

TXWES Promise Program Policy

Purpose

The TXWES Tuition Promise Program is designed to ensure that first-time, Texas-resident college students with the greatest financial need (Full Federal Pell Grant) have access to a high-quality education at Texas Wesleyan University. Beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year, this program provides eligible students with a scholarship to cover any gap between their financial aid package and the cost of tuition.

Eligibility Criteria

1. **First-Year Students:** Available exclusively to first-year, degree-seeking students enrolling at Texas Wesleyan University. This does not include transfer students or those who have previously attended, except for students who attended through a dual credit program.
 2. **Residency:** Applicants must be Texas residents; and
 3. **FAFSA:** File a FAFSA; and
 4. **Pell Grant Eligibility:** Students must qualify for the full federal Pell Grant at the time of their initial enrollment.
 5. **Academic Terms:** The scholarship is applicable only for the fall and spring terms; it cannot be applied to summer terms.
 6. **Undocumented Students (DACA):** Undocumented students can qualify for the scholarship program by completing the Texas Application for Student Financial Aid (TASFA). Students completing the TASFA must also have a Student Aid Index (SAI) between -1500 and 0 to qualify.
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Scholarship Guidelines

1. **Tuition Coverage:**
 - The Promise scholarship will cover the difference between a student's financial aid package and the block tuition rate (up to 16 credit hours per semester).
 - The scholarship cannot be applied to tuition costs above 16 credit hours per semester.
 - It will be packaged accordingly for less than full-time enrollment.
2. **Order of Packaging:** The financial aid package will be applied in the following order before the Promise scholarship is calculated:
 - Federal Pell Grant
 - Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), if applicable
 - Texas Equalization Grant (TEG)
 - Texas Wesleyan University Merit Scholarship
 - Need Based Institutional Aid (TXWES Tuition Promise)
 - Talent Based Institutional Aid
 - Any outside scholarship aid
3. **Duration:** Students may receive the Promise scholarship for a maximum of eight (8) semesters at the undergraduate level.

4. **Academic Progress:** Recipients must maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP) as defined by the university's financial aid policies. Failure to meet SAP requirements will result in the loss of eligibility for the scholarship.
 5. **Loss of Pell Grant Eligibility:** If a student becomes ineligible for the full federal Pell Grant in subsequent years, they will no longer qualify for the TXWES Tuition Promise Scholarship. However, the university reserves the right to evaluate individual cases under the Professional Judgment process.
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Funding

TXWES Tuition Promise is funded through federal, state and institutional aid.

Exclusions

- The Promise scholarship cannot be used for summer tuition costs.
 - The scholarship does not cover tuition costs exceeding 16 credit hours per semester.
 - It is for tuition cost only and cannot cover any fees, room or meal plan costs.
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Administration:

The TXWES Promise Program is administered by the Financial Aid Office at Texas Wesleyan University. Questions about eligibility, award amounts or program requirements should be directed to the Financial Aid Office.

Revisions and Exceptions

Exceptions to the aforementioned policy will only be considered through the Professional Judgment process as determined by the Scholarship Appeal Committee.

Texas Wesleyan University reserves the right to modify the policy, eligibility criteria and requirements for the TXWES Promise Program at its sole discretion. Changes may be made as necessary, including but not limited to responding to updates in federal financial aid programs, such as regulatory changes to Pell Grants or other federal and institutional funding challenges.

Contact Information

For more information about the TXWES Tuition Promise Program, please contact:
Texas Wesleyan University Office of Student Financial Aid:

Email: financialaid@txwes.edu

Website: www.txwes.edu

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible for the TXWES Tuition Promise?

The TXWES Tuition Promise is available to admitted first-year freshman students who meet the following criteria:

- **Texas Residency:** Students must be Texas residents.
- **Financial Eligibility:** Families must have a **Student Aid Index (SAI) between -1,500 and 0**, as determined by the FAFSA.
- **Enrollment Status:** Students must be degree-seeking, enrolled full-time, and attend classes **in person** at Texas Wesleyan University.
- **Readmitted Students:** Eligible, provided they meet all other requirements.

