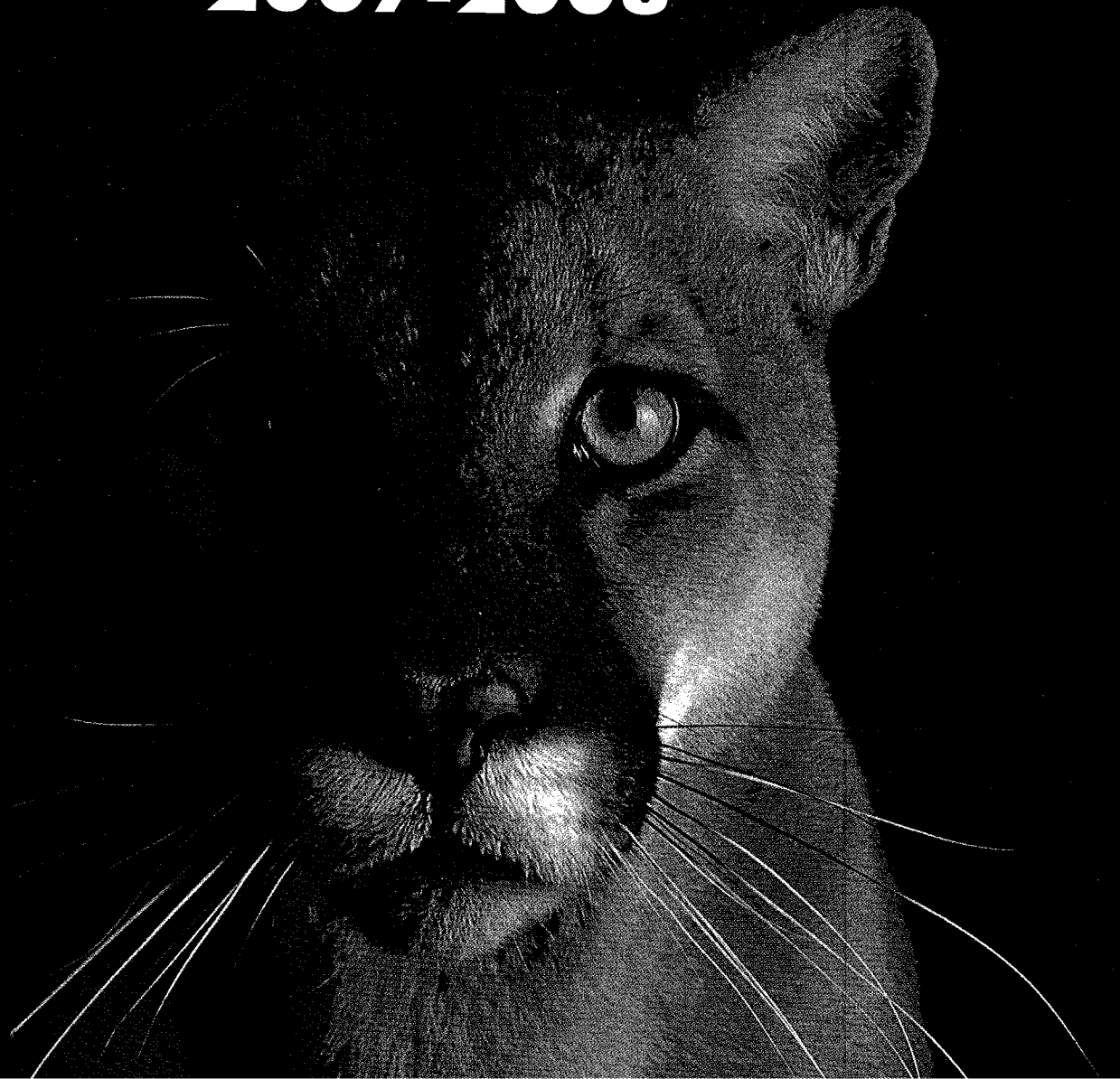


**SCHOLARSHIPS
AND
FINANCIAL AID
GUIDE
2007-2008**



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Thank you for choosing the University of Houston!

Planning ahead is essential when applying for financial aid. That's why the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid is here to help. To bridge the gap between educational costs and your resources, financial aid is available in the form of grants, loans, and scholarships. We've prepared this Scholarships and Financial Aid Guide to help you understand the process and assist in identifying programs you may be eligible to receive.

The entire financial aid process can take up to eight weeks. **It is important for you to get started as soon as possible after January 1** to ensure you receive your award in time to pay tuition and fees. Otherwise, you will have to pay the tuition and fees up front and possibly be reimbursed at a later time. Remember, financial aid is not awarded until you have been regularly admitted into a degree-seeking program and our office has received all of the required documents.

We know that the financial aid process can be confusing. We're here to help. Our financial aid advisors are available to answer your questions on a walk-in basis or by appointment. To schedule an appointment stop by 120 Welcome Center. You also may contact our customer service hotline at 713-743-1010, option 3 for assistance with any financial aid questions.

Ralph Perri

Director, Scholarships and Financial Aid



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Determining Your Cost of Education

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An estimate of your total expenses is used to calculate the cost of education while attending the University of Houston. In addition to tuition and fees, this cost of education includes room, board, books, supplies, transportation, and other related expenses.

ESTIMATED COSTS 2006-2007

The budgets vary based on your living arrangements while in school, from living with parents or relatives, to living on campus, to living off campus (away from family). Approximate costs of attending UH for a nine-month academic year with full time enrollment are: \$14,000 for living with family, \$18,000 for living on campus, and \$21,000 for living off campus. An additional \$8,000 (approximate) will be charged to out-of-state students for non-resident tuition.

Tuition and Fees	\$6,796
Housing and Board	\$8,772
Books and Supplies	\$1,050
Transportation	\$2,396
Miscellaneous	\$2,958
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TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS	\$21,972

Financial Aid Programs

Scholarships

We understand that finding ways to pay for your college education can be complicated. At the University of Houston, however, there are many options available for you.

University-Funded Scholarships

To be considered automatically for many of our university-funded scholarships, all you have to do is apply for admission, meet the minimum requirements, and have a completed admissions file. The university's application for admission serves as your scholarship application. You **MUST** have a completed admissions file by January 1, to be considered for a university scholarship. Check your admission status at www.uh.edu/studentstatus. You will be notified by mail if you are awarded a scholarship.

Scholarship awards are based on academic credentials as measured by high school performance and standardized test scores. For eligibility, students **MUST**:

- graduate from a high school accredited by the Texas Education Agency and/or appropriate Regional Association of Schools and Colleges;
- apply for admission to UH in the fall semester following high school graduation; AND
- be a United States citizen, permanent resident, or hold a Temporary Resident Card (Form I-688 or I-688A).

Academic scholarships, with the exception of the Achiever's Scholarship, are renewable up to four years provided the student maintains a 12-hour semester load with a minimum 3.0 GPA per semester. In addition to meeting semester-hour and GPA requirements, students **MUST** be in good disciplinary standing with the UH Dean of Students.

NOTE: Students pursuing a bachelor's degree in architecture, which is a five-year academic program, may receive scholarship awards for up to five years.

Scholarships

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Incoming students are eligible for the following university-funded scholarships:

- Academic Excellence Scholarship
- National Merit Scholarship Finalist
- Achiever's Scholarship
- Cullen Leadership Scholarship
- Highest Ranking High School Graduate Scholarship
- Valedictorian Scholarship
- Terry Foundation Scholarship

NOTE: You have applied for these scholarships once you've submitted your admissions application. For more information about these scholarships visit www.uh.edu/finaid/freshman

Individual College Scholarships

To be considered for scholarship awards by our individual colleges, you **MUST** submit an application through the appropriate college.

All of the following UH colleges offer individual scholarships:

- C.T. Bauer College of Business
- College of Education
- Cullen College of Engineering
- Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management
- Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture
- College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
- College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- College of Pharmacy
- College of Technology
- The Honors College

For more information regarding these scholarships, visit www.uh.edu/scholarships

Transfer Student Scholarships

We may have a scholarship for you if you are thinking of transferring to UH as an undergraduate. If you show promise through academics, leadership, and/or community involvement the following scholarships are available:

- Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship
- Transfer Excellence Scholarship

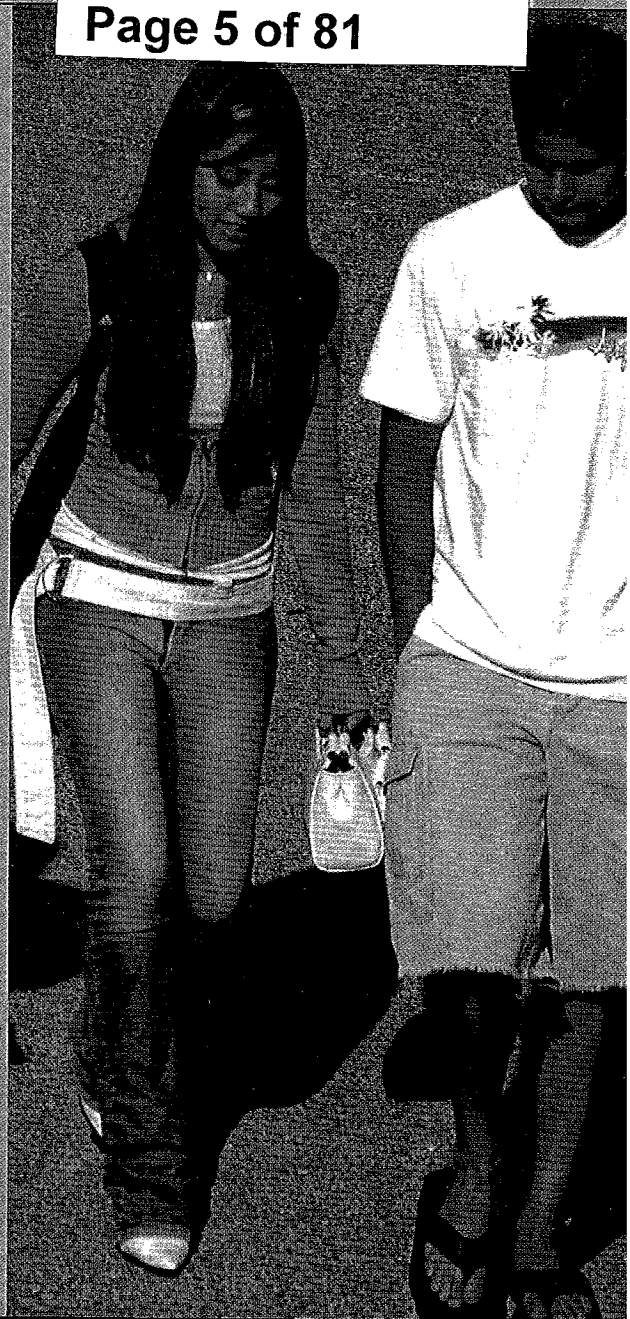
Other scholarships are available and awarded based on merit, financial need, or other circumstantial and academic considerations. Visit www.uh.edu/finaid/transfer for more information.

Out-of-State Student Scholarships

You may be entitled to an out-of-state tuition waiver if you are a:

- nonresident of the state of Texas AND
- recipient of UH or competitive individual college scholarships totaling \$1,000 or more annually.

The waiver allows you to pay tuition at the same rate as a Texas resident—a savings of thousands per semester. For more information visit www.uh.edu/finaid/outofstate



A grant is a need-based award that does not need to be repaid. The main difference between grants and scholarships is that scholarships typically look at academic merit; and grants are almost exclusively awarded on financial need. There are federal, state, private, and institutional grant programs.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is required to apply for all the grants listed below. The most important thing to remember for students seeking grants, is that the FAFSA and all required documents must be received by the priority deadline – April 1. Since grant funds are limited, we can only give the maximum consideration to those students who have met the priority deadline. You may review your required documents at www.uh.edu/studentstatus.

