



**2020-2021  
Dallas County Promise  
Policies and Procedures**



**DALLAS COUNTY  
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## **2020-21 Dallas County Promise Policies**

### **Executive Summary:**

*Dallas County Promise (known as Promise) is a transformational effort between school districts, colleges, universities, workforce, and communities to reduce the financial burden on students while completing a postsecondary degree or credential.*

*Through the Promise, participating colleges provide scholarships to students who graduate from one of 57 Promise high schools with either a diploma or associate degree. The Promise scholarship covers the gap between need-based financial aid and the cost of tuition for up to a time limit or the completion of a degree per institution.*

*The Promise program is awarded to students attending a Dallas College campus, regardless of GPA or income. Scholarships may be awarded to students attending other participating schools based on merit and need. Students need only meet the program deadlines and submit the Promise Pledge. In addition to the financial award, Promise scholars will be guided by a success coach, who will help the student with deadlines and access to additional scholarship opportunities.*

*For students who meet certain GPA and financial need requirements and plan to enter a school within Dallas College, there is also an opportunity to qualify for a Rising Star Scholarship, which will include a last-dollar provision to cover the cost of text books.*

*A growing list of college and universities are involved in the success of the Promise program, and funding is available for all qualifying students.*

### **The Goal of Promise:**

*To provide the necessary financial, educational, and career support to prepare students for education beyond high school and successful careers.*

## Section I: Dallas College

**The following are updates from March 2021 due to COVID-19:**

- 1. Admission application submission deadline extended to June 1, 2021 for 2020-2021 graduating high school seniors.**
- 2. Financial aid application submission deadline extended to June 1, 2021 for 2020-2021 graduating high school seniors.**

At Dallas College, the Dallas County Promise (Promise) is an expansion of its existing Rising Star Scholarship Program and is supported by the Dallas College Foundation.

All students, regardless of income or grade point average, who graduate in 2020-21 from a participating Dallas County high school (see Appendix A) and meet the Promise deadlines, will receive sufficient funding to pay the full cost of tuition in accordance with Table 1:

**Table 1 – Maximum Promise Eligibility**

Certificate/Degree Plan	Maximum Promise Eligibility
Continuing Education Unit (CEU)	Three consecutive academic years or completion*
Associate degree (with Diploma)	Three consecutive academic years or completion*
Bachelor degree (with Diploma)	Five consecutive academic years or completion*
Bachelor degree (with Associate degree)**	Three consecutive academic years or completion*

\*whichever comes first

\*\*e.g. Early College High School or P-TECH students

Promise funding is only available for a student's first associate and/or bachelor degree and does not include the cost of textbooks or other learning materials.

Promise scholars who meet income requirements and have a seventh semester unweighted high school GPA of 3.000 or higher will also receive the **Rising Star Scholarship** which covers any gap between a student's need-based financial aid and the cost of tuition and textbooks.

Additionally, Dallas County Promise Scholars will be paired with and supported by a Dallas College Success Coach and will have access to additional transfer scholarships to attend partner four-year universities. Some transfer offers have additional merit and need-based qualifications.

*Beyond the expenses funded by Dallas County Promise and/or Rising Star, there are other college costs that scholars should budget for, including supplies, transportation, rent, and food.*

### A. Eligibility

2020-21 graduates are eligible to participate in the Dallas County Promise program if they meet all of the following criteria.

1. Enrolled in a participating high school (see Appendix A) as of October 30, 2020 and graduate from a participating high school during the 2020-21 school year.
  - a. Students graduating in December 2020 are Promise eligible; however, Promise funding does not begin until the fall semester following high school graduation.
  - b. Students must graduate between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 to be eligible for Promise in Fall 2021.
2. Meet all Promise deadlines for pledge, admissions application, financial aid application, and enrollment.
3. Are a U.S. Citizen eligible for in-state tuition or are a Non-U.S. Citizen eligible for in-state tuition that complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) application.
  - a. Students who have not met Texas residency requirements must file an appeal with Dallas County Promise to be considered for the Dallas County Promise and/or the Rising Star scholarship. The appeal process will be published in March 2021 on [DallasCountyPromise.org](http://DallasCountyPromise.org).
  - b. Students classified for residency as international or out-of-country students are not eligible for the Promise. Students who have questions regarding their eligibility for in-district or in-state residency status for tuition purposes should visit their college admissions office.
4. Must start classes the fall semester after their high school graduation.
  - a. Promise scholars and Rising Star scholars must enroll in the fall and spring semester during their first year and must not skip a fall or spring semester during the three-year eligibility period for associate degree seekers or five-year eligibility period for bachelor degree seekers.
  - b. Promise scholars and Rising Star scholars may enroll in fall, spring, summer, winter, or May terms after enrolling in their initial fall semester.
  - c. "Stop Out" rule is applicable. Students who enter the Promise or Rising Star Program and sit out for one long semester (fall or

spring), must complete an appeal form if they fail to enroll each fall and spring semesters.

Dallas County Promise does not have an initial GPA or income requirement to receive tuition assistance at Dallas College, however students must meet the cumulative GPA requirement and Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress each year. There is no cap on the number of 2020-21 graduates that can receive the Promise gap funding or Rising Star scholarships at Dallas College.

High school students who do not meet the Dallas County Promise deadlines and choose to attend a Promise Partner college will be responsible for all tuition and costs not covered by other scholarships or financial aid.

**A Promise Scholar at Dallas College May:**

- Enroll in any college credit program (certificate, associate, or bachelor degree) or in approved non-credit workforce training certificate programs (CEU Programs) through continuing education as long as these non-credit programs are approved by THECB and qualify for reimbursement by the state. See Appendix B for current list of approved non-credit programs.
- Continue on and earn an associate or bachelor degree after completing a CEU program.
- Receive other scholarship funds (contact financial aid office for further details).
- Use Promise program dollars towards the completion of developmental classes.
- Use Promise program dollars towards the completion Bachelor of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education and Teaching (BAS ECE), which would extend their Promise eligibility to period from three years to five
- Decline Rising Star designation if awarded, but the Promise Scholar would forfeit all Rising Star specific benefits.

**A Promise Scholar at Dallas College Must:**

- Accept all gift aid for which they are eligible, including Pell and state grants.
- Only use Promise dollars towards a first degree. Students who graduate with an Associate degree from high school may not use Promise dollars to attend Dallas College to complete an additional associate degree or Workforce Training Certificate.

- Complete their financial aid file, including verification, before Spring Priority registration begins.
- Check in with their Success Coach, at minimum, once per semester. Face to face check in is not required. Check in must be acknowledged by a Promise Success Coach as being completed satisfactorily.

**Note:** Dual credit students can receive Dallas County Promise after high school graduation to complete the balance of hours needed for an associate degree up to degree completion.

**A Promise Scholar at Dallas College *May Not*:**

- Use Promise scholarship towards non-credit continuing education courses that are not part of a state-approved credential (e.g. institutional awards) or are not listed to fill a demand occupation in the local market.
- Use the Promise award towards more than one CEU program.
- Use Promise scholarship towards study abroad courses.
- Purchase textbooks, supplies, or other items with Promise award funds.
- Use the award at another non-Promise college/university outside of Dallas College.
- Use Promise funds upon return to Dallas College after attending another institution.
- Can not receive Promise funding for concurrent enrollment at Dallas College and another institution.
- Transfer the award to another individual.
- Receive a refund of any unspent Promise dollars in his/her award account.
- Enter the Promise Program during the summer prior to the scholar's first semester in the program.

**Immediate Ineligibility Criteria**

Should a student fail to adhere to any/all policies, Dallas County Promise invokes the right to remove a student's eligibility. It is the scholar's responsibility to keep contact information up to date with Dallas County Promise, Rising Star, and the awarding institution's registrar's office. Incorrect contact information does not prevent a student from becoming ineligible.

A Promise/Rising Star scholar will become immediately ineligible for his/her award if the scholar:

1. Does not comply with the Dallas College Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy (SAP):

Which indicates that a student must maintain:

- a. 2.00 cumulative (overall) GPA on a 4.00 scale on all credit based hours completed at Dallas College.
  - b. Completion of 67% of all attempted credit hours at Dallas College. Failure to comply with either the 2.00 GPA or 67% completion ratio will place the student on a Warning period of one full term or semester in which the student will maintain eligibility for the Dallas County Promise program as well as any other Financial Aid. If the student continues to fall below these standards at the end of the Warning period then the student will be removed permanently from the Dallas County Promise and/or Rising Star program and Suspended from Financial Aid until such time the student meets those standards.
  - c. If the student attempts credit hours in excess of 150 percent of the minimum number of hours required to complete the scholar's program of study, the student will be removed from the Dallas County Promise and/or Rising Star Program as well as be Suspended from Financial Aid. In an Associates program the minimum number of hours to complete the program is 60 college level credit hours. Under this 150% standard an allowance of up to 90 college level credit attempted hours is made for completion.
2. Does not register for fall or spring semesters or complete 18 credit hours per academic year or declare a CEU program during the three years\* in the Promise program at Dallas College (\*five years for bachelor degree candidates).
  3. Does not re-apply for next academic year's FAFSA/TASFA by March 5, 2021.
  4. Is suspended or expelled by the campus for violating the Dallas College Student Code of Conduct.
  5. Use Promise funds upon return to Dallas College after attending another institution.
  6. Can not receive Promise funding for concurrent enrollment at Dallas College and another institution.
  7. "Stop Out" Appeal not approved.
  8. Knowingly falsifies or enters major discrepancies of any information on their Promise/Rising Star application, admissions application, or FAFSA / paper FASFA / TASFA Application.

Eligibility for the Dallas County Promise program is consistent with the same eligibility requirements with respect to a student's criminal record as those in the federal Title IV programs that includes the Federal Pell Grant program.

### **Promise Reinstatement Policy**

If a student is suspended from or becomes ineligible to receive the Promise Program because of qualifying special circumstances (i.e. military, pregnancy, documented illness, etc.), the student may appeal to Dallas College with information on the mitigating circumstances that resulted in his or her loss of eligibility. The appeal must include supporting documentation regarding the circumstances. The student will be notified by the Promise Program within five business days after a decision has been made regarding the appeal.

### **B. Application**

To receive the Dallas County Promise and be eligible for the Rising Star scholarship, 2021 graduates must meet three key deadlines:

- **February 5:** Complete the Dallas County Promise Pledge at [www.DallasCountyPromise.org](http://www.DallasCountyPromise.org) and submit a parent signature on the FERPA form if under 18 at the time of Pledge completion.
- **February 5:** Complete Dallas College admission application
  - Students who previously took dual credit courses at Dallas College need only to update their contact information with campus at which they intend to enroll.
  - Some students may be asked to use the validation process on eConnect to pair their admissions application file with their Pledge.
- **March 5:** Submit FAFSA or TASFA with Dallas College listed.
- **July 30:** Complete Dallas College registration for the fall semester.

