



Texas A&M University FAQs Regarding Freshman Admission for Fall 2007 Semester

What are the “best tips” to give to a prospective student/family?

During High School

- Take SAT and/or ACT early and repeat if necessary—send scores to Texas A&M.
- Take college prep, AP, Honors classes and extra electives.
- Get involved in high school and community activities—record participation/leadership.

For Texas A&M Admission

- Apply early—Texas Common Application (www.applytexas.org) available Sept. 1.
- Complete the entire application and answer essay questions A and B—we accept a resume (if more space is needed than the application provides) and letters of recommendation as well.
- Contact Texas A&M (see list of Prospective Student Centers) in preparing application.
- Submit an official high school transcript with class rank.

How are students admitted to Texas A&M?

Three ways:

- Top 10% graduates from recognized Texas high schools admitted by law (all required credentials must be submitted before the application deadline).
- Academic Admits—1300 SAT with writing sample (600 or better on both math and critical reading) or 30 ACT with writing sample (27 or better on both math and English) and in the top 25% of their class with college prep courses from Texas HS.
- All other applications are reviewed.

What is the admission process from application through review to decision?

All completed applications received by the application deadline are processed. To check the status of application completion, go to the website (applicant.tamu.edu). There is a nonrefundable \$60 processing fee or fee waiver required. Top 10% and Academic Admits receive a notice of admission within 3-4 weeks. Individual students are considered by rolling reviews beginning in late fall—students are notified of admission or remain in review status until final review decisions are made. Final review decisions are announced in late March/early April—some applicants are offered Wait List status or participation in the Blinn TEAM Program.

How do most students apply?

Over 90% of applications are received electronically through www.applytexas.org, however, there is no preference given to electronic over paper applications.

What are the critical deadlines for admission for Fall term?

- Dec. 1: Choice of major preference given to Top 10% and Academic Admits.
- Feb. 1: All credentials must be received (Freshman Admissions Processing office).

What is considered in the individual review of an applicant?

There is a holistic review including an “Academic Index” and “Subjective Analysis.” In subjective analysis, categories are Personal Achievement (extracurricular involvement, talents, awards, employment, volunteerism, leadership, etc.) and Distinguishing Characteristics (scholastic achievement in the student’s educational environment, cultural contributions, etc.). Data on legacy is not collected nor considered although some students write in the essays about family members’ connections to Texas A&M.

How is “association to Texas A&M” utilized?

An academic association to Texas A&M—meeting with Admissions Counselors on campus or at a regional Prospective Student Center, campus visit, Aggieland Saturday or Corps programs, interviews with faculty or staff in colleges or departments—is considered in holistic review.

Are students from small schools at a disadvantage?

No, students who have attended small/private/home schools are encouraged to apply—because the school rank may be skewed or may not exist, other academic criteria are carefully evaluated. Personal achievement criteria are considered in context of high school opportunities.

Are letters of recommendation helpful?

Yes, although letters are optional, all materials in the application file are considered. Submit no more than two.

What is different for Transfer students? International students?

Find specific information at www.tamu.edu/admissions.

Helpful Statistics about Freshman Class* in Fall 2006:

Number of first year students: 7,799
Percent of class that is first generation: 25%
Ethnicity:
African American 3.6%
Asian 5.1%
Hispanic 14.0%
Native American 0.7%
White 75.3%
International 1.0%
Unknown/ Other 0.4%

Percent of class that is Top 10%: 44%
Gender: 50% women and 50% men

Average SAT for admitted students: 1,202
Average ACT for admitted students: 26.1

How and when do students apply for Financial Aid?

Students will first need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) either on line (www.fafsa.ed.gov) or via the paper application, available after January 1 for the upcoming academic year. Be sure to add Texas A&M University's school code **003632**. We encourage students to submit the FAFSA to the federal processor as early as possible and before our March 31 priority date. We strongly recommend that students utilize the online application. After we receive the electronic results from the federal processor, we will then send the student a request for any additional documentation we may need.

Do students have to wait until they are admitted before they apply for financial aid?

Students do **not** have to be admitted to TAMU in order to file the FAFSA. However, a financial aid offer will not be made until a student has been fully admitted. *Students do not have to be admitted to any institution before applying for financial aid.*

If students have additional questions about financial aid, who do they contact?

We encourage students to review our website at <http://financialaid.tamu.edu> as their first stop for information. However, students can contact financial aid staff through the Prospective Student Centers or in College Station. Office number is (979) 845-3236. E-mail is financialaid@tamu.edu.

Contact information for Admissions:

Prospective Student Center at Texas A&M University
109 John J. Koldus Building, 1265 TAMU
College Station, TX 77843-1265
TEL: (979) 458-0427 and FAX: (979) 458-0434

Email us at admissions@tamu.edu.

Get additional information on the web at www.tamu.edu/admissions

Texas A&M Prospective Student Centers located in the regions

Corpus Christi Regional PSC
5262 South Staples, Suite 115
Corpus Christi, TX 78411
(361) 289-7905

Dallas/Fort Worth Regional PSC
5787 South Hampton Road, Suite 430
Dallas, TX 75232
(214) 623-9039

Houston Regional PSC
1225 North Loop West, Suite 200
Houston, TX 77008
(713) 454-1990

Laredo Regional PSC
107 Calle del Norte, Unit 1-B
Laredo, TX 78041
(956) 795-0412

Rio Grande Regional PSC
5237 North 23rd Street
McAllen, TX 78504
(956) 683-8647

Houston Regional PSC – Power Center
12401 South Post Oak Road
Houston, Texas 77045
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