Federal Pell Grants are awarded to students who are working toward their first bachelor's degree and who demonstrate exceptional need and are U.S. citizens or eligible noncitizens. Students who file the FAFSA are automatically considered for the Pell Grant. The federal government determines the Pell Grant award, which starts at \$400 per academic year with the maximum adjusted annually.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG) are awarded to undergraduate Pell Grant students who are citizens or eligible noncitizens, based on financial need. Funding for this program is limited; therefore, it is only available to students who meet the priority deadline – April 1. Awards range from \$100 to \$4,000 depending on annual funding and UH's institutional awarding policy.

Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) and the Special Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (SLEAP) Program are available for Texas residents.

These grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to undergraduate students enrolled at least half-time and demonstrate need. You must be a U.S. citizen for eligibility.

Visit www.theccb.state.tx.us for additional information.

Undergraduate Tuition Grant is an institutional grant awarded to undergraduate students who demonstrate need and meet the priority deadline – April 1. The award range is \$400 – \$2,200 per academic year.

Graduate Tuition Grant is an institutional grant awarded to graduate students who demonstrate need and meet the priority deadline – April 1. The award range is \$400 – \$2,000 per academic year.

Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG) and Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART) Grant are federal programs available to full-time Pell eligible students who meet certain academic requirements. Eligible students must be a U.S. citizen and your final transcript must be on file with the Office of Admissions by July 1 for consideration.

UH Grant In Aid is an institutional grant program awarded to full-time students who demonstrate financial need and meet the priority deadline – April 1. The maximum award is \$500 per academic year.

Texas Public Educational Grant (TPEG) is a program administered by the state of Texas to provide assistance to students with financial need, seeking either a first bachelor's, graduate, or professional degree. It is available for Texas residents and nonresidents who meet the priority deadline – April 1.

Towards Excellence, Access and Success (Texas) Grant is a state of Texas sponsored program created to help students with financial need pay for college. Students who complete the Recommended High School Program or Distinguished Achievement Program in an accredited Texas high school and meet certain eligibility requirements are automatically considered. For more information visit, www.collegefortexans.com.

Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program is a federally funded, state-administered program to recognize exceptional high school seniors who show promise of continued excellence in higher education. Byrd scholars must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA before receiving the award each semester. The T...



Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP)

FFELP is the private sector student loan program that makes higher education affordable and accessible for students. Under FFELP, private sector lenders provide federal student loans to students and their parents in partnership with school financial aid offices. All of the following loans are available through FFELP, and require completion of the FAFSA.

Federal Stafford Loan Program offers low-interest, government-insured education loans for undergraduate and graduate students. Loan amounts vary depending on your year in school and whether you are considered a dependent or independent student. Interest rates are adjusted annually on July 1, and cannot exceed 8.25 percent. Repayment begins six months after you graduate, withdraw, or drop below half-time enrollment.

- **Subsidized Federal Stafford Loans** are awarded to students with demonstrated need. The federal government pays the interest for you while you are enrolled at least half-time, during a grace period or during authorized deferments.
- **Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans** are available to all students regardless of income. Repayment of the principal is not required while you are enrolled at least half-time, but interest is charged from the time you receive the loan funds. Interest is automatically deferred or you can make payment arrangements with your lender.

Subsidized and Unsubsidized Stafford Loans can be combined as long as the maximum annual and aggregate limits for the Stafford Loan Program have not been exceeded. Maximum combined funding is based on grade level and student classification. The combined subsidized Stafford Loan aggregate limit for dependent undergraduate students is \$23,000.

Independent students are eligible for additional Unsubsidized Stafford funding, as are dependent students, whose parents do not qualify for Federal PLUS loans. The combined aggregate limit for Subsidized and Unsubsidized Stafford Loans is \$46,000 for independent undergraduate students. The aggregate limit for graduate and professional students is \$138,500, including \$65,000 in subsidized funds. Your aggregate loan limit can be monitored through the National Student Loan Data System at www.nslds.ed.gov by using your Federal PIN (see page 8).

Federal PLUS Loans are designed to help graduate students and parents of undergraduate dependent students meet their educational costs. Graduate students and parents may borrow up to the cost of education minus all other aid awarded for the academic year. PLUS Loans are available only to borrowers who do not have adverse credit histories. This loan has a variable interest rate capped at 9 percent and is adjusted July 1 of each year. Repayment begins 60 days after the last loan disbursement for the year. Parents of dependent undergraduate students may borrow up to the cost of education minus all other aid awarded for the academic year.

ANNUAL LIMITS

Subsidized Stafford Loans

Freshmen	\$3,500
Sophomores	\$4,500
Juniors/Seniors	\$5,500
Graduates	\$8,500

Unsubsidized Stafford Loans

(Includes any subsidized funds awarded)

Freshmen	\$3,500
Sophomores	\$4,500
Juniors/Seniors	\$5,500
Graduates	\$8,500

Additional Unsubsidized Funding

(For independent students and students whose parents are denied PLUS Loans)

Freshmen	\$4,000
Sophomores	\$4,000
Juniors/Seniors	\$5,000
Graduates	\$12,000

ACADEMIC LEGEND

Freshmen	0-29 credits
Sophomore	30-59
Junior	60-89
Senior	90+
Graduate	Beyond Bachelor's



Loans

Federal Perkins Loan is a low-interest (5 percent) loan program that is available to undergraduate and graduate students to assist with tuition costs. Priority for this loan is given to students with exceptional financial need. The FAFSA and all required documents must be received by the priority deadline – April 1. The major advantage for Perkins recipients is that the government pays the interest if you are enrolled at least half-time and for 9 months after your last date of attendance. In addition, you are required to make payments during that time.

B-On-Time Loan is intended to provide eligible Texas students no-interest loans to attend colleges and universities in Texas. If the student meets specified goals, the entire loan amount can be forgiven upon graduation. Funding for the Texas B-On-Time Loan Program is limited and priority will be given to students who are eligible for TEXAS Grants, but are not receiving a TEXAS Grant due to a shortage of funding in that program. You **MUST** complete the FAFSA and submit all required documents by the priority deadline – April 1.

Eligibility requirements include:

- Texas resident,
- Graduated 2002-2003 academic year or later under the recommended high school program from a public or accredited private high school in Texas or received an associate's degree from an eligible institution no earlier than May 1, 2005,
- Has not earned a bachelor's degree, AND
- Enrolled full-time in an undergraduate degree or certificate program at an eligible institution.

College Access Loan provides alternative education loans to Texas students who are unable to meet the cost of attendance. This loan is part of the Hinson-Hazlewood College Student Loan Program administered by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Apply at www.hhloans.com.

Eligibility requirements include:

- Texas resident eligible to pay resident tuition at a Texas public or independent institution of higher education,
- Enrolled at least half-time in a course of study leading to an associate's, bachelor's, graduate or professional degree or an approved Alternative Educator Certification Program,
- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements set by UH, AND
- Provide a cosigner who has good credit standing and meets other requirements.

Alternative Loans are loans provided by banks and private lending institutions. Loan eligibility is determined by your credit history. The interest rates and loan terms may vary depending on the lender selected. Therefore, it is a good idea to speak with several lenders before deciding on a private loan. Our office must certify these loans before funds can be disbursed. The loan amount awarded cannot exceed the cost of education (less other financial aid received). Apply at www.uh.edu/studentloan.

University Short-term Loans are offered at the beginning of each semester for students who may be temporarily short of funds to pay their current tuition and fees during priority/regular/late-fee payment periods. For more information,

Federal Work-Study

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The Federal Work-Study Program provides an opportunity for employment to undergraduate and graduate students with financial need. It allows students to earn money to help pay for education-related expenses.

College Work-Study is a need-based program to:

- assist in earning money to meet educational costs AND
- provide work experience related to your chosen academic major or career field.

Jobs are part-time and may be located on or off campus. Students are allowed to work a maximum of twenty hours per week, and the hourly pay is at least the federal minimum wage. Federal work-study provides valuable employment experience and possible opportunities to participate in community service. For more information visit www.uh.edu/finaid/workstudy.

Summer Aid



Summer financial aid is available to students enrolled at least half-time and have remaining aid that was NOT used during the fall and spring semesters. In addition to completing the FAFSA, students will need to complete a Summer Data Form, which is available April 1 at www.uh.edu/finaid/forms.

This form MUST be submitted by May 1 for maximum consideration for limited funds. Grants and work-study funding availability for summer aid is limited based on program funding.

Before You Apply...

You **MUST** meet the following criteria to be eligible for financial aid:

- High school diploma or a General Education Development (GED) Certificate
- U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen
- Enrolled at least half-time in a degree program
- Valid Social Security Number
- Registered with the Selective Service, if required
- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress
- Not be in default of any federal funds

The Six Steps to Financial Aid

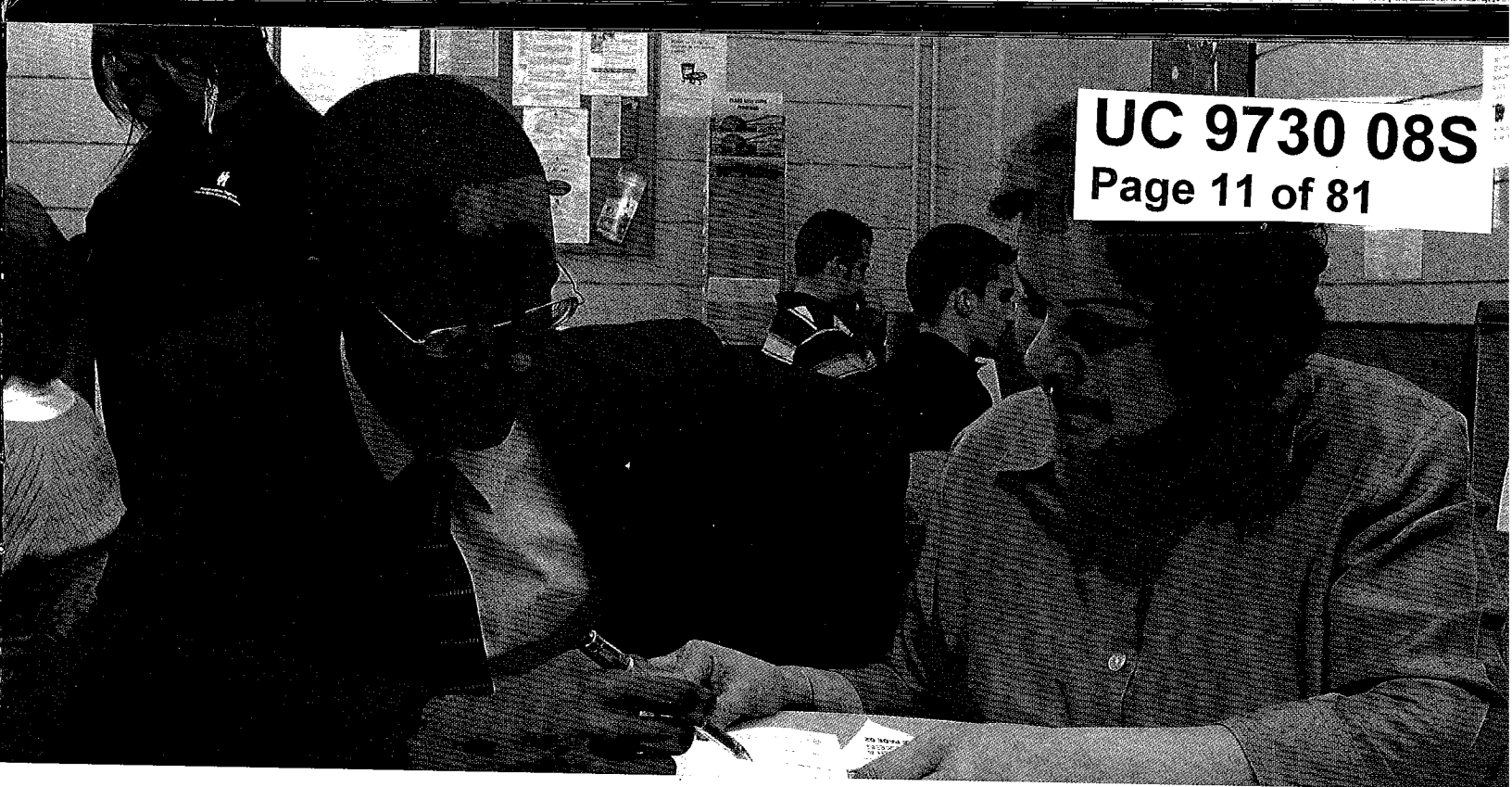
Once you have determined you are **ELIGIBLE** for financial aid, you are ready to begin the six steps to financial aid:

STEP 1

Apply for Your PIN

Federal Personal Identification Number (PIN)

The federal PIN allows you to sign your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) electronically. Parents of dependent students should obtain a PIN so that they too can sign the FAFSA online. If you are a continuing student, you may use your PIN to access your FAFSA Renewal on the Web. Visit www.pin.ed.gov to obtain your federal PIN.



STEP 2

Complete your FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

To apply for financial aid, you **MUST** complete a FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov. You should complete the application as early as possible, after January 1 and prior to March 1. You **MUST** have all required documents submitted to the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid by the priority deadline of April 1, to receive the maximum consideration for limited financial aid resources. The **University of Houston Federal School Code** is **003652**.

Important Dates

Semester	Priority Deadline*	Awards by Fee Bill Deadline**	Final Deadline***
Fall	April 1	June 1	November 15
Spring	N/A	November 1	April 15
Summer	May 1	May 1	June 15

* **The Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid MUST receive your FAFSA results and all required documents by this date to receive the maximum consideration for limited financial aid resources.** You also must be a fully admitted degree-seeking student to receive financial aid.

** The Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid MUST receive your FAFSA results and all required documents by this date in order to process your financial aid by the fee bill due date. You also must be a fully admitted degree-seeking student to receive financial aid. **If you do not meet this deadline, you will be responsible for making payment on your account to avoid being dropped from your classes.**

*** **The Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid MUST receive FAFSA**

Special Circumstances

The Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid follows federal, state, and institutional regulations in administering financial aid. Your eligibility is calculated based on all information submitted on your FAFSA. We recognize, however, that many families experience changes in income or have family situations that are not reflected correctly on the FAFSA. Using federal regulations, we can revise your FAFSA data and dependency status to reflect your current circumstances.

Are You Independent?

The federally mandated formula used to determine financial aid eligibility is based on the premise that your family has the primary responsibility to pay for your education. When applying for financial aid, the federal government has specific standards to determine whether you are a dependent or independent student.

You **MUST** meet at least **ONE** of the following to be considered an **independent student**:

- Married
- Born before January 1, 1984
- Veteran of the United States Armed Forces
- Ward of the court until age 18, or both parents are deceased
- Enrolled in a graduate or professional program
- Responsible for a legal dependent other than a spouse who receives more than half of their support from you

NOTE: If you do not meet any of the above criteria, then you are considered a dependent student and **MUST** report your parents' income and include their signature on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The following circumstances are **NOT** considered for the purpose of achieving independent status for financial aid:

- You do not live in your parents' home
- You are self-supporting
- You are not claimed as a federal income tax exemption on your parents' income tax return
- Your parents cannot afford or refuse to help with college or living expenses
- Your parents are unwilling to provide their financial information to complete the FAFSA
- You and your parents had disagreements resulting in a breakdown in your relationship

NOTE: If you believe you have special circumstances that should be considered for independent status, meet with our financial aid advisors to discuss your situation. Advisors are available in 120 Welcome Center, or you may call **713-743-1010**, option 3 to schedule an appointment.

Financial Reconsideration

If you or your parents' financial situation has changed from the information provided on the FAFSA, or at any time during the academic year, you should contact our office to schedule an appointment with a financial aid advisor. Your advisor will determine whether your circumstances warrant a Special Circumstances Appeal. The Special Circumstances Appeal Application will be provided by your advisor, along with a detailed explanation of the required documents that must be submitted with your appeal in order to process your request. Special circumstances include, but are not limited to: loss of employment, disability, illness, separation, divorce, or death. Your appeal will not be considered without the required supporting documentation. Our office will notify you if additional documentation is necessary.



STEP 3

Review Your SAR

Processing Period

Your Student Aid Report (SAR) allows you to review and make corrections to your FAFSA, using your federal PIN. Once you have completed your FAFSA, you will be notified by e-mail within 3-5 days that your SAR is ready for review. At that time, you have access to make necessary corrections, using your federal PIN.

The Department of Education will forward your SAR to the school(s) listed on your FAFSA. Make sure you list the **University of Houston Federal School Code 003652**.

STEP 4

Complete Your File

While processing your FAFSA, additional application requirements may be requested to complete your file. You will be notified via e-mail that your file is incomplete. You can monitor your file at www.uh.edu/studentstatus. The priority deadline to submit all documents is April 1.

Application Requirements

Once your FAFSA data is submitted, your information will be verified by a series of federally mandated data matches (Social Security Number, date of birth, name, Selective Service status, INS status, citizenship status, and default status). You may also be selected for the verification process by the U.S. Department of Education. Our office will contact you for any required documentation. The priority deadline to submit all documents is April 1.

Verification

Verification is a random quality-control method used by the U.S. Department of Education to check the accuracy of information submitted on the FAFSA. All schools that disburse Federal Title IV funds are required to participate in the verification process. The verification process is a manual review of your application and requires a minimum of 2-3 weeks for processing.

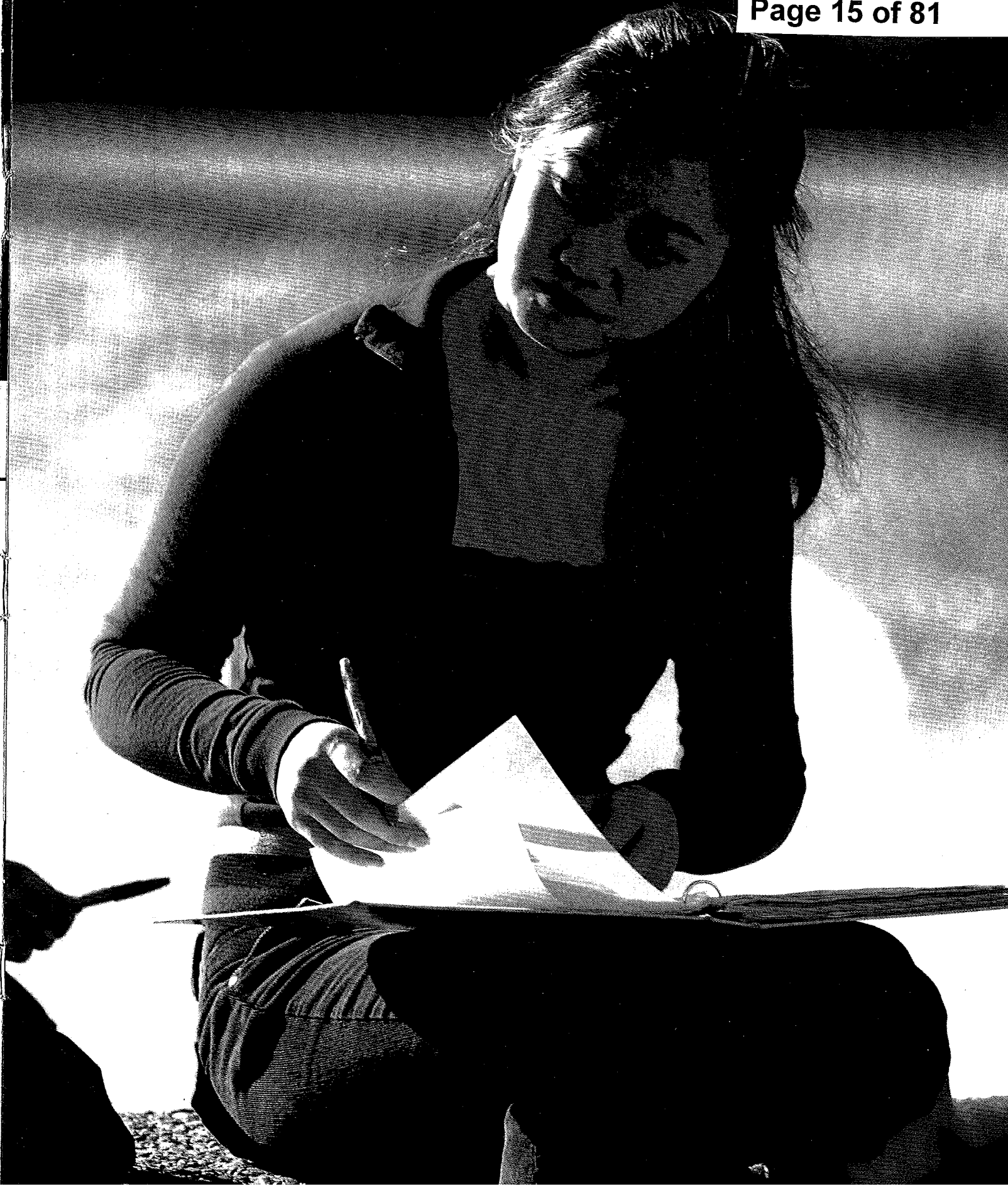
If you are selected for verification, we will notify you of specific documents that you are required to provide our office. You shouldn't submit these forms unless they are requested from our office. You also may view these requirements at www.uh.edu/studentstatus.

If selected for verification, **dependent students** MUST submit the following documents:

- Signed Institutional Verification Worksheet available at www.uh.edu/finaid/forms
- Signed 2006 Student Federal Tax Return (including Schedules C or C-EZ if applicable)
- 2006 Student W-2(s)
- Signed 2006 Parents' Federal Tax Return(s) (including Schedules C or C-EZ if applicable)
- 2006 Parents' W-2(s)

If selected for verification, **independent students** MUST submit the following documents:

- Signed Institutional Verification Worksheet available at www.uh.edu/finaid/forms
- Signed 2006 Student Federal Tax Return (including Schedules C or C-EZ if applicable)
- 2006 Student W-2(s)
- Signed 2006 Spouse's Federal Tax Return (including Schedules C or C-EZ if applicable)
- 2006 Spouse's W-2(s) (if applicable)



Check your Status

Fully Admitted Degree-Seeking Student

In order to be eligible for federal funding, you **MUST** be a fully admitted degree-seeking student. Check your status at www.uh.edu/studentstatus.

Admission Requirements for domestic freshmen:

- **Apply early!** Applicants may apply online using the Apply Texas Application at <http://www.applytexas.org>.
- **Submit an application fee.** A non-refundable application fee of \$50 is required for admission. Applicants may pay by credit card while applying online.
- **Send high school transcript.** Have your Registrar send an official high school transcript. Fax and photocopy not accepted.
- **Send in test scores.** Have official SAT or ACT scores sent directly to University of Houston from the testing agency.
- **Additional requirements.** Applicants may need to send in additional documents for residency requirement or other circumstances.