**Seniors** in a Promise high school must complete the Promise Pledge by February 5, 2021 to be eligible for both Promise and Rising Star. **Students that miss any of the deadlines are not eligible to receive either scholarship.**

### **C. Rising Star Program at Dallas College**

Graduates from a Promise high school attending Dallas College are also eligible for gap funding to cover the difference between their need-based financial aid and the cost of tuition and textbooks by meeting additional criteria.

1. Promise Scholars who (1) meet all Promise deadlines, (2) have financial need, and (3) have a seventh semester unweighted high school GPA of 3.000 or higher will also receive the Rising Star Scholarship to cover any costs beyond need-based financial aid up to the cost of tuition and

textbooks at Dallas College. Please note that the maximum funding amount for Dallas Promise-Rising Star combined is \$5,500, to be used over a three-year eligibility period\* (five-year eligibility period for bachelor degree candidates).

- a. Dallas College determines financial need through the use of the Federal Methodology either through the submission of the FAFSA to the Department of Education or submission of the TASFA to Dallas College: [www.dcccd.edu/PC/FA](http://www.dcccd.edu/PC/FA)
  - b. Promise Scholars complete the Promise Pledge by February 5, 2021, to be eligible for both Promise and the Rising Star Scholarship. Students that miss any of the deadlines are not eligible to receive either scholarship.
2. The Rising Star applicant should request final official high school transcripts from his/her high school counselor or registrar be submitted to the Dallas College Admissions Office. **An official graduation transcript will be required by the Dallas College Admissions Office as evidence that the applicant has completed requirements for high school graduation.**
  3. Even if a high school is not on the participating school list, students can still apply. Rising Star applications open October 1, 2020 and are due February 5, 2021 for eligible non-participating Promise high schools. Contact the Rising Star advisor at the Dallas College campus of your choice to see if your high school is eligible.
  4. **Please refer to the Rising Star Manual and website for additional information specific to the Rising Star program.**

#### **D. Payments and Renewal**

Promise scholars will never directly receive funds from Dallas County Promise. After a Promise scholar's eligible state and federal grant or gift financial aid have been transmitted, the Dallas College Foundation will fund any remaining tuition balance with the dollars that Dallas College has designated for the Promise scholarship.

To receive their initial financial aid award from Dallas College, Promise scholars must complete the following:

1. Promise Scholars must register on or before July 30, 2021 to remain eligible for the Promise program.
2. Promise Scholars must identify and declare a program of study (major or career path) before the first academic semester of the scholar's initial enrollment in Promise.

3. Promise scholars must complete pre-advising before registration begins to select courses that apply toward the scholar's degree and/or certificate plan.

To maintain eligibility to renew the Promise award, scholars must complete the following:

1. Successfully complete at least 18 hours over the course of the academic year. An academic year includes fall, spring and summer semesters.
  - a. Promise/Rising Star scholars must enroll in a credit or CEU Program leading to a credit degree or certificate. These programs must be classified as "reimbursable" by the State of Texas. See Appendix B.
  - b. Scholars may not receive Promise funding for more than 36 credit hours per academic year (fall, spring, and summer semesters).
  - c. Scholars must meet Dallas College Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy in order to remain in the program: [www.dcccd.edu/sap](http://www.dcccd.edu/sap). As listed above, a student who does not maintain the SAP standards may be removed from the Dallas County Promise and/or Rising Star program.
  - d. Students will receive warning – adding and dropping classes will affect financial aid and may also affect Promise eligibility.
2. Renew their FAFSA/TASFA by March 5, 2021.
3. Check in with their Success Coach, at minimum, once per semester. Face-to-face check in is not required. Check in must be acknowledged by a Promise Success Coach as being completed satisfactorily.

#### **E. Additional Considerations**

- **Correct Contact Information:** The student is responsible for notifying Dallas County Promise and their college when his/her contact information changes by emailing [info@dallascountypromise.org](mailto:info@dallascountypromise.org). (Include full name and student ID.) Incorrect information does not prevent a student from becoming ineligible. Once a student is enrolled, correct contact information must be on file with the student's scholarship Success Coach.
- **Determining Program Eligibility:** Only designated staff members of Dallas County Promise, Dallas College, or other partner college/university may determine a student's eligibility.
- **Policy Changes:** Policies may be subject to change without notice. It is a student's responsibility to refer to the policies as posted at

[dallascountypromise.org](https://dallascountypromise.org) for updates and changes to the Promise program.

- **Contact:** Student.Success@dallascountypromise.org

**Section II: Austin College**

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## Section III: Midwestern State University

**The following are updates from March 2021 due to COVID-19:**

- 1. Admission application acceptance deadline extended to May 31, 2021 for 2020-2021 graduating high school seniors.**
- 2. Financial aid application completion deadline extended to May 31, 2021 for 2020-2021 graduating high school seniors.**

At Midwestern State University (MSU), the Dallas County Promise is funded by MSU endowment dollars and is an extension of their Mustangs Guarantee Program.

All Dallas County Promise (Promise) students who graduate from a participating Dallas County high school (see Appendix A) and meet the requirements of the Dallas County Promise Program are eligible to attend MSU as a first-year or transfer student. To be eligible for Dallas County Promise/Mustang Guarantee students must be Texas residents, admitted to MSU, Pell Grant eligible, and have a combined annual family Adjusted Gross Income of \$65,000 or less.

The Dallas County Promise program will cover the remaining balance of any tuition and mandatory fees for 15 or more credit hours each semester for up to four academic years (summer terms and non-MSU enrolled hours are not included) that are NOT covered by other grants, scholarships, exemptions, benefits and/or waiver programs received by the student. All MSU partnership requirements are specified in the sections below.

In addition to mandatory tuition and fee expenses covered by the MSU Mustangs Guarantee Program and the Dallas County Promise, scholars should budget for additional items that include, but are not limited to: housing and food, transportation, supplies (both academic and personal), parking fees, installment plan fees, post office box rental fees, late fines, reinstatement fees, late registration fees, etc.

In accordance with NCAA rules, current and prospective student-athletes will be offered awards on an individual basis; certain forms of assistance, such as those offered through the Dallas County Promise / Mustangs Guarantee Program, may not be awarded to a student-athlete.

### **A. First Year Student Enrollment at Midwestern State University**

Students eligible to attend MSU after high school graduation within the parameters of the Promise program must meet **ALL** of the following criteria.

High school students who do not meet the Promise deadlines and criteria will be responsible for all tuition and fees not covered by scholarships and/or financial aid. International students currently are not eligible for the Dallas County Promise program at MSU.

## **1. Eligibility**

2020-2021 graduates are eligible to participate in the Dallas County Promise program at Midwestern State University as a new, first-year student if they meet all of the following criteria.

1. Attend a participating high school (see Appendix A) for the full 2020-2021 school year and graduate in the 2020-2021 school year.
2. Meet all Promise deadlines for pledge, admissions application, financial aid application, orientation, and enrollment.
3. Have a combined family adjusted gross income of \$65,000 or less as reported on the FAFSA.
4. Be eligible for the Federal Pell Grant program as determined by the FAFSA.
5. Be a US citizen and a Texas resident.
6. Must start classes the fall semester after their high school graduation.
  - a. Promise scholars must enroll in the fall and spring semester during their first year and must not skip a fall or spring semester during the four-year eligibility period.
  - b. Promise scholars may receive the scholarship benefit for fall and spring terms but NOT for summer or mini terms.
  - c. "Stop Out" rule is applicable. Students who enter the Promise and sit out for one long semester (fall or spring), must complete an appeal form if they fail to enroll each fall and spring semesters.

Students who graduate from high school with their associate degree are also eligible to enroll directly to Midwestern State University and will complete the same steps as outlined below.

## **2. Application**

- Meet all Promise deadlines for pledge, admission applications, FERPA waiver, financial aid applications, scholarships, orientation, and enrollment.
- Be accepted for admission to Midwestern State University for a Fall term on/before March 1, 2021. The \$40 application fee will be waived for students with a complete Promise Pledge on file.
- Have a complete financial aid file on/before May 31, 2021 which includes the submission of all required documents if chosen for verification.

- To ensure prospective students are considered not only for Promise but for all of MSU's competitive scholarships, scholars are required to apply for admissions and financial aid by March 1, 2021.

For more information about applying for admission, scholarships or financial aid as well as fee waivers contact Cristie Glazner at [cristie.glazner@msutexas.edu](mailto:cristie.glazner@msutexas.edu).

### **3. Payments and Renewal**

Once a Promise student is enrolled at MSU, scholars must maintain specific criteria in order to continue receiving financial aid. The renewal criteria are as follows:

- Maintain a minimum of at least 15 credit hours through the 12th class day each fall and spring semester (non-MSU enrolled hours are not included)
- Earn at least 12 credit hours at the end of each fall and spring term
- Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 at the end of each fall and spring semester
- Meet and maintain minimum standards of MSU's Satisfactory Academic Progress as set forth in the MSU Undergraduate Catalog
- Complete a bachelor's degree within four (4) years of enrollment at MSU

Promise scholars may receive other private and institutional scholarship or financial aid funds which will be used towards the fulfillment of the MSU mandatory tuition and fees as part of the Mustangs Guarantee Program. Once tuition and fees are covered in full, any remaining scholarship or financial aid accepted by the student, will be used to cover MSU housing and dining costs. After all financial obligations to MSU are paid in full by aid received, a refund will be issued to the student to pay for any remaining educationally related expenses as long as there are remaining funds in the student's account.

#### **A Promise Scholar at MSU May:**

- Receive other private and institutional scholarship funds (contact the Financial Aid Office at MSU for further details)

#### **A Promise Scholar at MSU Must:**

- Accept all gift aid for which they are eligible, including Pell and state grants.
- Complete their financial aid file, including verification, by May 31 each year.

#### **A Promise Scholar at MSU May Not:**

- Transfer the award to another college/university outside MSU.

- Return to MSU and receive funds after or while attending another institution.
- Transfer the award to another individual.
- Receive a refund of any unspent Promise dollars in his/her award account.

## **B. Transfer Enrollment to Midwestern State University**

Students are eligible to transfer to MSU within the parameters of the Promise program must meet all of the following criteria. High school students who do not meet the Promise deadlines and criteria will be responsible for all tuition and fees not covered by scholarships and/or financial aid. International students currently are not eligible to receive the tuition benefit at MSU through the Promise program.

