



### GATHER THE RIGHT TOOLS

- FSA ID: requires both parent and student social security numbers
- Tax Information: Use IRS data retrieval tool
- Selective Service information (if applicable)
- High school diploma or GED

### IMPORTANT LINKS


- Create a FSA ID at [fsaid.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov)
- Start your financial aid application [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) (SHSU code 003606)
- Understand the financial aid process [shsu.edu/finaid](https://shsu.edu/finaid)

### KNOW YOUR DEADLINES

- Financial aid deadlines and SHSU admissions deadlines are different. Know your dates. Find out at [shsu.edu/finaid](https://shsu.edu/finaid) and [shsu.edu/admissions](https://shsu.edu/admissions)

REQUEST MORE INFORMATION

#BEABEARKAT // [shsu.edu/beabearkat](https://shsu.edu/beabearkat)

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**OF STUDENTS**  
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FINANCIAL AID

# A SECURE FUTURE *at a* GREAT PRICE

You've worked hard to get to this point. Now it is time to start your journey and learn how to pay for your college education. At SHSU, more than 50% of our students are the first in their families to attend college and nearly 70% of our students receive some sort of financial aid. We're here to help you throughout the entire application process.



RANKED **TOP 10% OF "BEST COLLEGES FOR THE MONEY"**  
[ COLLEGE FACTUAL ]



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**TOP LOW COST COLLEGES** WITH HIGH  
STARTING SALARIES FOR  
**GRADUATES**

## FINANCIAL AID PROCESS

### STEP 1

#### LEARN ABOUT SHSU

Find out more about SHSU by visiting our campus or going to [shsu.edu/admissions](https://shsu.edu/admissions).

### STEP 2

#### SUBMIT YOUR FAFSA INFORMATION\*

Visit [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) and use SHSU code 003606.

### STEP 3

#### JOIN SHSU

If you are offered admission to SHSU, notify us of your intent to attend.

### STEP 4

#### ACCEPT AWARD

If you are awarded financial aid, review and accept your awards.

### STEP 5

#### VISIT STUDENT LOANS

If you accept a Direct Loan, you will need to visit [studentloans.gov](https://studentloans.gov).

### STEP 6

#### MAINTAIN GRADES

Maintain satisfactory academic progress throughout your career.

### STEP 7

#### RENEW EACH YEAR

Apply each year to stay current.

\* The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the basis for financial aid decisions at most universities. Loans, work-study, and scholarships are determined from the information, you supply on your application. To find the deadlines and other information, go to [shsu.edu/finaid](https://shsu.edu/finaid). Title IV code for SHSU is **003606**.

FAFSA priority deadlines are November 1 (Fall and Spring) and September 30 (Spring only).

## #DESTINATIONBEARKAT

### BEARKAT PROMISE

The Bearkat Promise guarantees all participating students enough grant and scholarship funds to cover the cost of mandatory\* tuition and fees for 15 hours per semester!

\*Bearkat Promise does not cover other non-mandatory fees.

### TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid can consist of grants, scholarships, loans, and work study. Most financial aid awards are based on financial need and eligibility. Scholarships can be based on merit and achievement.

- **Grants** do not need to be repaid.
- **Scholarships** are generally merit-based that do not need to be repaid.
- **Loans** have to be repaid with interest.
- **Work Study** provides wages for part-time employment.

Your financial aid package can be made up of any or all of these types of aid. There are more than 600 different types of scholarships for achievement in academic, leadership, honors, and extracurricular activities. SHSU uses a streamlined application, **Scholarships4Kats**, that automatically considers students for all relevant scholarships. Once accepted to SHSU, students will have access to our online scholarship portal.