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Accept Your Award

You will be notified via e-mail when you have been awarded financial aid. Accept or decline your financial aid award(s) at www.uh.edu/studentstatus.

Determining Your Award

Your financial aid award(s) are determined by your cost of education and financial need. Determining your financial need, also known as need analysis, uses the information contained on your FAFSA which is legislated by the U.S. Congress. If the needs analysis shows that the cost of education exceeds the amount you and your family can contribute, you will qualify for need-based financial aid.

The need analysis formula utilizes parents' and a students' income, assets, savings, taxes, and other mandatory living expenses to determine your expected family contribution (EFC). In addition, parents' ages and need for retirement income, number of dependents in the household, and the dependents enrolled in college also are considered.

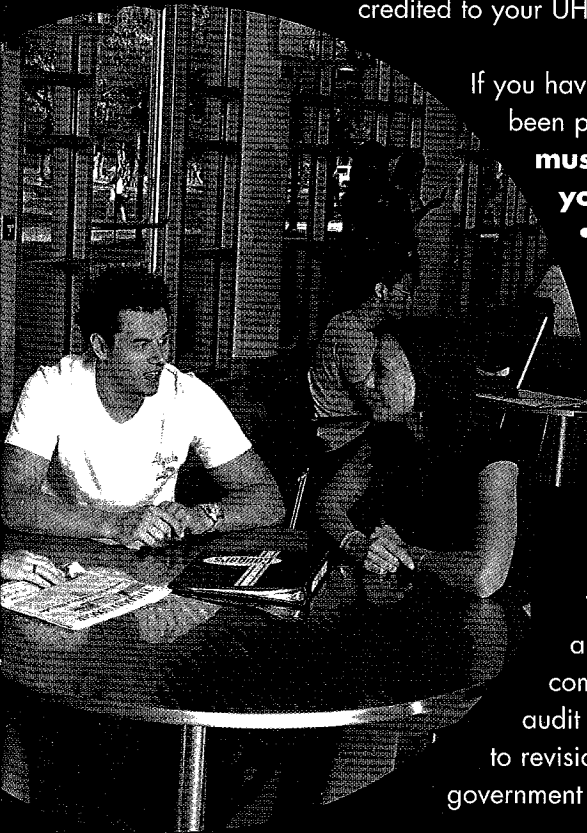
The EFC figure is not an actual amount that you (or your parents) have to pay, but it is an approximation of how much you (and your parents) should reasonably be able to contribute toward your educational expenses.

DETERMINING YOUR NEED

Costs of Education	\$21,000
EFC	– \$1,000
TOTAL NEED	\$20,000

Disbursement of Aid

Each semester, financial aid disbursement begins no earlier than the first day of classes. If you have satisfied all application and disbursement requirements and met the conditions of the award, your financial aid will be automatically credited to your UH fee bill as payment.



If you have financial aid remaining after your tuition has been paid, UH will forward the balance to you. **You must activate your Cougar1 Card and select how you would like to receive your funds:**

- balance transfer to your Cougar1 Card
- direct deposit to your private bank account
- mailed paper check

For more information on activation and ID services, visit www.uh.edu/cougar1card.

Revisions and Cancellation of Aid

The university reserves the right to review, revise, or cancel all financial aid at any time due to changes in your financial and/or academic status or failure to comply with federal or state laws and regulations, including financial verification, audit procedures, and university policies. In addition, all financial aid is subject to revision based on the funds received by the university from the federal or state government and any changes to federal or state laws, regulations, or policies.

Aid Revisions After Drop/Add Period

If your financial aid is disbursed at the beginning of the semester and you reduce your number of enrolled hours within the drop/add period, your aid will be adjusted to reflect your semester registration. If your reduced enrollment results in less eligibility for aid, you will be charged for the overpayment of financial aid – creating a balance due on your UH student account.

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Hours	Status
1 - 5	less than 1/2 time
6 - 8	1/2 time
9 - 11	3/4 time

GRADUATE ENROLLMENT	
Hours	Status
0 - 4	less than 1/2 time
5 - 6	1/2 time
7 - 8	3/4 time

Maintaining Financial Aid Eligibility

Satisfactory Academic Progress

The various federal and state regulations governing student financial assistance programs require that an institution develop a standard to measure students' reasonable progress towards a degree objective. Students who do not make reasonable progress will not be eligible for financial assistance.

Academic progress is reviewed at the conclusion of each term. Failure to maintain satisfactory academic progress will result in the denial or cancellation of your financial aid.

The Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid may administratively grant one probationary semester of assistance for students whose academic progress has changed to "not in good standing" at the conclusion of their first semester of enrollment at UH. The following qualitative and quantitative standards **MUST** be met to remain eligible for financial aid at the university. Certain programs, including the Texas Grant and B-On-Time Loan, may have higher standards than those listed below.

Qualitative Measures of Academic Progress

The qualitative measure of academic progress is a grading scale of 0.00 to 4.00, based on a student's enrollment classification.

Classification	GPA Minimum Requirement
Undergraduate	2.00
Post-baccalaureate	2.00
Graduate	3.00
Law & Optometry	2.00

Quantitative Measures of Academic Progress

In addition to maintaining a minimum GPA, students must demonstrate acceptable progress toward a degree or approved certificate objective. Students cannot receive financial aid beyond a specified total of attempted credit hours, and they must complete a certain percentage of the credit hours for which they are enrolled. These requirements are summarized as the maximum attempted credit hours and a ratio of passed hours to attempted hours on the chart below.

Classification	Maximum Attempted Hours Including Transfer Hours	Ratio of Passed Hours to Attempted Hours
Undergraduate (Students working on their first bachelor's degree)	190 credit hours	75%
Graduate and Professional (Excluding Optometry)	100 hours beyond bachelor's	75%
Law & Optometry (Beyond bachelor's degree)	200 hours beyond bachelor's	75%
Post-baccalaureate	100 hours beyond bachelor's	75%

NOTE: Hours passed DO NOT include grades of: **I** (incomplete), **U** (unsatisfactory), **F** (failed); **Q** or **W** (withdrawal); however, these hours are included in hours attempted. Courses that have been repeated will be counted for each enrollment as hours attempted and will be counted as hours passed if a grade other than I, U, Q, or W is received.

EXAMPLE:

$$9 \text{ passed hours} \div 12 \text{ attempted hours} = 75\% \text{ ratio}$$

Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeals Process

If extenuating circumstances exist, you may initiate an appeal through our office. The satisfactory academic progress appeal form, requirements, and deadlines are available at www.uh.edu/finaid/forms.

Withdrawal Policy

After enrolling in classes, a student who wants to withdraw must notify the Registrar's Office in writing to cancel classes. Merely discontinuing class attendance is not considered to be a formal withdrawal from the university. Students who discontinue class attendance and fail to follow the established resignation procedure will be held responsible for all tuition and fees. In addition, students who receive Federal Financial Aid and who stop attending classes without officially withdrawing are subject to the Return of Title IV Funds. For more information, visit www.uh.edu/finai

Return to Title IV Funds

For any student who officially withdraws from the university, federal regulations require a refund calculation for all students receiving Federal Title IV Funds.

The length of time during which a refund must be calculated is up to 60 percent of the payment period (semester). If a student withdraws or cancels enrollment on or before the 60 percent point in time, all or a portion of Title IV Funds (Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Opportunity Grant, Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Subsidized, Unsubsidized, and Federal PLUS Loans) awarded to a student MUST be returned according to provisions of the Higher Educational Act Amendment of 1998.

In addition, if you withdraw prior to the 12th class day, all state and institutional financial aid will be canceled. The calculation of the return of these funds may result in you owing a balance to the university. Also, any future financial aid will be canceled.

For any student who unofficially withdraws or does not earn a passing grade in any class, federal regulations require a refund calculation for all Federal Title IV Funds. These refunds must be calculated on the 50 percent point of the semester. The calculation of the return of these funds may result in you owing a balance to the university. Also, any future financial aid will be canceled.

Students who receive Title IV financial aid, excluding the Federal Work-Study Program, will be subject to the Return to Title IV Funds Policy if the student withdraws before completing 60 percent of the semester in which he/she was disbursed Title IV Aid. Students must return unearned portions of the Title IV Funds to the Title IV Program. If the percentage of earned aid is greater than 60 percent, the student does not have to return Title IV aid.



Important Phone Numbers and Web Addresses

Admissions 713-743-1010, option 2
www.uh.edu/admissions

Ask Shasta
www.uh.edu/askshasta

Cougar1 Card Office 713-743-2273
www.uh.edu/cougar1card

Federal Work-Study information
www.uh.edu/finaid/workstudy

Financial Aid Forms
www.uh.edu/finaid/forms

Financial Aid Office 713-743-1010, option 3
www.uh.edu/finaid

**International Student and Scholar
Services Office**
713-743-5065
www.issso.uh.edu

Notary Public University Center, Room 282

Residential Life and Housing Office
1-800-247-7184 or 713-743-6000
www.uh.edu/housing

Scholarship Office 713-743-9051
www.uh.edu/scholarships

Student Financial Services
713-743-1096
www.uh.edu/sfs

FAFSA 1-800-433-3243
UH school code: **003652**
www.fafsa.ed.gov

Internal Revenue Service
1-800-829-1040
www.irs.gov

**Loans by Web at Texas Guaranteed
Student Loan Corporation**
1-800-845-6267
<http://lbw.tgslc.org>

Perkins Loan
www.uh.edu/studentloans

Stafford Loan Entrance Interview
www.mapping-your-future.org/entrancecounseling

Stafford Loan Exit Interview
www.mapping-your-future.org/exitcounseling

Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation
www.tgslc.org/borrowers/index.cfm

VA Regional Office
1-888-442-4551
www.gibill.va.gov

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The 2008-2009 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is now available at www.fafsa.ed.gov. You may be eligible for federal, state or institutional grants. These funds are limited and are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Submit your FAFSA and all required documents by the **priority deadline – April 1** to be considered for maximum funding.

- Make sure you have your: Federal PIN, social security number, driver's license, alien registration number or permanent residence card (if you are not a U.S. citizen), 2007 Federal Income Tax Return(s), 2007 W-2 Form(s)

Want to know more about UH Financial Aid? Visit www.uh.edu/finaid or contact our Enrollment Services Call Center at 713-743-1010, option 3. You may also monitor your status at my.uh.edu.

Sincerely,
Scholarships & Financial Aid Customer Service

Subject Line: FAFSA is Live!
Drop Date: January 1, 2008

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Fall 2008 Final Deadline

Dear UH student,

November 15 is the final deadline to apply for financial aid for the **fall 2008 semester**. You must submit your FAFSA and all required documents by November 15 to be considered for fall 2008 financial aid.

If you have questions, visit www.uh.edu/finaid or contact our Enrollment Services Call Center at 713-743-1010, option 3. You may also monitor your status at my.uh.edu.

Sincerely,
Scholarships & Financial Aid Customer Service

Subject Line: Fall 2008 Final Deadline

Drop Date: October 15, 2008

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Financial Aid 101



Dear UH staff member,
Ever wonder how financial aid works? Now is the time to find out!
You are invited to attend a financial aid info session so that you can
better serve our students.

Date:

Time:

Location:

Sincerely,
Scholarships & Financial Aid Customer Service

Subject Line: Financial Aid 101 – Ever wonder how financial aid works?

Drop Date: February 15, 2008

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Need help paying for college?