### **1. Eligibility**

Scholars who remain Promise eligible and complete an associate degree from Dallas College with at least a 2.00 GPA and other key criteria can receive a last-dollar, tuition-only scholarship to MSU. Students wishing to transfer to MSU before completing an Associate degree are ineligible to receive a Promise Scholarship and would fall into the MSU standard transfer scholarship policies and process.

Transfer eligibility criteria is as follows:

1. Promise Scholars must maintain Promise eligibility at Dallas College and must enroll at MSU the fall or spring semester after graduation from Dallas College with their transferable associate degree (Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Arts in Teaching)
2. Be a US citizen and a Texas resident
3. Have a combined family adjusted gross income of \$65,000 or less as reported on the FAFSA
4. Be eligible for the Federal Pell Grant program as determined by the FAFSA
5. Students must be accepted for transfer admission to MSU no later than April 1 for the fall semester or November 1 for the spring semester of the year in which the student intends to transfer
6. Students must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year on or before January 15
7. Must start classes the semester after their associate degree completion.
  - a) Promise scholars may not skip a fall or spring semester during the three-year eligibility period.
  - b) Promise scholars may receive the scholarship benefit for fall and spring terms but NOT for summer or mini terms.

- c) "Stop Out" rule is applicable. Students who enter the Promise and sit out for one long semester (fall or spring), must complete an appeal form if they fail to enroll each fall and spring semesters.

**A Promise Scholar at MSU May:**

- Receive other private and institutional scholarship funds (contact the Financial Aid Office at MSU for further details)

**A Promise Scholar at MSU Must:**

- Accept all gift aid for which they are eligible, including Pell and state grants.
- Complete their financial aid file, including verification, by May 31 each year.

**A Promise Scholar at MSU May Not:**

- Transfer the award to another college/university outside MSU.
- Return to MSU and receive funds after or while attending another institution.
- Transfer the award to another individual.
- Receive a refund of any unspent Promise dollars in his/her award account.

**2. Application**

2020-2021 Promise Scholars must declare their intent to transfer to MSU by March 15 with their Dallas College success coach or Rising Star advisor during their first year at Dallas College.

Additionally, prospective Promise Transfer Scholars must:

1. Be admitted to MSU by April 1 for fall or November 1 for spring semesters including submitting official transcripts from all previously attended and/or currently enrolled colleges/universities. The \$40 application fee will be waived for students with a complete Promise Pledge on file.
2. Have a complete financial aid file on/before May 31 for fall or December 1 for spring which includes the submission of all required documents if chosen for verification.
3. To ensure prospective students are considered not only for Promise but for all of MSU's competitive scholarships, scholars are encouraged to apply for admissions and financial aid by January 15 for fall or November 1 for spring.

**3. Payments and Renewal Criteria**

Once a Promise student is enrolled at MSU, scholars must maintain specific criteria in order to continue receiving financial aid. The renewal criteria are as follows:

- Maintain a minimum of at least 15 credit hours each fall and spring semester (non-enrolled hours are not included)
- Earn at least 12 credit hours at the end of each fall term
- Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 at the end of each fall and spring semester
- Meet and maintain minimum standards of MSU's Satisfactory Academic Progress as set forth in the MSU Undergraduate Catalog
- Complete a bachelor's degree within three (3) years of enrollment at MSU

For more information about applying for transfer admission, scholarships or financial aid as well as fee waivers contact Cristie Glazner at [cristie.glazner@msutexas.edu](mailto:cristie.glazner@msutexas.edu).

**Section IV: Paul Quinn College**

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**Section V: Prairie View A&M University**

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**Section VI: Southern Methodist University**

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## Section VII: Texas A&M University – Commerce

**The following are updates from March 2021 due to COVID-19:**

- 1. Admission application submission deadline extended to June 1, 2021 for 2020-2021 graduating high school seniors.**
- 2. Financial aid application submission deadline extended to June 1, 2021 for 2020-2021 graduating high school seniors.**

At Texas A&M University-Commerce (A&M-Commerce), enrolled Dallas County Promise students are funded by A&M-Commerce institutional dollars which is an extension of Presidents Promise.

All Dallas County Promise (Dallas Promise) scholars who graduate from a participating Dallas County high school (see Appendix A) and meet the requirements of the Dallas County Promise Program are eligible to attend A&M-Commerce as a first-year or transfer student.

Students enrolling in A&M-Commerce directly after graduating from high school, including students completing an associate degree in high school, are eligible for a last-dollar tuition scholarship to cover the remaining balance of any tuition for 15 credit hours each semester for up to four academic years (summer terms and non-A&M-Commerce enrolled hours are not included) NOT covered by other grants, scholarships, exemptions, benefits and/or waiver programs received by the student.

For students completing an associate degree after attending Dallas College, A&M-Commerce as part of the Dallas County Promise program will cover the remaining balance of any tuition for 15 credit hours each semester for up to four semesters NOT covered by other grants, scholarships, exemptions, benefits, and/or waiver programs received by the student.

To be eligible for Dallas County Promise, students must be Texas residents, admitted to A&M-Commerce, be eligible to receive a federal pell grant and have a family Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$50,000 or less.

Once transferred to A&M-Commerce, the Dallas County Promise will pay for the remainder of tuition after federal, state and institutional grants and/or scholarships are applied. Dallas County Promise scholars who receive the A&M-Commerce Dallas County Promise Program should plan to budget for additional items that include, but are not limited to: institutional fees, housing and food, transportation, supplies (both academic and personal), parking fees, etc.

## **A. First Year Dallas County Promise Student Enrollment at Texas A&M University-Commerce – Traditional HS Diploma**

Students who graduate from high school with their high school diploma are eligible to enroll directly to Texas A&M University-Commerce and be considered for a last-dollar scholarship for 15 credit hours each semester (Fall and Spring only) for up to eight semesters (four years). Once enrolled at A&M-Commerce, the Dallas County Promise Scholarship will pay for the remainder of tuition after federal, state and institutional grants and/or scholarships are applied.

High school students who do not meet the Dallas County Promise program deadlines and criteria will be responsible for all tuition and fees not covered by scholarships and/or financial aid.

### **1. Eligibility**

Current high school students are eligible to participate in the Dallas County Promise program at Texas A&M University-Commerce as a new, first-year student if they meet all of the following criteria.

1. Attend a participating high school (see Appendix A) for the full current school year and graduate from a participating high school in the current school year
2. Meet all Dallas County Promise program deadlines for pledge, admissions application, financial aid application, orientation, and enrollment.
3. Qualify for a federal pell-grant or the equivalent demonstrated need as defined by TASFA.
4. Have a family Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$50,000 or less.
5. Must be a Texas resident for tuition purposes.
6. Must start classes the fall semester after their high school graduation.
  - a. Dallas County Promise scholars must enroll in the fall and spring semester during their first year and must not skip a fall or spring semester during the four-year eligibility period.
  - b. Dallas County Promise scholars may receive the scholarship benefit for fall and spring terms but NOT for summer or mini terms.
  - c. “Stop Out” rule is applicable. Students who enter the Dallas County Promise and sit out for one long semester (fall or spring), must complete an appeal form if they fail to enroll each fall and spring semester.

International students currently are not eligible for the Dallas County Promise program at A&M-Commerce.

## **2. Application**

- Meet all Dallas County Promise program deadlines for pledge, admission applications, financial aid applications, scholarships, orientation, and enrollment.
- Apply for admission to Texas A&M University-Commerce for a Fall term by the priority deadline of December 1 (final deadline to apply is June 1).
- For the current school year have a complete FAFSA and/or TASFA by the priority deadline of January 15<sup>th</sup> which includes the submission of all required documents.
- To ensure prospective students are eligible to apply for other A&M-Commerce competitive scholarships, Dallas County Promise students are encouraged to be admitted to A&M-Commerce and to have applied for financial aid by the published priority deadlines. After the priority deadline, scholarships are awarded as funds are available.

For more information about applying for admission, scholarships or financial aid contact [Carlos.Ruiz@tamuc.edu](mailto:Carlos.Ruiz@tamuc.edu).

## **3. Payments and Renewal**

Once a Dallas County Promise Scholar graduating from high school with a high school diploma is enrolled at A&M-Commerce, they must maintain specific criteria in order to continue receiving the Dallas County Promise scholarship. The renewal criteria are as follows:

- Be registered for a minimum of at least 15 credit hours through the 12th class day each fall and spring semester (non-A&M-Commerce enrolled hours are not included)
- Earn at least 15 credit hours at the end of each fall and spring semester
- Maintain a minimum end of year institutional cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 to be checked at the end of each fall and spring semester. Students falling below a 2.00 GPA at the fall semester will be given a warning and will still be eligible for the Dallas County Promise scholarship in the Spring.

- Meet and maintain minimum standards of A&M-Commerce Satisfactory Academic Progress as set forth in the A&M-Commerce Undergraduate Catalog
- Complete a bachelor's degree within eight (8) semesters of enrollment at A&M-Commerce.

**A Dallas County Promise Scholar at A&M-Commerce May:**

- Receive other outside private, endowed and departmental scholarships

**A Dallas County Promise Scholar at A&M-Commerce Must:**

- Review and accept the terms and conditions for the Dallas County Promise Scholarship.
- Submit the Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and complete all required verification steps and/or submit the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) by the priority deadline of January 15<sup>th</sup> (final deadline is March 6<sup>th</sup>).

**A Dallas County Promise Scholar at A&M-Commerce May Not:**

- Transfer the award to another college/university outside A&M-Commerce.
- Return to A&M-Commerce and receive funds after or while attending another institution.
- Transfer the award to another individual.
- Receive a refund of any unspent Dallas County Promise scholarship dollars in award account.

**B. First Year Dallas County Promise Student Enrollment at Texas A&M University-Commerce – Graduate from HS with Associate Degree and HS Diploma**

Students who graduate from high school with their associate degree are eligible to enroll directly to Texas A&M University-Commerce and be considered for a last-dollar scholarship for 15 credit hours each semester for up to four semesters (two years). Once enrolled at A&M-Commerce, the Dallas County Promise Scholarship will pay for the remainder of tuition after federal, state and institutional grants and/or scholarships are applied.

High school students who do not meet the Dallas County Promise deadlines and criteria will be responsible for all tuition and fees not covered by scholarships and/or financial aid.

**1. Eligibility**

Current graduates are eligible to participate in the Dallas County Promise program at Texas A&M University-Commerce as a new, first-year student if they meet all of the following criteria.

