

# Scholarships and Financial Aid

## How to apply for Financial Aid

Complete the:

- Federal Application for Free Student Aid (FAFSA)-you may do so by paper or online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) (Title IV school code is **003612**)
- UHD's general application for financial aid
- Admission process at UHD
- Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy

## Fall Priority Deadlines

**Important** 

<b>November 15, 2004</b>	If your file is completed* by November 15, 2004 you will be notified of your eligibility before the payment deadline.  <i>*all documents have been received by our office and you have been admitted to the University</i>
<b>After November 15, 2004</b>	If your file is completed <b>after</b> November 15, 2004 you must be prepared to pay your educational expenses or take out an emergency loan (see academic calendar for emergency loan availability). You may be reimbursed once your eligibility has been determined.

Your financial aid **does not** have to be approved **before** you register for classes; however, **you are responsible for meeting all payment deadlines until your aid is approved.**

## Types of Financial Aid Available

The following grant funds will be automatically credited to your account when you enroll for the number of hours for which you are awarded:

- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)
- TEXAS Grant
- Texas Public Educational Grant (TPEG)
- All scholarships awarded by UHD

## How your Financial Aid is Applied

**Important** 

Most grant funds and all scholarships awarded by UHD will be automatically credited to your account when you enroll for the number of hours for which you are awarded

Leveraging Educational Assistance Program (LEAP) and Texas Tuition Assistance Grant (TTAG) are produced and mailed to UHD from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in Austin. You will be notified when these checks are available for pick up at the Cashier's Office

**IMPORTANT NOTE ON FINANCIAL AID PAYMENT:** Financial aid awards are automatically applied to your account as they become available. Once applied, your classes will NOT be dropped for non-payment. You must check your account to ensure that payments have been applied prior to any payment deadline. If you change your mind about attending UHD, be sure to go online to drop your classes.

## Stafford and PLUS Loans

**Important** 

Loan funds sent via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) will be credited directly to your account provided that:

- **you have guaranteed your loan online (your award letter will provide instructions)**
- you have completed any loan counseling requirement
- you are enrolled in at least six (6) credit hours and
- you meet all other eligibility requirements.

Loan funds mailed to UHD in the form of a check will be forwarded to the Cashier's Office for you to pick up. You will be mailed notification when your checks are available for pick-up.

## Scholarships

Scholarships awarded by UHD will be available for credit toward your tuition and fee bill. If you are awarded funds in excess of your tuition and fee bill, you will have a balance check mailed to your home address by the UHD Accounting Office. Check student e-services to make sure your address is current.

Scholarships awarded by organizations outside UHD will be disbursed according to guidelines provided by the donor organization.

## Emergency Tuition Loans

Emergency tuition loans are available during **Fall and Spring semesters only** to students who are unable to make their first installment payment either because financial aid funds are not yet available or because of temporary financial hardship.

In order to apply you must:

- be registered for **all** classes you intend to take
- have **two** picture IDs (preferably a driver's license and a student ID)
- be classified as a Texas resident for tuitions purposes
- not have any holds on your account

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### Terms for Emergency Tuition Loans

Emergency Tuition Loans:

- Cover first installment payment only (**You must make all following installment payments. See page 14 for other important information about installment payments.**)
- Carry a \$24 installment charge and an interest charge of 5%
- Are due 90 days from the date the money is borrowed. Repayment must be made in the Cashier's Office on or before the due date

Emergency loans are available online through e-services during the period specified in the Academic Calendar found at the front of this publication or online at [www.uhd.edu](http://www.uhd.edu).

## Testing

### Texas Success Initiative (formerly TASP)

*TASP has been replaced with the Texas Success Initiative (TSI). **Delay in taking one of the four TSI-approved tests can prevent you from registering for classes and may delay your graduation.** The four options are ASSET, ACCUPLACER, COMPASS, and THEA (formerly known as TASP).*

Texas law requires that you **take one of the TSI-approved tests before you enroll, unless you are exempt. Exemptions include:**

- Students who served or are serving in the military.
- Students who have satisfactorily completed college-level coursework at a private or out-of-state institution.
- Students who meet qualifying standards on the SAT, ACT, or TAAS.
- Students who have graduated with an associate or baccalaureate degree.

Students who have not yet passed all sections of the TSI-approved test must enroll in developmental courses in the areas they have not passed. Some departments also require enrollment in a tutorial. All developmental courses in English, reading and mathematics are charged tuition, and are credit-bearing courses for purposes of full- and part-time status, financial aid, and health insurance requirements.

Taking and passing the TSI-approved test as soon as possible will save you time and money. Academic advisors in the Academic Advising Center will assist you in meeting these requirements.

### Testing options at UHD

UHD offers you two testing options:

- **Accuplacer/Writeplacer (WP)**, a computer-based test. We recommend it to students who have never attended college.
- **THEA Quick Test may** be taken by anyone who wants to pursue a degree in education.

## Placement Testing

All students new to UHD are assessed in basic writing, reading and mathematical competence, either through placement testing or through evaluation of transfer credit. Your performance on the placement test will determine if you will be placed in developmental courses.

If you have not earned credit for:	Before registering for classes, you must take:
• college-level English composition	• an English placement test
• an appropriate college-level course with intensive reading	• a reading placement test
• college-level algebra	• a mathematics placement test unless