Dear UH student,

Submit your FAFSA and all required documents by the Priority Deadline - **April 1** to be considered for maximum funding for the **2008-2009** academic year. You may be eligible for federal, state or institutional grants. These funds are limited and are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you have questions, please call the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid at 713.743.1010, option 3 or visit us in the Welcome Center. You may also monitor your status at my.uh.edu.

Sincerely,
Scholarships & Financial Aid Customer Service

Subject: Need help paying for college?

Drop Date: March 1, 2008

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Help us spread the news!

The 2008-2009 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is now available at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Students may be eligible for federal, state or institutional grants. These funds are limited and are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. To be considered for maximum funding, they must submit their FAFSA and all required documents by the **priority deadline – April 1**.

Want to know more about UH Financial Aid? Stay tuned for our upcoming **Financial Aid 101** training for UH faculty and staff.

Sincerely,
Scholarships & Financial Aid Customer Service

Subject Line: Help us spread the news: FAFSA is Live!
Drop Date: January 1, 2008

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Spring 2009 Final Deadline

Dear UH student,

April 15 is the final deadline to apply for financial aid for the **spring 2009** semester. You must submit your FAFSA and all required documents by April 15 to be considered for spring 2009 financial aid.

If you have questions, visit www.uh.edu/finaid or contact our Enrollment Services Call Center at 713-743-1010, option 3. You may also monitor your status at my.uh.edu.

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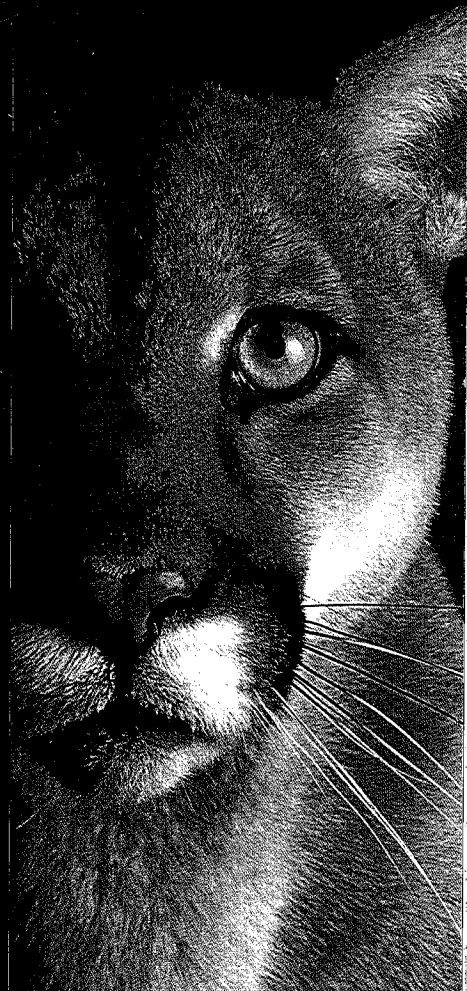
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**HOW DO I
APPLY FOR
FINANCIAL AID?**



STEP 1

Apply for a student and parent Federal PIN number at www.pin.ed.gov. Your PIN will allow you to access and sign your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

STEP 2

Complete the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov as soon as possible, after January 1 and prior to March 1. The University of Houston's Federal School Code is **003652**.

STEP 3

You will be notified via e-mail that your Student Aid Report (SAR) is ready for review and has been forwarded to the school of your choice. Make necessary corrections to your SAR online at www.fafsa.ed.gov using your Federal PIN.

STEP 4

Monitor your application status at www.uh.edu/studentstatus. The U.S. Department of Education may randomly select you for the verification process. If selected, we will request, via e-mail, specific documents to complete your financial aid application. We also will notify you of any additional documentation that may be required. Be sure that your e-mail address is correct at www.uh.edu/studentstatus.

STEP 5

In order to be eligible for federal funding, you **MUST** be a fully admitted degree-seeking student. Check your status online at www.uh.edu/studentstatus.

STEP 6

We will notify you via e-mail when you have been awarded financial aid. Accept or decline your financial aid award(s) online at www.uh.edu/studentstatus.



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**FEDERAL
STAFFORD
LOANS**



The Loan Process

By completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov, you will be offered a Federal Stafford Loan. Once you have been awarded, you MUST accept your loan(s) at www.uh.edu/studentstatus. Once you have accepted, you will be notified via e-mail when your loan is ready for certification through the Loans by Web Guarantee Process (LBW).

To begin the LBW process, follow these steps:

- log onto LBW at <https://lbw.tgslc.org>
- log in using your SSN and birth date

Step 1

Select "Complete a loan award."

Step 2

Select "Begin."

Step 3

Select "Go to Entrance Counseling." The counseling session provides information about how to manage your student loans, both during and after college. A confirmation number will be provided at the end of your session. Retain your confirmation number for your records.

Step 4

Select "Go to Loans by Web." Select your lender. Your school will provide a list of preferred lenders to choose from. Lenders that accept electronic signatures are designated with an asterisk. If you have a previous student loan, your most current lender will appear at the top of the list. You may select from the UH's preferred lenders listed in random order, or use the "Search" button just below the preferred lender list.

Step 5

Read all of the instructions carefully and then complete your loan request. On this screen, you may accept all, or part of your loan award(s). PLEASE BORROW RESPONSIBLY! What you borrow today, you will be expected to pay back tomorrow.

Step 6

Once you have completed the application, you are ready to submit it to Texas Guarantee Student Loan Corp. (TG) for guarantee. Click the "Submit the Application" button. Click this button only once. (Click "Previous" at the bottom of the screen to make changes.) Congratulations! Your loan has been guaranteed.

Step 7

Once your loan has been guaranteed, you can click the "Print" button or if you selected a lender with the e-signature capability, you will be taken to the lender's secured Web site to sign your Master Promissory Note (MPN) electronically. Please follow the instructions carefully! If you do not print the MPN or e-sign, TG will print and mail an MPN to you.

What is a Master Promissory Note (MPN)?

A MPN is a binding legal document defining your rights, responsibilities, and obligation to repay your loan(s).

What is the difference between subsidized and unsubsidized loans?

Subsidized Stafford Loans are based on financial need. The government will pay the interest on this loan to the lender while you are enrolled at least half-time, as well as during any deferment periods.

Unsubsidized Stafford Loans are a non-need based form of aid. Although the low interest rate on these loans is set by the federal government, borrowers are responsible for all interest accrued on the loan. Interest payments can be deferred until graduation and then will be capitalized and added to principle of the loan. You also can make payments on the interest while in school by contacting your lender.

What is the interest rate on my loan(s)?

The interest rate for Subsidized and Unsubsidized Stafford Loans is adjusted annually, on July 1, and cannot exceed 8.25 percent.

How will I receive my money?

Your funds will be received electronically and will be applied to your student account. Any remaining funds will be credited to your Cougar One Card. Visit www.uh.edu/cougar1card to set up a Cougar One Card account.

When will I have to repay my loan(s)?

Repayment of your loan(s) begins six months after you:

- graduate,
- withdraw from school, or
- drop below half-time status.

What is an Incentive Repayment Plan?

Most lenders offer an Incentive Repayment Plan for borrowers who make timely payments (i.e. interest rate and/or fee reductions for borrowers who make 48 consecutive on-time payments). Check with your lender for available options.





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Choosing a Lender

If you:

- Presently have a Federal Stafford Loan, always go back to your original lender for any new Stafford Loans. This avoids the confusion of having more than one Stafford Loan repayment after you graduate.
- Have a bank or lending institution you deal with consistently and feel more comfortable borrowing from them. Make sure they can process Federal Stafford Loans, and list them as your lender on the Supplemental Loan Request Form for Non-TG Loan available at www.uh.edu/finaid/forms. We will be glad to work with them.

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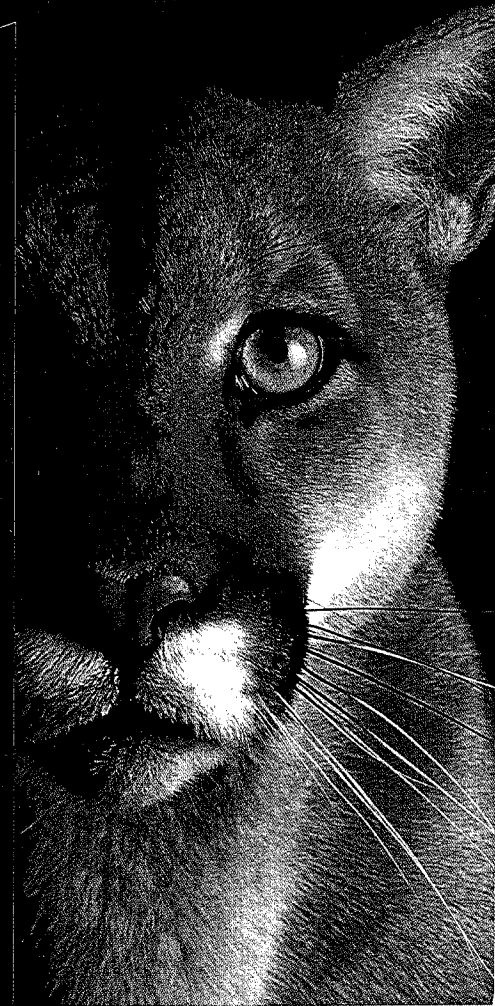
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GRANTS



Free Money!

A grant is a need-based award that does not need to be repaid. There are federal, state, private, and institutional grant programs.

The most important thing to remember, for students seeking grants, is that the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and all required documents must be received by the priority deadline (April 1). You may review these requirements at www.uh.edu/studentstatus. Since grant funds are limited, we can only give the maximum consideration to those students who have met the priority deadline (April 1).

Federal Pell Grants are awarded to students who are working toward their first bachelor's degree and who demonstrate exceptional need and are U.S. citizens or eligible noncitizens. Students who file the FAFSA are automatically considered for the Pell Grant. The federal government determines the Pell Grant award, which starts at \$400 per academic year with the maximum adjusted annually.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG) are awarded to undergraduate Pell Grant recipient students who are citizens or eligible noncitizens, based on financial need. Funding for this program is limited; therefore, it is only available to students who meet the priority deadline (April 1). Awards range from \$100 to \$4,000, depending on annual funding and UH's institutional awarding policy.

NOTE: Recommended submission deadline for consideration of all available funding.

Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) and the **Special Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (SLEAP) Program** are available for Texas residents. These grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to undergraduate students who are enrolled at least half-time and with exceptional need. You must be a U.S. citizen for eligibility. Visit www.thecb.state.tx.us for additional information.

Undergraduate Tuition Grant is an institutional grant awarded to undergraduate students with exceptional need who meet the priority deadline (April 1). The award range is \$400 – \$2,200 per academic year.

Graduate Tuition Grant is an institutional grant awarded to graduate students with exceptional need who meet the priority deadline (April 1). The award range is \$400 – \$2,000 per academic year.

Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG) and **Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART) Grant** are federal programs available to full-time Pell eligible students who meet certain academic requirements. You must be a U.S. citizen and your final transcript must be on file with the Office of Admissions by July 1 for consideration.

UH Grant In Aid is an institutional grant awarded to full-time students who demonstrate financial need and meet the priority deadline (April 1). The maximum award is \$500 per academic year.

Texas Public Educational Grant (TPEG) is a program administered by the state of Texas to provide assistance to students with financial need, seeking either a first bachelor's, graduate or professional degree. It is available for Texas residents and nonresidents who meet the priority deadline (April 1).