Who is NOT eligible?

- **Current Texas Wesleyan students** (continuing into 2025-2026)
- **Students who do not qualify for Texas residency**
- **Graduate students** or those seeking a **second bachelor's degree**
- **Non-degree-seeking students**

What if I am an undocumented student? Can I still qualify for the scholarship?

Yes, undocumented students can qualify for the scholarship program by completing the Texas Application for Student Financial Aid (TASFA). Students completing the TASFA must also have a Student Aid Index (SAI) between -1500 and 0 to qualify.

Where can I find my family's Student Aid Index (SAI)?

You can find your SAI on the FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS). The FSS is emailed to you after you submit your FAFSA. To find your SAI on the FSS:

1. Log in to StudentAid.gov.
2. Select your processed FAFSA submission
3. Select View FAFSA Submission Summary
4. Select the Eligibility Overview tab

What if my family's Student Aid Index (SAI) is more than 0?

Students with an SAI above 0 may still be eligible for federal, state and institutional aid in the form of grants, loans and work-study programs based on the information submitted on the FAFSA.

My family does not file taxes, am I eligible?

Students whose families do not file taxes may be eligible for the TXWES Tuition Promise if their Student Aid Index (SAI), as calculated by the FAFSA is 0 or less.

Are independent students eligible?

Yes, independent students **may be eligible** if their **SAI is 0 or below**, as determined by the FAFSA.

Does the TXWES Tuition Promise cover my housing and food?

The TXWES Tuition Promise only covers a student's tuition. It ***does not*** apply to any fees or housing and/or food charges.

Do I have to live on campus to receive funding through TXWES Tuition Promise?

No. Students are eligible for TXWES Tuition Promise regardless of their housing plans. Please note, Texas Wesleyan University has a residency requirement that can be found at <https://TXWES.edu/student-life/campus-living/forms-and-applications/residency-requirement-exemption-request/>

Can I use the TXWES Tuition Promise to study abroad?

No, the TXWES Tuition Promise only applies to tuition at Texas Wesleyan University and cannot be used for study abroad or consortium programs at other institutions.

How do I file my FAFSA?

Students were able to file the FAFSA for the 25-26 award year beginning in Dec. 2024 at www.studentaid.gov. We encourage you to check our Financial Aid Office's webpage at <https://TXWES.edu/admissions/financial-aid--scholarships/>.

In order to qualify for the TXWES Tuition Promise, your FAFSA must be received and processed by the Department of Education. Students with rejected FAFSAs are not eligible. If a student with a rejected ISIR, corrects the FAFSA and the SAI is between -1500 and 0 the student then qualifies for the Promise program. Students selected for verification are eligible for the TXWES Tuition Promise as long as all verification requirements are met.

Will I be able to use the TXWES Tuition Promise all four years?

Yes, New, first year freshmen who remain in good standing with the University and meet the financial aid satisfactory academic progress standards are eligible to receive funding for up to 5 years (10 semesters) as long as their Student Aid Index is 0 or below as determined by the FAFSA.

Please note, eligibility for academic years after the 2025-2026 academic year will be determined by prior-prior year (two years prior) tax information. For example, 2025-2026 eligibility is determined by the 2023 tax information. This is the same tax information that will be used for a student's 2025-2026 FAFSA.

Please note, the 2025-2026 academic year is the pilot year for the TXWES Tuition Promise program and eligibility criteria may be adjusted for future academic years.

Are current Texas Wesleyan University students eligible for the TXWES Tuition Promise?

Current students returning for 2025-2026 **are not eligible** to receive funding through the TXWES Tuition Promise.

What if my residency changes while I am a student?

If a student in this situation has completed at least two years of study with Texas Wesleyan, and the student's family moves out of state, the University will honor the remaining two years for the student. Dependents of military personnel who are reassigned out of state shall remain eligible regardless of the number of semesters completed at Texas Wesleyan.

Who can I contact for further information about the program?

We encourage you to contact your Admissions Counselor anytime with questions about the TXWES Tuition Promise or how to apply to Texas Wesleyan University.

What happens if there are changes to federal student aid, such as the Pell Grant?

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