Fixed rate of 4.45%  » Payment of principal and interest deferred	U.S. Department of Education
•		» Fixed rate of 4.45% (effective 7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018)  » Payment of principal and interest deferred  » Student is responsible for accrued interest	U.S. Department of Education
•		» Fixed rate of 6.6% simple interest     » Payment deferred     » Student is responsible for accrued interest	Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
•		» Fixed rate of 7.00% (effective 7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018)  » Repayment begins 60 days after disbursement, but deferment is an option	U.S. Department of Education

# ANNUAL COSTS FOR 2017-2018

Tuition and other costs are announced annually at the January Board of Trustees meeting. The annual cost will vary for each student depending on the residence hall and board plan selected. Below is an estimate:

#### ANNUAL COST ESTIMATE

Tuition and Fees	\$ 44,760
Residence Hall	\$ 7,520
Dining Plan	\$ 4,840
Books	\$ 970

2017-2018

Annual Cost Estimate \$58,090

Following notification of scholarship and financial aid awards, deduct award amounts from the total cost estimate to determine amount the family will have to provide.

# TCU IS A PLACE WHERE STUDENTS LEARN JUST AS MUCH OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM AS THEY DO INSIDE.

With so much to see and do, students at TCU get involved, make friends, plan programs, lead teams, and learn how to change the world.

# PAYMENT OPTIONS

#### OPTION A – FULL PAYMENT

TCU has a monthly billing cycle. Payment in full for each semester's charges is due no later than the due date specified on the first statement on which the charges for the semester appear.

#### OPTION B - MONTHLY PAYMENT PLAN

If full payment is not made, a monthly payment plan is available. A minimum payment of 20% of total basic semester charges (tuition, fees, room, meal plan, and insurance) is due with each monthly installment. Students automatically will be enrolled in the TCU Payment Plan if the Total Balance Due is not paid by September 1 (for the fall semester) or February 1 (for the spring semester). There is a charge to participate in the Payment Plan. More detailed information about the payment plan is available from the Office of Financial Services.

Campus Store purchases, library and parking fines, health insurance, health center services and medications, parking permits, copying charges, dining add-on charges and finance charges are billed monthly, and must be paid in full each month.

Students receiving financial aid may participate in the payment plan option. The minimum amount due on the statement should be the total semester amount due less any financial aid awarded (except work-study, which is paid directly to the student during the semester).

A late fee is assessed to all accounts if the minimum amount due is not paid within 10 days of the stated due date. The late fee is 1% of the unpaid amount of the minimum amount due or a minimum of \$7.50.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR STUDENT ACCOUNT

Payment deadlines must be met, or you may be denied advance or current registration. The ability to register in subsequent semesters may be denied if your student account is in arrears. Your student account also must be kept current to make residential housing reservations and to make charges to your student account using your TCU identification card. If you have questions regarding your student account, please contact the Office of Financial Services at 817, 257, 7834.

# THINGS TO REMEMBER

- The FAFSA is available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. You may file the FAFSA beginning October 1
  of your senior year. In order to be considered for eligibility-based financial aid, the FAFSA
  must be filed each year you attend college.
- Have your 2016 federal income tax information completed prior to filing the 2018-2019 FAFSA.
   You may file the FAFSA using estimated income. Be aware that TCU may request verification of your income after your final tax return is filed and that your award may change if discrepancies are present.
- If your parents are separated or divorced, use only the income of your custodial parent on the FAFSA. If your custodial parent has remarried, then you also must use your step-parent's income.
- TCU cannot guarantee the availability of funding to eligible applicants whose FAFSA data is received by the University after May 1.
- Read all information carefully. It is your responsibility to assure the accurate processing
  of your application.
- If you withdraw from the University before the 60% point in the enrollment period, you may have
  to return a prorated portion of the federal aid you received or that TCU received on your behalf.
   Detailed information about the federal policy on "Return of Title IV Funds" is available in the
  Office of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid.
- The TCU Undergraduate Studies Bulletin, online at www.catalog.tcu.edu, contains policies on financial aid and scholarships. Acceptance of your scholarship or other financial aid award implies that you have reviewed and accepted the conditions and policies of your awards.
   Read the sections titled "Finances" and "Financial Aid" carefully.

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Federal regulations require universities to make student consumer information available to prospective and current students concerning graduation rates, default rates, campus safety, average indebtedness and certain information pertaining to NCAA athletic participation. This information may be obtained from the TCU Office of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid at 817.257.7858.

TCU is committed to providing a positive learning and working environment free from discrimination and harassment. TCU prohibits discrimination and harassment on the basis of age, race, color, religion, sex (including sexual harassment and sexual violence), sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, ethnic origin, disability, genetic information, covered veteran status and any other basis protected by law, in the University's programs and activities as required by applicable laws and regulations. Inquiries about TCU's policies and compliance with Title IX and nondiscrimination policies should be directed to:

#### Dr. Darron Turner

Chief Inclusion Officer & Title IX Coordinator TCU Box 297090. Jarvis Hall 228. Fort Worth, TX 76129 817-257-8228 d turner@tcu.edu.

Inquiries about TCU's policies and compliance with Title VII, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, or other aspects of TCU's equal opportunity or affirmative action programs should be directed to:

#### Ms. Yohna Chambers

Vice Chancellor for Human Resources TCU Box 298200, 3100 W. Berry St., Fort Worth, TX 76129 817-257-5103 v.chambers@tcu.edu

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