1. Attend a participating high school (see Appendix A) for the full current school year and graduate from a participating high school in the current school year
2. Meet all Dallas County Promise deadlines for pledge, admissions application, financial aid application, orientation, and enrollment.
3. Qualify for a federal pell grant or the equivalent demonstrated need as defined by TASFA.
4. Have a family Adjusted Gross Income of \$50,000 or less.
5. Must be a Texas resident for tuition purposes.
6. Must start classes the fall semester after their high school graduation.
  - a. Dallas County Promise scholars must enroll in the fall and spring semester during their first year and must not skip a fall or spring semester during the two-year eligibility period.
  - b. Dallas County Promise scholars may receive the scholarship benefit for fall and spring terms but NOT for summer or mini terms.
  - c. "Stop Out" rule is applicable. Students who enter the Dallas County Promise and sit out for one long semester (fall or spring), must complete an appeal form if they fail to enroll each fall and spring semester.

International students currently are not eligible for the Dallas County Promise program at A&M-Commerce.

## **2. Application**

- Meet all Dallas County Promise program deadlines for pledge, admission applications, financial aid applications, scholarships, orientation, and enrollment.
- Apply for admission to Texas A&M University-Commerce for a Fall term by the priority deadline of December 1 (final deadline is June 1).
- For the current school year have a complete FAFSA and/or TASFA by the priority deadline of January 15<sup>th</sup> (final deadline is March 6<sup>th</sup>) which includes the submission of all required documents if chosen for federal aid verification.

- To ensure prospective students are eligible to apply for other A&M-Commerce competitive scholarships, Dallas County Promise students are encouraged to be admitted to A&M-Commerce and to have applied for financial aid by the published priority deadlines.

For more information about applying for admission, scholarships or financial aid contact Carlos.Ruiz@tamuc.edu.

### **3. Payments and Renewal**

Once a Dallas County Promise Scholar graduating from high school with an associate degree is enrolled at A&M-Commerce, they must maintain specific criteria in order to continue receiving the Dallas County Promise scholarship. The renewal criteria are as follows:

- Be registered for a minimum of at least 15 credit hours through the 12th class day each fall and spring semester (non-A&M-Commerce enrolled hours are not included)
- Earn at least 15 credit hours at the end of each fall and spring semester
- Maintain a minimum end of year institutional cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 to be checked at the end of each fall and spring semester. Students falling below a 2.00 GPA at the fall semester will be given a warning and will still be eligible for Promise in the Spring.
- Meet and maintain minimum standards of A&M-Commerce Satisfactory Academic Progress as set forth in the A&M-Commerce Undergraduate Catalog
- Complete a bachelor's degree within four (4) semesters of enrollment at A&M-Commerce.

#### **A Dallas County Promise Scholar at A&M-Commerce May:**

- Receive other outside private, endowed and departmental scholarships

#### **A Dallas County Promise Scholar at A&M-Commerce Must:**

- Review and accept the terms and conditions for the Dallas County Promise Scholarship.
- Submit the Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and complete all required verification steps and/or submit the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) by the priority deadline of January 15<sup>th</sup> (final deadline is March 6<sup>th</sup>).

#### **A Dallas County Promise Scholar at A&M-Commerce May Not:**

- Transfer the award to another college/university outside A&M-Commerce.
- Return to A&M-Commerce and receive funds after or while attending another institution.
- Transfer the award to another individual.
- Receive a refund of any unspent Dallas County Promise scholarship dollars in award account.

## **C. Transfer Enrollment to Texas A&M University-Commerce**

### **1. Eligibility**

Scholars who remain Dallas County Promise scholarship eligible and complete an associate degree from Dallas College with at least a 2.000 GPA and other key criteria can receive a last-dollar, tuition-only scholarship to A&M-Commerce. Students wishing to transfer to A&M-Commerce before completing an Associate degree are ineligible to receive a Dallas County Promise Scholarship. Such transfers would have to meet the A&M-Commerce standard transfer scholarship policies and process.

Transfer eligibility criteria is as follows:

1. Dallas County Promise Scholars must maintain Dallas County Promise eligibility at Dallas College and must enroll at A&M-Commerce the fall or spring semester after graduation from Dallas College with their transferable associate degree (Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Arts in Teaching)
2. Be a Texas resident for tuition purposes.
3. Qualify for a federal Pell grant or the equivalent demonstrated need as defined by TASFA.
4. Have a family Adjusted Gross Income of \$50,000 or less.
5. Student must be accepted for transfer admission to A&M-Commerce by June 1 for the fall semester or December 1 prior to the spring semester of the year in which the student intends to transfer
6. Student must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and/or Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) each year by the priority deadline of January 15<sup>th</sup> (final date to apply is March 6<sup>th</sup>)
7. Must start classes the semester after their associate degree completion.
  - a) Dallas County Promise scholars may not skip a fall or spring semester during the three-year eligibility period.

- b) Dallas County Promise scholars may receive the scholarship benefit for fall and spring terms but NOT for summer or mini terms.
- c) "Stop Out" rule is applicable. Students who enter the Dallas County Promise and sit out for one long semester (fall or spring), must complete an appeal form if they fail to enroll each fall and spring semesters.

Transfer students who do not meet the Dallas County Promise final deadlines and criteria will be responsible for all tuition and fees not covered by scholarships and/or financial aid. International students currently are not eligible to receive the tuition benefit at A&M-Commerce through the Dallas County Promise program.

**A Dallas County Promise Scholar at A&M-Commerce May:**

- Receive other outside private, endowed and departmental scholarships

**A Dallas County Promise Scholar at A&M-Commerce Must:**

- Review and accept the terms and conditions for the Dallas County Promise Scholarship.
- Submit the Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and complete all required verification steps and/or submit the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) by the priority deadline of January 15<sup>th</sup> (final deadline is March 6<sup>th</sup>).

**A Dallas County Promise Scholar at A&M-Commerce May Not:**

- Transfer the award to another college/university outside A&M-Commerce.
- Return to A&M-Commerce and receive funds after or while attending another institution.
- Transfer the award to another individual.
- Receive a refund of any unspent Dallas County Promise scholarship dollars in award account.
- Have a gap in enrollment between when they complete an associate degree and when they enroll in A&M-Commerce as part of the Dallas County Promise.

**2. Application**

2020-2021 Dallas Promise Scholars must declare their intent to transfer to A&M-Commerce by March 15 with their Dallas College Success Coach or Rising Star advisor during their first year at Dallas College.

Additionally, prospective Dallas County Promise Transfer Scholars must:

4. Be admitted to A&M-Commerce by June 1 for fall or December 1 for spring semesters including submitting official transcripts from all previously attended and/or currently enrolled colleges/universities.
5. For the current school year have a complete FAFSA and/or TASFA by the priority deadline of January 15<sup>th</sup> (final deadline is March 6<sup>th</sup>) which includes the submission of all required documents if chosen for federal aid verification.
6. To ensure prospective students are eligible to apply for other A&M-Commerce competitive scholarships, Dallas County Promise students are encouraged to be admitted to A&M-Commerce and to have applied for financial aid by the published priority deadlines.

### **3. Payments and Renewal Criteria**

Once a Dallas County Promise scholar is enrolled at A&M-Commerce, scholars must maintain specific criteria in order to continue receiving financial aid. The renewal criteria are as follows:

- Be registered in a minimum of at least 15 credit hours through the 12<sup>th</sup> class day for each fall and spring semester (non-enrolled hours are not included)
- Earn at least 15 credit hours at the end of each fall and spring semester/term
- Maintain a minimum end of year institutional cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 to be checked at the end of each fall and spring semester. Students falling below a 2.00 GPA at the fall semester will be given a warning and will still be eligible for Dallas County Promise in the Spring.
- Meet and maintain minimum standards of A&M-Commerce's Satisfactory Academic Progress as set forth in the A&M-Commerce Undergraduate Catalog
- Complete a bachelor's degree within four (4) semesters of enrollment at A&M-Commerce.

For more information about applying for transfer admission, scholarships or financial aid contact [Carlos.Ruiz@tamuc.edu](mailto:Carlos.Ruiz@tamuc.edu).

## Section VIII: Texas A&M University-Texarkana

**The following are updates from March 2021 due to COVID-19:**

- 1. Admission application submission deadline extended to June 1, 2021 for 2020-2021 graduating high school seniors.**
- 2. Financial aid application submission deadline extended to June 1, 2021 for 2020-2021 graduating high school seniors.**

At Texas A&M University-Texarkana (A&M-Texarkana), enrolled Dallas County Promise students are funded by A&M-Texarkana institutional dollars.

All Dallas County Promise (Dallas Promise) scholars who graduate from a participating Dallas County high school (see Appendix A) and meet the requirements of the Dallas County Promise Program and admission standards at A&M-Texarkana are eligible to attend A&M-Texarkana as a first-year or transfer student.

Students enrolling in A&M-Texarkana directly after graduating from high school, including students completing an associate degree in high school, are eligible for a last-dollar tuition scholarship to cover the remaining balance of any tuition for 12 or more credit hours each semester (summer terms and non-A&M-Texarkana enrolled hours are not included) NOT covered by other grants, scholarships, exemptions, benefits and/or waiver programs received by the student AND a one-time \$500 Promise incentive to be awarded for the Fall semester.

For students completing an associate degree after attending Dallas College, A&M-Texarkana as part of the Dallas County Promise program will cover the remaining balance of any tuition for 12 or more credit hours each semester for up to five semesters NOT covered by other grants, scholarships, exemptions, benefits, and/or waiver programs received by the student.

To be eligible for Dallas County Promise at A&M-Texarkana, students must be Texas residents, admitted to A&M-Texarkana, and have a Family Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) \$50,000 or less.

Once transferred to A&M-Texarkana, institutional dollars will pay for the remainder of tuition after federal, state and institutional grants and/or scholarships are applied. Dallas Promise Scholars at A&M-Texarkana should plan to budget for additional items that include, but are not limited to: institutional fees, housing and food, transportation, supplies (both academic and personal), parking fees, etc.

## **A. First Year Dallas County Promise Student Enrollment at Texas A&M University-Texarkana – Traditional HS Diploma**

Students who graduate from high school with their high school diploma are eligible to enroll directly to Texas A&M University-Texarkana and be considered for a last-dollar scholarship for 12 or more credit hours each semester for up to eight semesters (four years). Once enrolled at A&M-Texarkana, institutional dollars will pay for the remainder of tuition after federal, state and institutional grants and/or scholarships are applied.

Students enrolling directly to A&M-Texarkana from high school will also receive a one-time \$500 Promise incentive to be awarded for the Fall semester. The \$500 incentive is an institutional grant in addition to any other financial awards a student receives up to the cost of attendance.

High school students who do not meet the Dallas Promise deadlines and criteria will be responsible for all tuition and fees not covered by scholarships and/or financial aid.