Towards Excellence, Access and Success (Texas) Grant is a state of Texas sponsored program created to help students with financial need pay for college. Students who complete the Recommended High School Program or Distinguished Achievement Program in an accredited Texas high school and meet certain eligibility requirements are automatically considered. For more information visit, www.collegefortexans.com.

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Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program is a federally funded, state-administered program to recognize exceptional high school seniors who show promise of continued excellence in higher education. Byrd scholars must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA before receiving the award each semester. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board notifies the scholarship recipients.

Questions?

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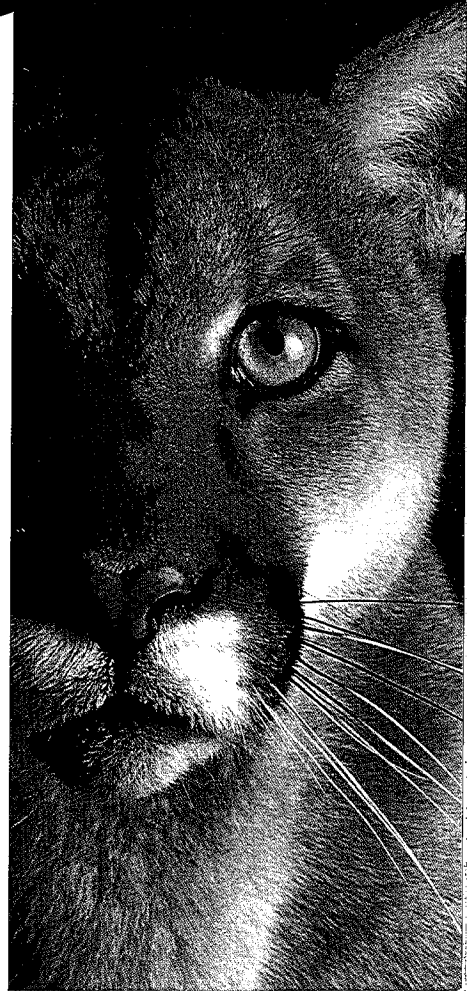
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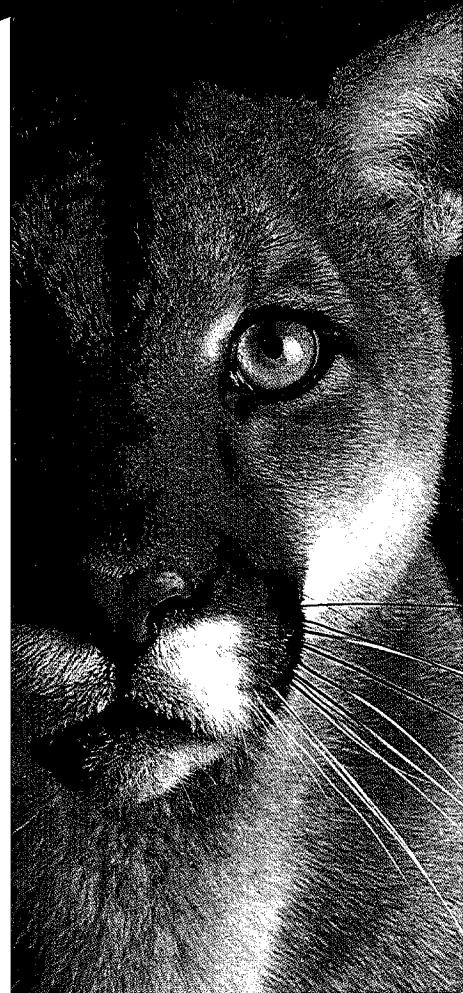


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**ONLINE
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ONLINE SERVICES

The Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid makes applying for financial aid easy and just a click away! Need an application or a form? Visit **www.uh.edu/finaid/forms** for all your document needs. The following links are available online if you need to:

Complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

www.fafsa.ed.gov

Inquire about housing

www.uh.edu/housing

Check financial aid status and view your fee bill

www.uh.edu/studentstatus

Get a quick answer

www.uh.edu/askshasta

Sign Perkins Promissory Note

www.uh.edu/sfs

Apply for Federal Work-Study jobs

www.uh.edu/finaid/workstudy

Accept or decline your Stafford or PLUS loans

<http://lbw.tgsic.org>

Receive a VA Benefits Letter

www.gibill.va.gov

Complete your entrance or exit counseling

www.mapping-your-future.org

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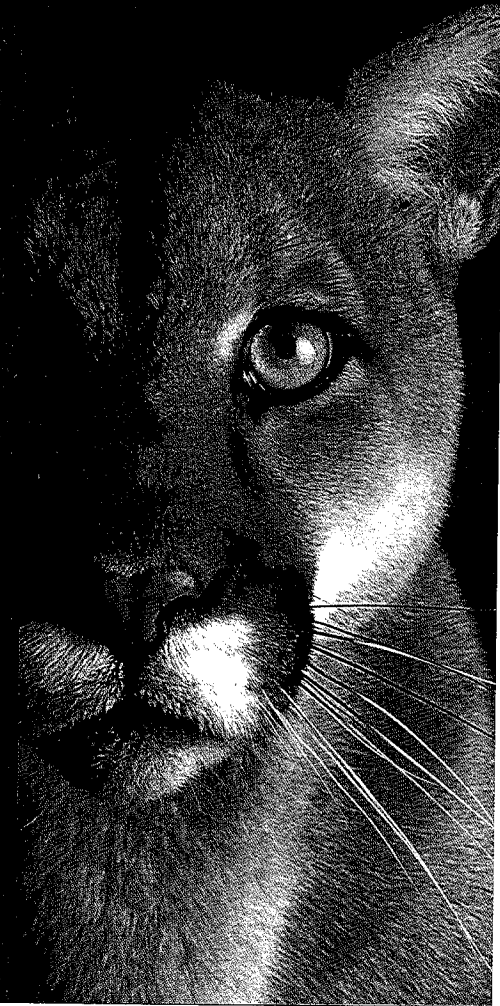
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VERIFICATION



Verification

Verification is a random quality-control method used by the U.S. Department of Education to check the accuracy of information submitted on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). All schools that disburse Federal Title IV funds are required to participate in the verification process. The verification process is a manual review of your application and requires two to three weeks for processing. Once your documents are reviewed for processing, additional requirements may be necessary. You will be notified by email. Check your status at www.stu.uh.edu/studentstatus.



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Dependent Students

If selected for verification, dependent students **MUST** submit the following documents:

- Signed Institutional Verification Worksheet available at www.uh.edu/finaid/forms
- Signed 2006 Student Federal Tax Return (including Schedules C or C-EZ if applicable)
- 2006 Student W-2(s)
- Signed 2006 Parents' Federal Tax Return(s) (including Schedules C or C-EZ if applicable)
- 2006 Parents' W-2(s)

Independent Students

If selected for verification, independent students **MUST** submit the following documents:

- Signed Institutional Verification Worksheet available at www.uh.edu/finaid/forms
- Signed 2006 Student Federal Tax Return (including Schedules C or C-EZ if applicable)
- 2006 Student W-2(s)
- Signed 2006 Spouse's Federal Tax Return (including Schedules C or C-EZ if applicable)
- 2006 Spouse's W-2(s) (if applicable)

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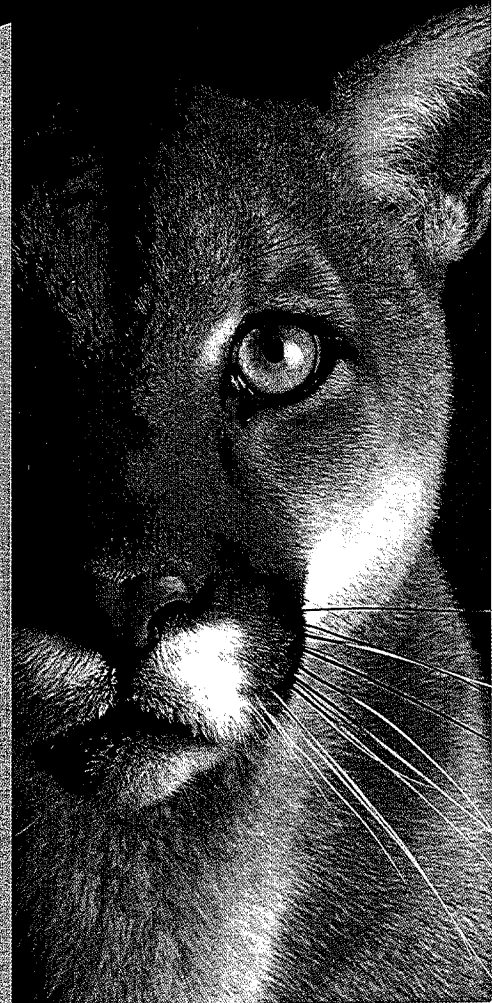
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**PROPUESTA
1403**



¿Qué es la Propuesta 1403?

Algunos inmigrantes no autorizados son aptos para registrarse en universidades públicas de Texas y pagar como residentes. En el 2001, la Asamblea Legislativa de Texas aceptó una propuesta que declara que estos estudiantes son aptos para recibir ayuda financiera del estado.

Los estudiantes aptos para recibir esta ayuda DEBEN cumplir con ciertos requisitos provistos en la legislación para ser considerados en la Propuesta 1403.

Soy un estudiante apto para la Propuesta 1403. ¿Cómo solicito ayuda financiera?

Paso UNO:

Visita la Oficina de Admisiones de la Universidad de Houston (www.uh.edu/admissions) para confirmar tu elegibilidad y codificación adecuada.

Paso DOS:

Llena la solicitud de Texas para Ayuda Financiera a Estudiantes (en inglés: Texas Application for Student Financial Aid; TASFA) disponible en www.uh.edu/finaid/forms y envía todos los documentos requeridos como se solicitan.

Paso TRES:

Nosotros revisaremos tu solicitud y te notificaremos por correo ordinario si existe información incompleta o faltante.

Paso CUATRO:

Nuestra oficina revisará tu elegibilidad y enviará una notificación de aceptación o negación a través de correo electrónico. Puedes monitorear tu estado en nuestra página de Internet www.uh.edu/studentstatus.

¿Preguntas?

Llama a la Oficina de Becas y Ayuda
Financiera 120 Welcome Center
(Centro de Bienvenida) al
713-743-1010, elige la opción 3
o visita nuestra página
www.uh.edu/finaid.

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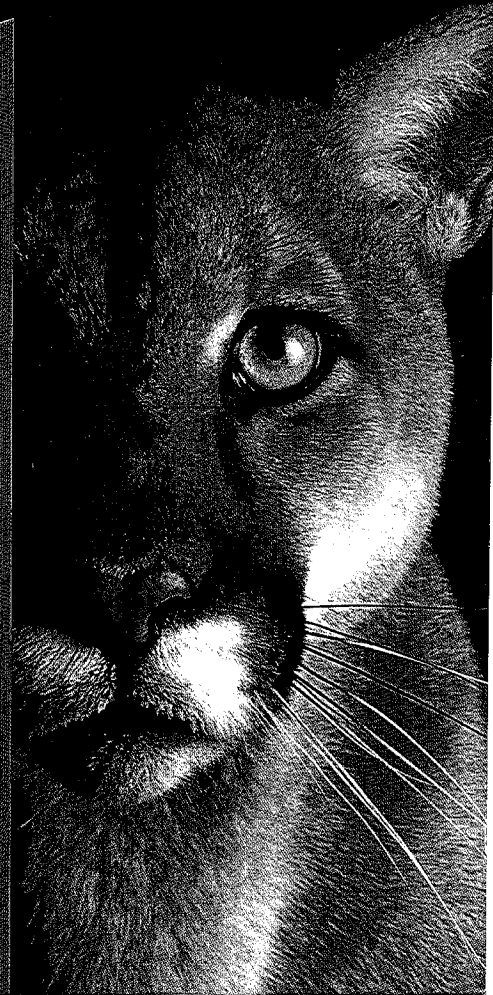
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**SATISFACTORY
ACADEMIC
PROGRESS**



Maintaining Financial Aid Eligibility

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

The various federal and state regulations governing student financial assistance programs require that an institution develop a standard to measure students' reasonable progress toward a degree objective. Students who do not make reasonable progress will not be eligible for financial assistance.

