

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 (Title IV school code is **003612**)
- UHD's general application for financial aid
- Admission process at UHD
- Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy

Summer 2006 Application Deadlines

There is an application deadline of **June 9** for Summer financial aid. Summer aid will only be awarded for one the following semester combinations.

- Summer I only
- Summer 9-week only
- Summer I and Summer II only

Spring 2006 Priority Deadlines

November 15, 2005	All files completed by November 15, 2005 will be given priority in processing for Fall aid.
November 15, 2005	If your file is completed* by November 15, 2005 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>
After November 15, 2005	If your file is completed after November 15, 2005 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

Once your application for financial aid has been completed, the following grant funds will be automatically credited to your account as long as 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

Once your application for financial aid has been completed 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 your file is complete. If your financial aid does not cover your tuition and fees in full, you must pay the remaining balance or contact the Cashier Office to make arrangements or your classes may be dropped. 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.

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Stafford and PLUS Loans

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.

For information on UHD scholarships, visit www.uhd.edu/admissions/financial_aid/Scholarships.htm.

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
- be classified as a Texas resident for tuition purposes
- not have any holds on your account

Terms for Emergency Tuition Loans

Emergency Tuition Loans:

- Cover first installment payment only (**You must make all following installment payments. See page 12 for other important information about installment payments.**)
- Carry a \$24 installment charge and an interest charge of 5%
- Are due 75 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/AcademicCalendar.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

As a new freshman student at UHD, you are expected to attend a New Student Orientation session. Join other new students in this opportunity to learn more about attending UHD, its student services and academic programs. At orientation you will take all required testing, be advised on your class schedule and registered for classes. There is a \$20 fee for orientation. Other fees may apply if you have not yet taken the Texas Success Initiative exam.

Once you are admitted, look online at www.uhd.edu/admissions/orientation.htm for more information about Orientation or contact Liza Alonzo at 713/221-8682 or alonzol@uhd.edu.

Interested in helping students new to UHD? Become a part of the team by becoming an Orientation Ambassador! You'll find more information and an application by visiting www.uhd.edu/admissions/ambassadorsindex.htm.