### **1. Eligibility**

2020-2021 graduates are eligible to participate in the Dallas County Promise program at Texas A&M University-Texarkana as a new, first-year student if they meet all of the following criteria.

1. Attend a participating high school (see Appendix A) for the full 2020-2021 school year and graduate from a participating high school in the 2020-2021 school year
2. Meet all Dallas Promise deadlines for pledge, admissions application, financial aid application, orientation, and enrollment.
3. Have a family adjusted gross income of \$50,000 or less.
4. Must be a Texas resident for tuition purposes.
5. Must start classes the fall semester after their high school graduation.
  - a. Dallas Promise scholars must enroll in the fall and spring semester during their first year and must not skip a fall or spring semester during the four-year eligibility period.
  - b. Dallas Promise scholars may receive the scholarship benefit for fall and spring terms but NOT for summer or mini terms.
  - c. "Stop Out" rule is applicable. Students who enter the Promise and sit out for one long semester (fall or spring), must complete an appeal form if they fail to enroll each fall and spring semester.

International students currently are not eligible for the Dallas County Promise program at A&M-Texarkana.

## **2. Application**

- Meet all Dallas Promise deadlines for pledge, admission applications, FERPA waiver, financial aid applications, scholarships, orientation, and enrollment
- Apply for admission to Texas A&M University-Texarkana for a Fall term on/before February 5, 2021.
- For the 2020-2021 school year submit a complete FAFSA and/or TASFA on/before January 15, 2021.
- To ensure prospective students are eligible to apply for other A&M-Texarkana competitive scholarships, Dallas County Promise students are encouraged to be admitted to A&M-Texarkana and to have applied for financial aid by December 1<sup>st</sup> for Fall 2021.

For more information about applying for admission, scholarships or financial aid contact Natalie McGuire at [NMGuire@tamut.edu](mailto:NMGuire@tamut.edu).

## **3. Payments and Renewal**

Once a Dallas Promise Scholar graduating from high school with a high school diploma is enrolled at A&M-Texarkana, they must maintain specific criteria in order to continue receiving Promise financial aid. The renewal criteria are as follows:

- Be registered for a minimum of at least 12 credit hours through the 12th class day each fall and spring semester (non-A&M-Texarkana enrolled hours are not included)
- Earn at least 12 credit hours at the end of each fall and spring semester
- Maintain a minimum end of year institutional cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.50 to be checked at the end of each fall and spring semester. Students falling below a 2.50 GPA at the fall semester will be given a warning and will still be eligible for Promise in the Spring.
- Meet and maintain minimum standards of A&M-Texarkana Satisfactory Academic Progress as set forth in the A&M-Texarkana Undergraduate Catalog
- Complete a bachelor's degree within eight (8) semesters of enrollment at A&M-Texarkana.

### **A Dallas Promise Scholar at A&M-Texarkana May:**

- Receive other private and institutional scholarship funds (contact the Financial Aid Office at A&M-Texarkana for further details at [finaid@tamut.edu](mailto:finaid@tamut.edu))

**A Dallas Promise Scholar at A&M-Texarkana Must:**

- Complete the students terms and conditions for financial aid.
- Complete their financial aid file, including verification, by February 15<sup>th</sup> each year.

**A Dallas Promise Scholar at A&M-Texarkana May Not:**

- Transfer the award to another college/university outside A&M-Texarkana.
- Return to A&M-Texarkana and receive funds after or while attending another institution.
- Transfer the award to another individual.
- Receive a refund of any unspent Dallas Promise dollars in award account.

**B. First Year Dallas County Promise Student Enrollment at Texas A&M University-Texarkana – Graduate from HS with Associate Degree and HS Diploma**

Students who graduate from high school with their associate degree are eligible to enroll directly to Texas A&M University-Texarkana and be considered for a last-dollar scholarship for 12 or more credit hours each semester for up to five semesters (2.5 years). Once enrolled at A&M-Texarkana, institutional dollars will pay for the remainder of tuition after federal, state and institutional grants and/or scholarships are applied.

Students enrolling directly to A&M-Texarkana from high school will also receive a one-time \$500 Promise incentive to be awarded for the Fall semester. The \$500 incentive is an institutional grant in addition to any other financial awards a student receives up to the cost of attendance.

High school students who do not meet the Dallas Promise deadlines and criteria will be responsible for all tuition and fees not covered by scholarships and/or financial aid.

**1. Eligibility**

2020-2021 graduates are eligible to participate in the Dallas County Promise program at Texas A&M University-Texarkana as a new, first-year student if they meet all of the following criteria.

1. Attend a participating high school (see Appendix A) for the full 2020-2021 school year and graduate from a participating high school in the 2020-2021 school year
2. Meet all Dallas Promise deadlines for pledge, admissions application, financial aid application, orientation, and enrollment.
3. Have a family adjusted gross income of \$50,000 or less.
4. Must be a Texas resident for tuition purposes.
5. Must start classes the fall semester after their high school graduation.
  - a. Dallas Promise scholars must enroll in the fall and spring semester during their first year and must not skip a fall or spring semester during the five-semester eligibility period.
  - b. Dallas Promise scholars may receive the scholarship benefit for fall and spring terms but NOT for summer or mini terms.
  - c. "Stop Out" rule is applicable. Students who enter the Promise and sit out for one long semester (fall or spring), must complete an appeal form if they fail to enroll each fall and spring semester.

International students currently are not eligible for the Dallas County Promise program at A&M-Texarkana.

## **2. Application**

- Meet all Dallas Promise deadlines for pledge, admission applications, FERPA waiver, financial aid applications, scholarships, orientation, and enrollment
- Apply for admission to Texas A&M University-Texarkana for a Fall term on/before February 5, 2021.
- For the 2020-2021 school year submit a complete FAFSA and/or TASFA on/before January 15, 2021.
- To ensure prospective students are eligible to apply for other A&M-Texarkana competitive scholarships, Dallas County Promise students are encouraged to be admitted to A&M-Texarkana and to have applied for financial aid by December 1<sup>st</sup> for Fall 2021.

For more information about applying for admission, scholarships or financial aid contact Natalie McGuire at [NMcGuire@tamut.edu](mailto:NMcGuire@tamut.edu).

## **3. Payments and Renewal**

Once a Dallas Promise Scholar graduating from high school with a high school diploma is enrolled at A&M-Texarkana, they must maintain specific criteria in order to continue receiving Promise financial aid. The renewal criteria are as follows:

- Be registered for a minimum of at least 12 credit hours through the 12th class day each fall and spring semester (non-A&M-Texarkana enrolled hours are not included)
- Earn at least 12 credit hours at the end of each fall and spring semester
- Maintain a minimum end of year institutional cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.50 to be checked at the end of each fall and spring semester. Students falling below a 2.50 GPA at the fall semester will be given a warning and will still be eligible for Promise in the Spring.
- Meet and maintain minimum standards of A&M-Texarkana Satisfactory Academic Progress as set forth in the A&M-Texarkana Undergraduate Catalog
- Complete a bachelor's degree within eight (8) semesters of enrollment at A&M-Texarkana.

**A Dallas Promise Scholar at A&M-Texarkana May:**

- Receive other private and institutional scholarship funds (contact the Financial Aid Office at A&M-Texarkana for further details at [finaid@tamut.edu](mailto:finaid@tamut.edu))

**A Dallas Promise Scholar at A&M-Texarkana Must:**

- Accept all gift aid for which they are eligible, including Pell and state grants.
- Complete their financial aid file, including verification, by April 1 each year.

**A Dallas Promise Scholar at A&M-Texarkana *May Not*:**

- Transfer the award to another college/university outside A&M-Texarkana.
- Return to A&M-Texarkana and receive funds after or while attending another institution.
- Transfer the award to another individual.
- Receive a refund of any unspent Dallas Promise dollars in award account.

## **C. Transfer Enrollment to Texas A&M University-Texarkana**

### **1. Eligibility**

Scholars who remain Dallas Promise eligible and complete an associate degree from Dallas College with at least a 2.500 GPA and other key criteria can receive a last-dollar, tuition-only scholarship to A&M-Texarkana.

Transfer eligibility criteria is as follows:

1. Dallas Promise Scholars must maintain Dallas Promise eligibility at Dallas College and must enroll at A&M-Texarkana the fall or spring semester after graduation from Dallas College with their transferable associate degree (Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Arts in Teaching)
2. Be a Texas resident for tuition purposes.
3. Have a Family Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) \$50,000 or less.
4. Student must be accepted for transfer admission to A&M-Texarkana no later than April 1 for the fall semester or November 1 for the spring semester of the year in which the student intends to transfer
5. Student must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and/or Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) each year on or by April 1.
6. Must start classes the semester after their associate degree completion.
  - a. Dallas Promise scholars may not skip a fall or spring semester during the five-semester eligibility period.
  - b. Promise scholars may receive the scholarship benefit for fall and spring terms but NOT for summer or mini terms.
  - c. "Stop Out" rule is applicable. Students who enter the Dallas Promise and sit out for one long semester (fall or spring), must complete an appeal form if they fail to enroll each fall and spring semesters.

Transfer students who do not meet the Dallas Promise deadlines and criteria will be responsible for all tuition and fees not covered by scholarships and/or financial aid. International students currently are not eligible to receive the tuition benefit at A&M-Texarkana through the Dallas Promise program.

#### **A Dallas Promise Scholar at A&M-Texarkana May:**

- Receive other private and institutional scholarship funds (contact the Financial Aid Office at A&M-Texarkana for further details at [finaid@tamut.edu](mailto:finaid@tamut.edu))

#### **A Dallas Promise Scholar at A&M-Texarkana Must:**

- Accept all gift aid for which they are eligible, including Pell and state grants.

- Complete their financial aid file, including verification, by April 1 each year.

**A Dallas Promise Scholar at A&M-Texarkana *May Not*:**

- Transfer the award to another college/university outside A&M-Texarkana.
- Return to A&M-Texarkana and receive funds after or while attending another institution.
- Transfer the award to another individual.
- Receive a refund of any unspent Dallas Promise dollars in his/her award account.
- Have a gap in enrollment between when they complete an associate degree and when they enroll in A&M-Texarkana as part of Promise.

**2. Application**

Dallas Promise Scholars must declare their intent to transfer to A&M-Texarkana by March 15 with their Dallas College Success Coach or Rising Star advisor during their first year at Dallas College.