Academic progress is reviewed at the conclusion of each term. Failure to maintain satisfactory academic progress will result in the denial or cancellation of your financial aid.

The Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid may administratively grant one probationary semester of assistance for students whose academic progress has changed to "not in good standing" at the conclusion of their first semester of enrollment at UH.

The following qualitative and quantitative standards **MUST** be met to remain eligible for aid and retain financial aid at the university. Certain programs, including the Texas Grant and B-on-Time Loan, may have higher requirements than those listed below.

Qualitative Measures of Academic Progress

The qualitative measure of academic progress is a grading scale of 0.00 to 4.00, based on students' enrollment classification.

Classification	GPA Minimum Requirement
Undergraduate	2.00
Post-baccalaureate	2.00
Graduate	3.00
Law & Optometry	2.00

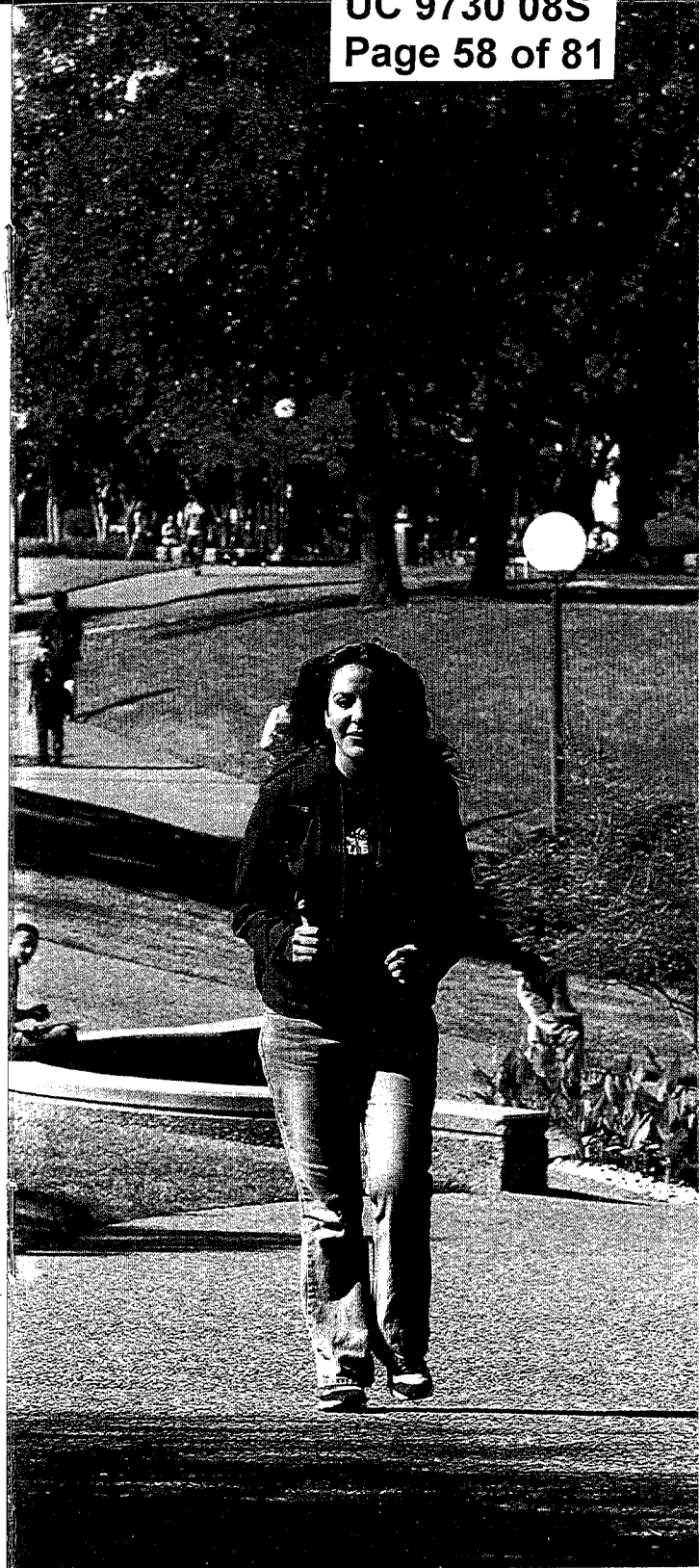
Quantitative Measures of Academic Progress

In addition to maintaining a minimum GPA, students must demonstrate acceptable progress toward a degree or approved certificate objective in order to remain eligible for financial assistance. Students cannot receive financial aid beyond a specified total of attempted credit hours, and they must complete a certain percentage of the credit hours for which they enroll. These requirements are summarized as the maximum attempted credit hours and a ratio of passed hours to attempted hours on the following chart.

Classification	Maximum Attempted Hours Including Transfer Credit	Ratio of Passed Hours to Attempted Hours
Undergraduate (Students working on their first bachelor's degree)	190 credit hours	75%
Graduate and Professional (Excluding Optometry)	100 hours beyond bachelor's	75%
Law & Optometry (Beyond bachelor's degree)	200 hours beyond bachelor's	75%
Post-baccalaureate	100 hours beyond bachelor's	75%

NOTE: Hours passed do NOT include grades of: **I** (incomplete), **U** (unsatisfactory), **F** (failed), **Q** or **W** (withdrawal); however, these hours are included in hours attempted. Courses that have been repeated will be counted for each enrollment as hours attempted and will be counted as hours passed if a grade other than I, U, Q, or W is received.

$$9 \text{ passed hours} \div 12 \text{ attempted hours} = 75\% \text{ ratio}$$



APPEALS PROCESS

If extenuating circumstances exist, you may initiate an appeal through our office. The satisfactory academic progress appeal form, requirements, and deadlines are available at www.uh.edu/finaid/forms.

You must submit your appeal no later than 30 days from the date you are notified by our office of your unsatisfactory academic progress status. You should not expect your aid to be processed before fees are due. Therefore, you should be prepared to pay your tuition and fees by the fee payment deadline and be reimbursed, if eligible.

Our office will review your appeal and notify you of the decision via email. Any student who appeals with appropriate documentation can expect to receive the appeal decision within two weeks. Appeals for the next academic year, however, will not be reviewed until spring grades are available for students who are enrolled in the spring semester.

APPEAL APPROVALS

If the appeal is approved, financial aid is awarded on a probationary basis for one semester. Failure to maintain academic progress at the end of that semester will cause all future financial aid to be cancelled—no future appeals will be considered.

APPEAL DENIALS

If an appeal is denied, you may appeal for future financial aid only if you have completed one regular semester at your own expense and have met the minimum standards of academic progress for that semester.

You must be enrolled a minimum of half-time. After the completion of the semester, you must submit a new appeal form to initiate the appeal process.

Being permitted to enroll after being placed on academic suspension does not re-establish financial aid eligibility. A student returning from suspension must go through the same process as a student whose appeal has been denied.



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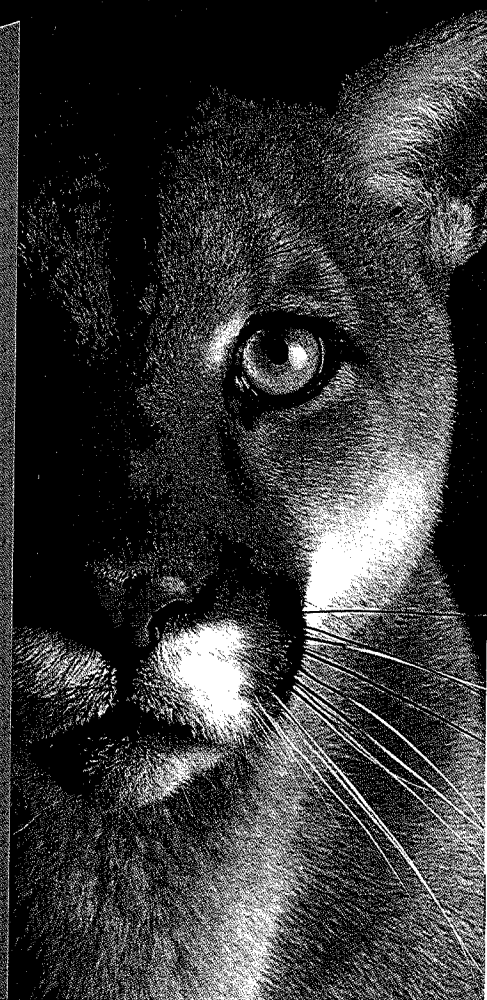
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**ARE YOU
INDEPENDENT?**



According to the U.S. Department of Education, you **MUST** meet **ONE** of the following to be considered an **independent student**:

- Married
- Born before January 1, 1984
- A dependent/ward of the court until age 18, or both parents are deceased
- Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces
- Responsible for a legal dependent (other than a spouse or your children) who receives more than half of their support from you
- Have children who receive more than half of their support from you
- Enrolled in a master's or doctoral program

NOTE: If you do not meet any of the above criteria, then you are considered a dependent student and **MUST** report your parents' income and include their signature on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The following circumstances are **NOT** considered for the purpose of achieving independent status for financial aid:

- You do not live in your parent's home.
- You are self-supporting.
- You are not claimed as an exemption on your parent's federal income tax return.
- Your parents cannot afford or refuse to assist with college or living expenses.
- Your parents are unwilling to provide financial information to complete the FAFSA.
- You and your parents had disagreements resulting in a breakdown in your relationship.

NOTE: If you believe that you have special circumstances that should be considered for independent status, meet with our financial aid advisors to discuss your situation. Advisors are available in 120 Welcome Center, or you may call 713-743-1010, option 3 to schedule an appointment.



Questions?

Call the Office of Scholarships
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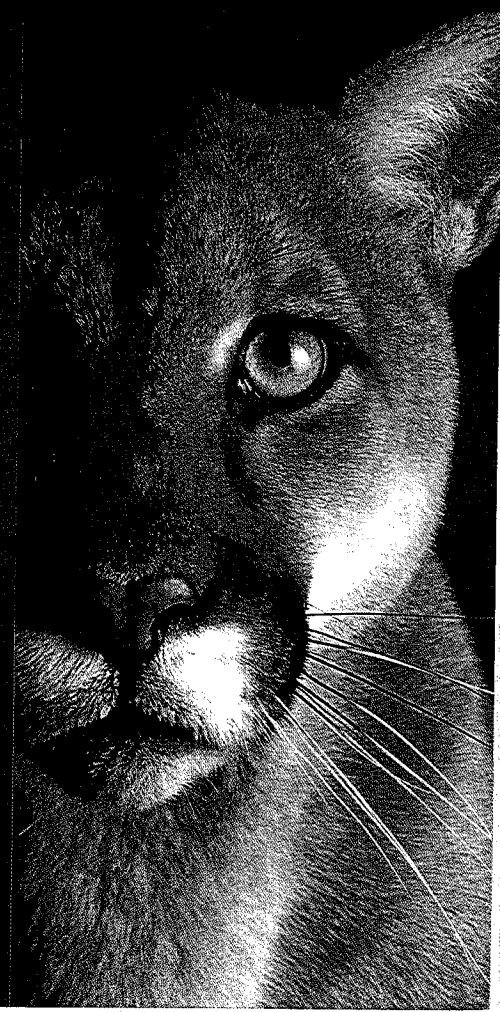


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**FEDERAL
WORK-STUDY**



College Work-Study jobs are posted through University Career Services (UCS). Just follow these easy steps to a great job! Start early, job openings fill quickly. College Work-Study is a need-based program to:

- assist students in earning money to meet their educational costs; AND
- provide work experience related to the student's chosen academic major or career field.