Additionally, prospective Dallas Promise Transfer Scholars must:

1. Be admitted to A&M-Texarkana by April 1 for fall or November 1 for spring semesters including submitting official transcripts from all previously attended and/or currently enrolled colleges/universities.
2. Have a complete FAFSA and/or TASFA on/before April 1 for fall or December 1 for spring which includes the submission of all required documents if chosen for verification.
3. To ensure prospective students are considered not only for Dallas Promise but for A&M-Texarkana’s competitive scholarships, scholars are encouraged to be admitted and apply for financial aid by December 1 for fall or October 15 for spring.

**3. Payments and Renewal Criteria**

Once a Dallas Promise scholar is enrolled at A&M-Texarkana, scholars must maintain specific criteria in order to continue receiving financial aid. The renewal criteria are as follows:

- Be registered in a minimum of at least 12 credit hours through the 12<sup>th</sup> class day for each fall and spring semester (non-enrolled hours are not included)

- Earn at least 12 credit hours at the end of each fall and spring semester/term
- Maintain a minimum end of year institutional cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.50 to be checked at the end of each fall and spring semester. Students falling below a 2.50 GPA at the fall semester will be given a warning and will still be eligible for Promise in the Spring.
- Meet and maintain minimum standards of A&M-Texarkana's Satisfactory Academic Progress as set forth in the A&M-Texarkana Undergraduate Catalog
- Complete a bachelor's degree within five (5) semesters of enrollment at A&M-Texarkana.

For more information about applying for transfer admission, scholarships or financial aid contact Katelyn Sloan at [ksloan@tamut.edu](mailto:ksloan@tamut.edu).

## Section IX: Texas Woman's University

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### **Offers for 2020-2021:**

Graduating seniors with high school diplomas:

- Tuition covered
- GPA: based on admissions requirements
- Family income requirement: \$50,000 or less

Graduating seniors with associate degrees:

- Tuition covered
- GPA: based on admissions requirements
- Family income requirement: \$50,000 or less

Current Promise scholars attending Dallas College (transfer):

- Tuition covered
- GPA: 2.0
- Family income requirement: \$50,000 or less

## Section X: University of North Texas at Dallas (UNT Dallas)

**The following are updates from March 2021 due to COVID-19:**

- 1. Admission application submission deadline extended to June 1, 2021 for 2020-2021 graduating high school seniors.**
- 2. Financial aid application submission deadline extended to June 1, 2021 for 2020-2021 graduating high school seniors.**

At the University of North Texas at Dallas (UNT Dallas), the Dallas County Promise (Promise) is funded by UNT Dallas institutional funds.

All students, regardless of income or grade point average, and are admissible to UNT Dallas who graduate from a participating Dallas County high school (see Appendix A) in 2020-21 and meet UNT Dallas admission criteria may participate in two paths as outlined in this section.

1. Direct entry from high school to UNT Dallas
2. Transfer from Dallas College to UNT Dallas

UNTD Promise funding is only available for a student's first bachelor's degree. Additionally, Dallas County Promise Scholars will be paired with and supported by a UNT Dallas success coach and academic advisor.

UNT Dallas also participates and offers funding through the Parent Promise Program for those who qualify based on eligibility set forth in the Parent Promise Program policy document. Please refer to that separate document for further details.

*Beyond the expenses funded by UNT Dallas' Dallas County Promise, there are other college costs that scholars should budget for, including fees, housing, supplies, transportation, and food.*

*Program requirements and procedures may change depending on extenuating circumstances. For the latest information visit:*

<https://admissions.untDallas.edu/dallas-county-promise>

### **A. First-Year Direct from High School Enrollment UNT Dallas Promise Scholarships**

A student graduating with at least a high school diploma from a participating Dallas County high school (see Appendix A) who meets the UNT Dallas Promise deadlines and meet UNT Dallas admission criteria will be considered for Dallas County Promise funding. Funding is limited and students are prioritized based on date of admission. The UNTD Dallas County Promise

Scholarship covers the remaining balance on the full cost of tuition for up to four academic years or bachelor degree completion (whichever comes first) that is not covered by other grants, scholarships, exemptions, benefits and/or waiver programs received by the student.

### **1. Eligibility**

2020-21 high school graduates are eligible to participate in the Dallas County Promise program at UNT Dallas as a first-year student if they meet all of the following criteria.

1. Attend a participating high school (see Appendix A) for the full 2020-2021 school year and graduate in the 2020-2021 school year with at least a high diploma.
  - a. Students graduating in December 2020 are Promise eligible; however, Promise funding does not begin until the fall semester following high school graduation for those who qualify.
  - b. Students must graduate between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 to be eligible for Promise in Fall 2021.
  - c. High school students that do not meet the Dallas County Promise deadlines or do not graduate with at least their high school diploma and choose to attend UNT Dallas as a first-year student will be responsible for all tuition and costs not covered by other scholarships or financial aid.
2. Meet all undergraduate admission criteria and be admitted into UNT Dallas.
3. Meet all Promise deadlines for Pledge, admissions application, financial aid application, orientation, and enrollment.
4. Are a U.S. Citizen or are a Non-U.S. Citizen eligible to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) application based on Texas residency requirements.
  - a. Students who have not met Texas residency requirements must file an appeal with UNT Dallas to receive Dallas County Promise.
  - b. UNT Dallas does not currently process applications for students classified as international students (those holding an F1 student visa). Students classified as international students are currently not eligible for the Promise scholarship.
5. Must start classes the fall semester after their high school graduation.

- a. Promise scholars must enroll in the fall and spring semester during their first year and must not skip a fall or spring semester during the four-year eligibility period.
- b. Promise scholars may enroll in fall, spring, summer, or May terms after enrolling in their initial fall semester.
- c. The "Stop Out" rule is applicable. Students who enter the Promise and sit out for one long semester (fall or spring), must complete an appeal form if they fail to enroll each fall and spring semesters.

**A Promise Scholar at UNT Dallas May:**

- Receive other private and institutional scholarship funds (contact the Financial Aid Office at UNT Dallas for further details).

**A Promise Scholar at UNT Dallas Must:**

- Accept all gift and grant aid that they have been awarded, including Pell, state grants, and institutional scholarships.
- Complete their financial aid file, including verification, before being reviewed for Dallas County Promise funding. Review begins on 12<sup>th</sup> day.

**A Promise Scholar at UNT Dallas May Not:**

- Transfer the award to another college/university outside UNT Dallas.
- Return to UNT Dallas and receive funds after or while attending another institution.
- Transfer the award to another individual.
- Receive a refund of any unspent Promise dollars in his/her award account.

**2. Application**

All students graduating from a Dallas County participating high school (link to Appendix) by the end of Summer 2021 are eligible to participate in the Dallas County Promise program and attend the University of North Texas at Dallas by completing the following:

1. Complete the Promise Pledge at [DallasCountyPromise.org](http://DallasCountyPromise.org) by February 5, 2021 along with a signed FERPA form if under 18.
2. Submit the UNT Dallas application through [applytexas.org](http://applytexas.org) by February 5, 2021. NOTE: Priority consideration for other UNT Dallas scholarships is given to students who are admitted by December 1, 2020.
3. Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [FAFSA.org](http://FAFSA.org) and list UNT Dallas OR Texas residents who are non-citizens

need to complete the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) and submit to UNT Dallas by March 5, 2021.

### **3. Payments and Renewal**

Once enrolled at UNT Dallas, Promise scholars must maintain the following to remain eligible:

1. Enroll in 30 semester credit hours for the academic year.
2. Maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA and while meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP).
  - a. GPA is calculated at the end of each year, inclusive of the summer semester, with progress reports each semester.
  - b. Program specific requirements for higher GPAs may be required for certain academic programs.
  - c. Please refer to the UNT Dallas established policies on repeated courses.
3. Complete a bachelor's degree within four years of entering UNT Dallas.

The UNT Dallas Financial Aid Office reviews student accounts starting each Census Day (12<sup>th</sup> class day) to ensure students meet eligibility prior to posting Promise funding. Students with pending Promise funding will not be dropped for non-payment.

### **B. UNT Dallas Promise Transfer Process**

Students who enter a Dallas College campus under Promise and complete their Associate degree within three years with a GPA of 2.000 or higher, maintain Promise eligibility, and meet UNT Dallas admission criteria will be considered for Dallas County Promise funding. Funding is limited and students are prioritized based on date of admission. Dallas County Promise Scholarship covers the remaining balance on the full cost of tuition for up to three academic years or bachelor degree completion whichever comes first that is not covered by other grants, scholarships, exemptions, benefits and/or waiver programs received by the student.

#### **1. Eligibility**

All Promise scholars who remain Promise eligible, maintain at least a 2.000 GPA on transferrable credit, and meet UNT Dallas transfer admission criteria will be considered for Dallas County Promise funding. Funding is limited and students are prioritized based on date of admission. Students wishing to transfer to UNT Dallas before completing an Associate degree are eligible to

receive a Promise Scholarship. Students will be encouraged to complete the reverse transfer process to earn their Associate degree.

## **2. Application**

2020-21 Promise scholars must declare their intent to transfer to UNT Dallas by March 15, 2021, with their Dallas College success coach or Rising Star Advisor in their first year at Dallas College. Dallas College will share names of students with UNT Dallas so that the Admissions office can communicate with these prospective students and facilitate a seamless transfer experience.

Beginning July 1 in the year prior to transfer (i.e. July 1, 2020 if starting Fall 2021) and no later than March 15 (i.e. March 15, 2021 if starting Fall 2021) Promise scholars must complete the following:

1. Submit a **Transfer** Apply TX application (if have 12 or more semester credit hours) on [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org) for UNT Dallas.
2. Submit official transcripts from ALL previously attended and/or currently enrolled colleges/universities.

## **3. Payments and Renewal**

Once enrolled at UNT Dallas, Promise scholars must maintain the following to remain eligible:

1. Enroll in 30 semester credit hours for the academic year.
2. Maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA while meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP).
  - a. GPA is calculated at the end of each year, inclusive of the summer semester, with progress reports each semester.
  - b. Program specific requirements for higher GPAs may be required for certain academic programs.
  - c. Please refer to the UNT Dallas established policies on repeated and dropped courses.
3. Complete a bachelor's degree within three years of entering UNT Dallas.

The UNT Dallas Financial Aid Office reviews student accounts starting each Census Day (12<sup>th</sup> class day) to ensure students meet eligibility prior to posting Promise funding. Students with pending Promise funding will not be dropped for non-payment.

## **Section X: The University of Texas at Arlington**

### **UTA Dallas Promise Scholar Award**

Qualified students from families with an adjusted gross income of \$65,000 or less, will have tuition paid with a combination of federal, state, and The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) funds. This ensures that students will have no out-of-pocket costs for tuition. UTA funds will be “last-dollar”, meaning funds will be applied after federal, state, and/or other grants, scholarships, exemptions, benefits and/or waiver programs are applied to the student’s bill to pay for 12 or more credit hours each fall and spring semester (summer terms and non-UTA enrolled hours are not included).

UTA Dallas Promise Scholars should plan to budget for additional items not covered by the UTA Dallas Promise Scholar Award, including, but not limited to: institutional fees, housing, food, transportation, supplies (both academic and personal), parking fees, etc.

All Dallas County Promise (Dallas Promise) scholars who graduate from a participating Dallas County high school (see Appendix A), meet the requirements of the UTA Dallas Promise Scholar Award program, and meet UTA admission requirements are eligible to attend UTA as a first-year student or transfer student with a Dallas College associate’s degree.

First-year students (including students completing an associate’s degree while in high school) must enroll at UTA directly after graduating from high school.

Transfer students must enroll at UTA directly after completing an associate’s degree at Dallas College within two years of high school graduation and maintain eligibility in the Dallas County Promise program.

UTA Dallas Promise Scholar Awards are applied after all eligibility and annual renewal criteria are met, for up to a time period of continuous enrollment in 12 or more credit hours each fall and spring semester immediately following high school graduation not to exceed 150 total attempted credit hours (including dual credit and transfer credit), or when a student earns their first bachelor’s degree – whichever comes first.

## **A. First-year Dallas County Promise Student Enrollment at The University of Texas at Arlington – Traditional HS Diploma**

Students who graduate from a participating Dallas County high school (see Appendix A), and meet the requirements of the Dallas County Promise Program and meet admission requirements at UTA are eligible to enroll at UTA directly after high school graduation and be considered for a full-tuition award package which includes state and federal financial aid to pay for 12 or more credit hours each fall and spring semester for up to eight semesters (four years), or 150 total attempted credit hours (including dual credit and transfer credit) or when the student earns their first bachelor's degree, whichever comes first.

After eligible Dallas Promise students are enrolled at UTA, UTA Dallas Promise Scholar Awards will pay for the remainder of tuition after federal, state, and institutional grants and/or scholarships are applied. Annual renewal requirements must be met.

First-year 2021 students who do not meet the full-tuition award requirements or application deadlines may still receive other state, federal, and UTA financial aid as long as they meet requirements. Students who do not meet the UTA Dallas Promise student application deadlines will be awarded with the best financial aid package possible based on available funds at the time of the award. Students not receiving the Dallas Promise full-tuition award will be responsible for all tuition and fees not covered by scholarships and/or financial aid.

### **1. First-year Student Eligibility Requirements**

2021 graduates are eligible to participate in the Dallas County Promise program at The University of Texas at Arlington as a new, first-year student if they meet all of the following criteria.

1. Attend a participating high school (see Appendix A) for the full 2020-2021 school year and graduate from a participating high school in the 2021 school year.
2. Meet all Dallas Promise deadlines for the pledge, admission application, FERPA waiver, financial aid application, scholarships, orientation, and enrollment.
3. Must complete the FAFSA or TASFA by January 15, 2021 and be eligible to receive funds through the Federal Pell Grant and/or Texas Grant programs.
4. Have a family adjusted gross income of \$65,000 or less.
5. Must be a Texas resident for tuition purposes.
6. Must start classes the fall semester after their high school graduation.

- a. Dallas Promise scholars must enroll in the fall and spring semester during their first year and must not skip a fall or spring semester during the up to four-year eligibility period.
  - b. UTA Dallas Promise Scholars may receive the award benefit for fall and spring terms but not for summer or mini terms.
  - c. Students who enter UTA as a Dallas Promise student and “stop out” or drop enrollment for a long semester (fall or spring) will be ineligible for the program and the UTA Dallas Promise Scholar Award. Students must complete an appeal form if they fail to enroll each fall and spring semester but wish to continue in the UTA Dallas Promise Program.
7. Register for a minimum of at least 12 credit hours per semester (fall and spring).

International first-year students currently are not eligible for the Dallas County Promise program at UTA.

## **2. First-year Student Application Deadlines**

- For the 2021 school year, submit a complete FAFSA and/or TASFA to UTA (with UTA’s school code 003656) on or before January 15, 2021.
- Apply for admission to The University of Texas at Arlington for a Fall 2021 term on or before February 5, 2021.
- All required supporting admission documents and financial aid supporting verification documents for UTA must be received by March 1, 2021.

Dallas Promise students are encouraged to apply by December 1<sup>st</sup> for other UTA competitive scholarships. For more information about applying for admission, scholarships, or financial aid contact Melissa Martinez Dominguez at [UTADallasPromise@uta.edu](mailto:UTADallasPromise@uta.edu).

## **B. First-year Dallas County Promise Student Enrollment at The University of Texas at Arlington – Graduate from HS with Associate’s Degree and HS Diploma**

First-year 2021 graduates from a participating Dallas County high school (see Appendix A) who have earned their associate’s degree, meet the requirements of the Dallas County Promise Program, meet UTA admission requirements, and UTA Dallas Promise requirements are eligible to enroll at The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) and be considered for a full-tuition award for 12 or more credit hours each fall and spring semester for up to four semesters (2 years), or 150 total attempted credit hours (including dual credit and transfer credit) or when the student earns their first bachelor’s degree, whichever comes first.

After eligible Dallas Promise students are enrolled at UTA, UTA Dallas Promise full-tuition awards will pay for the remainder of tuition after federal, state, and institutional grants and/or scholarships are applied. Annual full-tuition award renewal requirements must be met.

First-year 2021 graduates with an associate's degree students who do not meet the full-tuition award requirements or application deadlines may still receive other state, federal, and UTA financial aid as long as they meet requirements. Students who do not meet the UTA Dallas Promise student application deadlines will be awarded with the best financial aid package possible based on available funds at the time of the award. Students not receiving the Dallas Promise full-tuition award will be responsible for all tuition and fees not covered by scholarships and/or financial aid.

### **1. First-year Student with Associate's Degree Eligibility Requirements**

2021 graduates are eligible to participate in the UTA Dallas Promise Scholar Award program at The University of Texas at Arlington as a new, first-year student if they meet all of the following criteria.

1. Attend a participating high school (see Appendix A) for the full 2020-2021 school year and graduate from a participating high school in the 2021 school year
2. Meet all Dallas Promise deadlines for the pledge, admission application, FERPA waiver, financial aid application, scholarships, orientation, and enrollment.
3. Must complete the FAFSA or TASFA by January 15, 2021, and be eligible to receive funds through the Federal Pell Grant and/or Texas Grant programs.
4. Have a family adjusted gross income of \$65,000 or less.
5. Must be a Texas resident for tuition purposes.
6. Must start classes the fall semester after their high school graduation.
  - a. Dallas Promise scholars must enroll in the fall and spring semester during their first year and must not skip a fall or spring semester during the four-year eligibility period.
  - b. Dallas Promise scholars may receive the award benefit for fall and spring terms but not for summer or mini terms.
  - c. Students who enter UTA as a Dallas Promise student and "stop out" or drop enrollment for a long semester (fall or spring) will be ineligible for the program and the award. Students must

complete an appeal form if they fail to enroll each fall and spring semester but wish to continue in the UTA Dallas Promise Program.

7. Register for a minimum of at least 12 credit hours per semester (fall and spring).

International students currently are not eligible for the Dallas County Promise program at UTA.

## **2. First-year Student with Associate's Degree Application Deadlines**

1. For the 2021 school year, submit a complete FAFSA and/or TASFA to UTA (with UTA's school code 003656) on or before January 15, 2021.
2. Apply for admission to The University of Texas at Arlington for a Fall 2021 term on or before February 5, 2021.
3. All required supporting admission documents and financial aid supporting verification documents for UTA must be received by March 1, 2021.

Dallas Promise first-year students with associate's degrees are encouraged to apply by December 1<sup>st</sup> for other UTA competitive first-year student scholarships. For more information about applying for admission, scholarships, or financial aid contact Melissa Martinez Dominguez at [UTADallasPromise@uta.edu](mailto:UTADallasPromise@uta.edu).

## **C. Transfer Student Dallas County Promise Enrollment at The University of Texas at Arlington**

Dallas Promise Scholars who remain Dallas Promise eligible and complete an associate's degree from Dallas College within two years of high school graduation, meet UTA admissions requirements with a 2.25 minimum GPA, and meet the other UTA Dallas Promise Scholar Award eligibility criteria can be considered for a full-tuition UTA Dallas Promise Scholar Award for 12 or more credit hours each fall and spring semester for up to four semesters (2 years) or 150 total attempted credit hours or until the student earns their first bachelor's degree, whichever comes first. Transfer students must enroll at UTA directly after completing an associate's degree at Dallas College and maintain eligibility in the UTA Dallas Promise Scholar Award program.

After eligible Dallas Promise students are enrolled at UTA, UTA Dallas Promise Scholar Award will pay for the remainder of tuition after federal, state, and institutional grants and/or scholarships are applied. Annual UTA Dallas Promise Scholar Award renewal requirements must be met.

Transfer students with an associate's degree who do not meet students who do not meet the full-tuition award requirements or application deadlines may still receive other state, federal, and UTA financial aid as long as they meet requirements. Students who do not meet the UTA Dallas Promise student application deadlines will be awarded with the best financial aid package possible based on available funds at the time of the award. Students not receiving the Dallas Promise full-tuition award will be responsible for all tuition and fees not covered by scholarships and/or financial aid.

## **1. Transfer Student Eligibility Requirements**

1. Dallas Promise Scholars must maintain Dallas Promise eligibility at Dallas College and must enroll at UTA with their transferable associate's degree from Dallas College (Associate's of Arts, Associate's of Science, Associate's of Arts in Teaching) earned within two years after high school graduation.
2. Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and/or Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) each year on by January 15 and be eligible to receive funds through the Federal Pell Grant and/or Texas Grant programs.
3. Be a Texas resident for tuition purposes.
4. Have a Family Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$65,000 or less.
5. Be accepted for transfer admission to UTA no later than April 1 of the year in which the student intends to transfer in the fall.
6. Must submit final Dallas College transcript with associate's degree conferred and start classes the semester after their associate's degree completion.
  - a. Dallas Promise scholars may not skip a fall or spring semester during the up to four-semester eligibility period.
  - b. Promise scholars may receive the award benefit for fall and spring semesters but not for summer or mini terms.
  - c. Students who enter UTA as a Dallas Promise student and "stop out" or drop enrollment for one long semester (fall or spring) will be ineligible for the program and the award. Students must complete an appeal form if they fail to enroll each fall and spring semester but wish to continue in the UTA Dallas Promise Scholar Award program.
7. Register for at least 12 credit hours per semester (fall and spring).

International transfer students currently are not eligible to receive the full-tuition award at UTA through the Dallas Promise program.

Dallas Promise Scholars are encouraged to declare their intent to transfer to UTA their Dallas College Success Coach or Rising Star advisor during their first year at Dallas College.

## **2. Transfer Application Deadlines**

1. For the 2021 school year, submit a complete FAFSA and/or TASFA to UTA (with UTA's school code 003656) on or before January 15, 2021.
2. Apply for admission to The University of Texas at Arlington for a Fall 2021 term on or before February 5, 2021.
3. All required supporting admission documents and financial aid supporting verification documents must be received by March 1, 2021.

Dallas Promise transfer students are encouraged to apply by February 5, 2021 for other UTA competitive transfer student scholarships. For more information about applying for admission, scholarships, or financial aid contact Melissa Martinez Dominguez at [UTADallasPromise@uta.edu](mailto:UTADallasPromise@uta.edu)

## **D. The UTA Dallas Promise Scholar Award Renewal Requirements**

After a first time Dallas Promise Scholar graduating from high school with a high school diploma and/or associate's degree or a transfer student with an associate's degree from Dallas College is enrolled at UTA, they must maintain renewal requirements to continue receiving the Dallas Promise "full-tuition" UTA Dallas Promise Scholar Award.

Dallas Promise full-tuition awards are applied after all eligibility and annual renewal requirements are met, for up to a time period of continuous enrollment in 12 or more credit hours each fall and spring semester within the enrollment time period after high school graduation not to exceed 150 total attempted credit hours (including dual credit and transfer credit), or when a student earns their first bachelor's degree – whichever comes first.

### **1. UTA Dallas Promise Scholar Award Renewal Requirements**

- Submit the FAFSA and/or TASFA on/before January 15 each year and send all required supporting documents for financial aid to UTA by March 1.
- Have a Family Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$65,000 or less.
- Must be a Texas resident for tuition purposes.

- Earn at least 12 credit hours at UTA each fall and spring semester (non-UTA enrolled hours are not included).
- Maintain a minimum end of academic year institutional cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.50 to be checked at the end of each spring semester. (Students falling below a 2.50 UTA cumulative GPA at the fall semester will be given a warning and will still be eligible for Promise in the immediately following spring semester).
- Meet and maintain minimum standards of UTA Satisfactory Academic Progress as set forth in the UTA Undergraduate Catalog.
- Be within the eligible enrollment period since Dallas County participating high school graduation with continuous enrollment in 12 or more credit hours each fall and spring semester, not to exceed 150 total attempted credit hours (including dual credit and transfer credit) without having already earned the first bachelor's degree.

#### **A UTA Dallas Promise Scholar at UTA Must**

- Accept all gift aid for which they are eligible, including Pell grants, state grants, and scholarships.
- Complete their financial aid file, including verification, by March 1 each year.

#### **A UTA Dallas Promise Scholar at UTA May**

- Receive other private and institutional scholarship funds (contact the Financial Aid Office at UTA for further details at [schol@uta.edu](mailto:schol@uta.edu)).
- Complete an appeal form if they fail to enroll in a fall or spring semester but wish to continue in the UTA Dallas Promise Program.
- Complete an appeal form to extend Promise Program by up to two semesters if needed to earn their first bachelor's degree, as long as the student falls below the 150 maximum attempted credit hours and meets all other eligibility requirements.

#### **A UTA Dallas Promise Scholar at UTA May Not**

- Transfer the award to another college/university outside UTA.
- Return to UTA and receive funds after or while attending another institution.
- Receive a refund of any unspent Dallas Promise dollars in the award account.

- “Stop Out” or drop enrollment from a fall or spring semester at UTA during their Dallas Promise Program eligibility period.

## Appendix A: 2020-2021 Participating High Schools

The following schools were invited to participate in Promise because they are either a TEA-approved Early College High School that is co-sponsored by Dallas College, or because they are a co-sponsor with Dallas College of a collegiate academy that has produced graduates with a degree from Dallas College.

Students attending a district's alternative campus are eligible so long as the student's transcript reflects the name of a participating high school. Students must have been enrolled in a Promise high school as of October 30, 2020 and graduated from a Promise high school in the 2020-2021 school year to be Promise eligible.

### **Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD**

- Brookhaven Early College HS
- Newman Smith HS
- R.L. Turner HS

### **Cedar Hill ISD**

- Cedar Hill Collegiate HS
- Cedar Hill HS

### **Dallas ISD**

- Bryan Adams HS
- David W. Carter HS
- Dr Wright L. Lassiter Jr Early College HS
- Emmett J. Conrad HS
- Franklin D. Roosevelt HS
- H. Grady Spruce HS
- Hillcrest HS
- Innovation, Design and Entrepreneurship Academy
- James Madison HS
- Judge Sanders Law Magnet
- Justin F. Kimball HS
- Kathlyn Joy Gilliam Collegiate Academy
- L. G. Pinkston HS
- Lincoln Humanities/Communications Magnet HS
- Moises E. Molina HS
- North Dallas HS
- Rosie Sorrells ESS
- School of Business & Management
- School of Health Professions
- School of Science & Engineering
- Seagoville HS
- Skyline HS
- South Oak Cliff HS
- Sunset HS
- Thomas Jefferson HS
- Trinidad Garza ECHS at Mountain View

- W. H. Adamson HS
- W. T. White HS
- W. W. Samuel HS
- Wilmer-Hutchins HS
- Woodrow Wilson HS

### **DeSoto ISD**

- DeSoto HS

### **Duncanville ISD**

- Duncanville HS

### **Garland ISD**

- Garland HS
- Lakeview Centennial HS
- Naaman Forest HS
- North Garland HS
- South Garland HS

### **Grand Prairie ISD**

- Dubiski HS
- Grand Prairie HS
- South Grand Prairie HS

### **Irving ISD**

- Irving HS
- Jack E. Singley Academy
- MacArthur HS
- Nimitz HS

### **Lancaster ISD**

- Lancaster HS

### **Mesquite ISD**

- Mesquite HS
- North Mesquite HS
- West Mesquite HS

### **Richardson ISD**

- Berkner HS
- Lake Highlands HS
- Richardson HS

## Appendix B: 2020-2021 Promise-Eligible CEU Stand-Alone Programs and CE Institutional Awards at Dallas College

All credit course programs at Dallas College are Promise-eligible. Only the following non-credit CEU programs are Promise-eligible as of 09/17/2020 for students entering Dallas College directly from high school. Note: Promise-eligible programs for Parent Promise candidates can be found online:

<https://www.dallascollege.edu/paying-for-college/parent-promise/pages/promise-awards.aspx>

### College Abbreviation Key

BHC = Brookhaven College	MVC = Mountain View College
CVC = Cedar Valley College	NLC = North Lake College
ECC = El Centro College	RLC = Richland College
EFC = Eastfield College	

CEU Stand-Alone Programs					
College	CEU Program	CIP Code	Contact Hours	Chair	Phone Ext.
CVC	CEU Basic Peace Officer	43.0107	774	Mark Smith	8039
CVC	CEU Fire Fighting Certificate	43.0203	564	Steve Sanchez	8295
ECC	CEU Basic Firefighter Certificate	43.0203	680	Gloria Smith	5725
ECC	CEU Basic Police Recruit Training	43.0107	774	Gloria Smith	5725
ECC	CEU Conflict Management Specialist Certificate	52.0101	432	Adam McGough	2393
ECC	CEU Medical Assisting Certificate	51.0801	720	Sandra Alexander	5048
EFC	CEU Basic Peace Officer	43.0107	774	Marcia Hasenyager	7689
EFC	CEU Mechatronic Technician Certificate	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
NLC	CEU Commercial Carpentry Certificate	15.1001	560	Lawrence Johnson	7879
NLC	CEU Commercial Electrical Certificate	15.1001	640	Lawrence Johnson	7879
NLC	CEU Commercial HVAC Certificate	15.1001	640	Lawrence Johnson	7879
NLC	CEU Commercial Masonry Certificate	15.1001	360	Lawrence Johnson	7879
NLC	CEU Commercial Plumbing Certificate	15.1001	640	Lawrence Johnson	7879

NLC	CEU Electrical Pre-Apprentice Certificate	46.0302	384	Lawrence Johnson	7879
NLC	CEU Field Engineering Certificate	15.1001	448	Lawrence Johnson	7879
NLC	CEU Pipefitting Certificate	15.1001	640	Lawrence Johnson	7879
NLC	CEU Plumbing, Pipefitting and HVAC Certificate	15.1001	668-704	Lawrence Johnson	7879
NLC	CEU Residential Builder/Contractor Certificate	15.1001	368	Lawrence Johnson	7879
NLC	CEU Residential Carpentry Certificate	15.1001	480	Lawrence Johnson	7879
NLC	CEU Sheet Metal Certificate	15.1001	640	TBD	TBD
NLC	CEU Surveying Certificate	15.1001	624	Lawrence Johnson	7879
NLC	CEU Welding Certificate	15.1001	480	Lawrence Johnson	7879
RLC	CEU Import-Export Certificate	52.1101	496	Heather Young	6716
RLC	CEU Entry-Level Pharmacy Technician Certificate	51.0805	402	Tiffany Johnson	6308
RLC	CEU Medical Assisting Certificate	51.0801	768	Berna Thomas	6920
EFC, MVC	CEU Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW) Certificate	48.0508	512	EFC - Jeff Mitchell MVC - Lorraine Hood-Jack	EFC - 7066 MVC - 3627
EFC, MVC	CEU Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW) Certificate	48.0508	512	EFC - Jeff Mitchell MVC - Lorraine Hood-Jack	EFC - 7066 MVC - 3627
EFC, MVC	CEU Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW) Certificate	48.0508	512	EFC - Jeff Mitchell MVC - Lorraine Hood-Jack	EFC - 7066 MVC - 3627

<b>CE Institutional Awards</b>					
NLC	CE Administrative Assistant Occupational Skills Award	52.0407	320	Lynne Smith-Brush	3469
NLC	CE Cisco Networking Assistant Occupational Skills Award	11.0901	224	Lynne Smith-Brush	3469
NLC	CE Cisco Networking Technician Occupational	11.0901	224	Lynne Smith-Brush	3469
NLC	CE Desktop Publishing Occupational Skills Award	52.0407	320	Lynne Smith-Brush	3469
BHC	CE Medical Front Office Assistant Occupational Skills Award	51.0716	272	Susana Ruelas	7846
NLC	CE Office User Specialist Occupational Skills Award	52.0407	304	Lynne Smith-Brush	3469
NLC	CE Supervisory Training Occupational Skills Award	15.1001	262	Lawrence Johnson	7879