ONE

Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov to apply for the Federal Work-Study Program. If eligible, you will be awarded and notified via e-mail.

TWO

Accept or decline your financial aid award(s) at www.uh.edu/studentstatus.

THREE

Attend a College Work-Study Workshop that will explain how to find a college work-study job. The workshops are held at University Career Services (Student Services Center Building 1, First floor).

FOUR

Search and apply for work-study job postings at www.career.uh.edu. You **MUST** be a fully admitted and enrolled degree-seeking student to use the UCS Web site for federal work-study positions.

FIVE

New Hires Make sure that you have been offered a work-study position and have verbally accepted the position with the employer.

Rehires (returning work-study students). Your employer **MUST** post the position online, **AND** you **MUST** reapply to be formally rehired for the position.

SIX

Get employment authorization:

- Obtain a Hiring Confirmation Form from your employer.
- Submit the Hiring Confirmation Form to UCS, and get your authorization form for hire or rehire.
- Complete your authorization paperwork at UCS. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.–Noon and 2–4 p.m.

For more information, contact UCS at 713-743-5100 or visit www.career.uh.edu.

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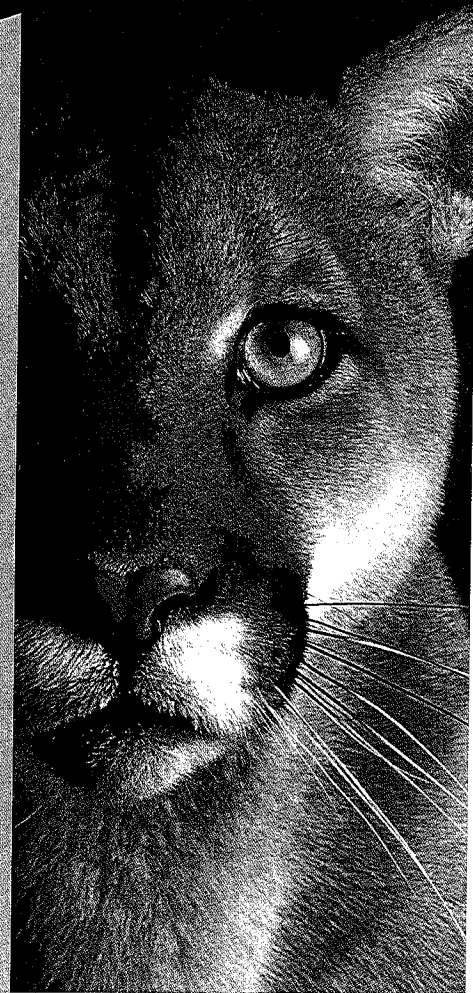
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SUMMER AID



Aid for the Summer

Summer financial aid is available to all UH students enrolled at least half time. Eligibility is based on remaining aid that was not used during the fall and spring semesters. In addition to completing the FAFSA, you **MUST** complete a Summer Data Form, which is available April 1 at **www.uh.edu/finaid/forms**. This form **MUST** be submitted by May 1 for maximum consideration of limited funds. Grants and work-study funding availability for summer aid is limited based on program funding.

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**HOUSE BILL
1403**



What is House Bill 1403?

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Certain unauthorized immigrants are eligible to enroll in Texas public colleges and pay in-state tuition. In 2001, the Texas Legislature passed a bill that states these students may be eligible for state grants.

Eligible students **MUST** meet certain criteria provided in the legislation to be considered for House Bill 1403 status.

I am a House Bill 1403 student ... How do I apply for financial aid?

Step ONE:

Visit the UH Office of Admissions (www.uh.edu/admissions) to confirm eligibility and appropriate coding.

Step TWO:

Complete the Texas Application for Student Financial Aid (TASFA) form available at www.uh.edu/finaid/forms and submit any required documents as requested.

Step THREE:

We will review your application and notify you by mail of any missing or incomplete documents.

Step FOUR:

Our office will review your eligibility and send you an award or denial notice via e-mail. You may monitor your status at www.uh.edu/studentstatus.

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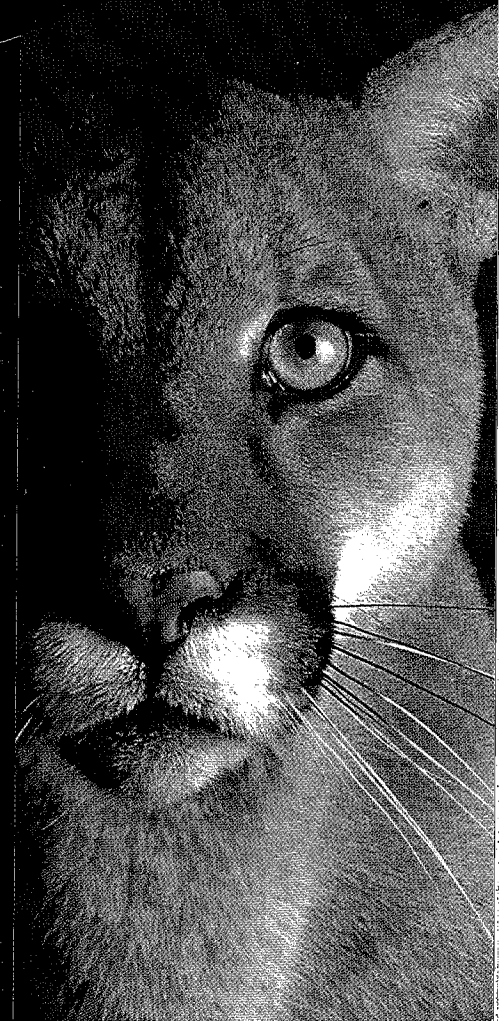
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SCHOLARSHIPS



Finding ways to pay for your college education can be complicated. At the University of Houston, however, there are many options available for you.

University-Funded Scholarships

University-funded scholarships are available to incoming freshmen. The university's application for admission serves as your scholarship application. To be considered automatically for many of our university-funded scholarships, all you have to do is:

- apply for admission,
- meet the minimum requirements, AND
- submit a completed admissions file by January 1.

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic credentials as measured by high school performance and standardized test scores. For eligibility, students **MUST**:

- graduate from a high school accredited by the Texas Education Agency and/or appropriate Regional Association of Schools and Colleges;
- apply for admission to UH in the fall semester following high school graduation;
- be a United States citizen, permanent resident, or hold a Temporary Resident Card (Form I-688 or I-688A).

Check your admission status at
www.uh.edu/studentstatus.

All scholarship recipients will be notified by mail.

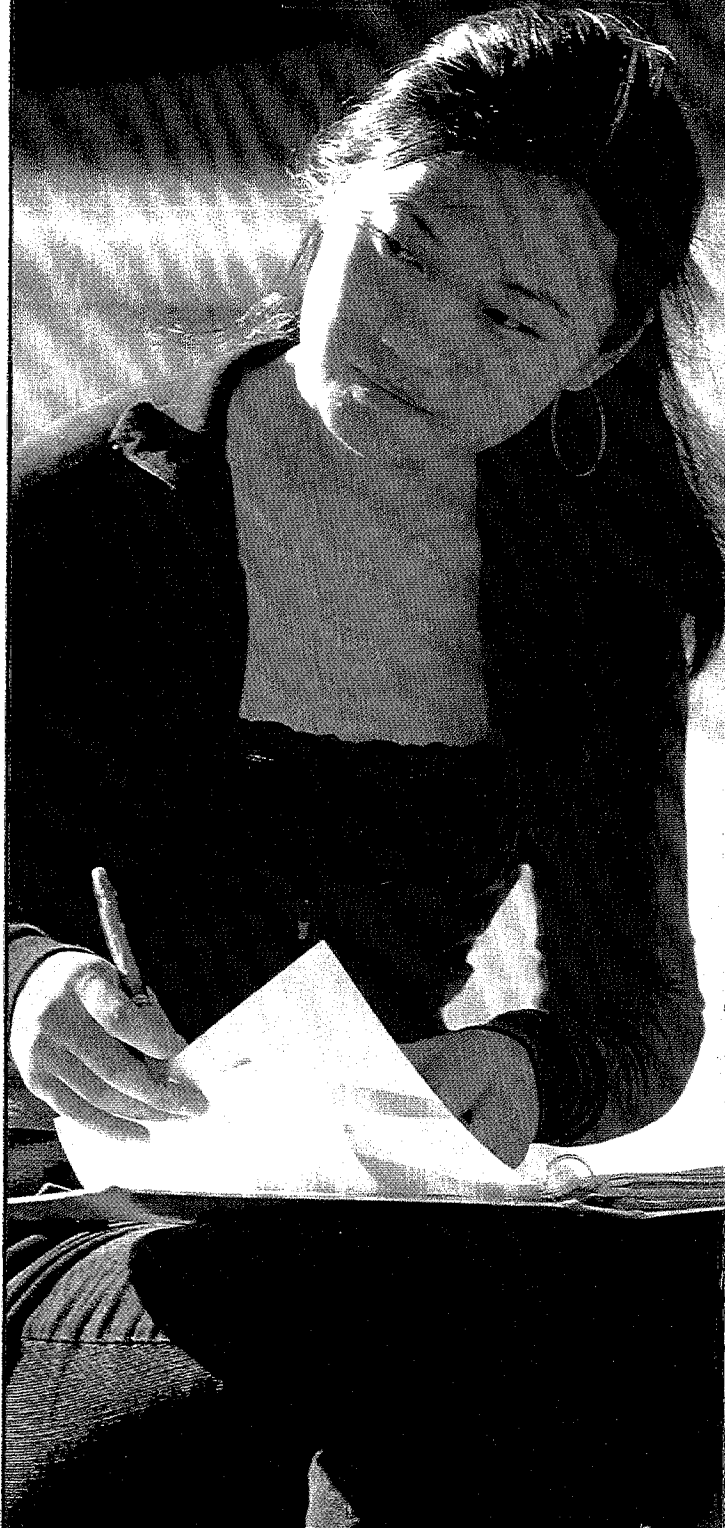
The following university-funded scholarships are for incoming freshmen:

- Academic Excellence Scholarship
- National Merit Scholarship Finalist
- Achiever's Scholarship
- Cullen Leadership Scholarship
- Highest Ranking High School Graduate
- Valedictorian Scholarship
- Terry Foundation Scholarship

NOTE: You have applied for these scholarships once you've submitted your admissions application. For more information about these scholarships, visit **www.uh.edu/finaid/freshman**.

Academic scholarships, with the exception of the Achiever's Scholarship, are renewable for up to four years provided the student maintains a 12-hour semester load with a minimum 3.0 GPA per semester. In addition to meeting semester-hour and GPA requirements, students **MUST** be in good disciplinary standing with the UH Dean of Students.

NOTE: Students pursuing a bachelor's degree in architecture, which is a five-year academic program, may receive scholarship awards up to five years.



Individual College Scholarships

To be considered for scholarships awarded by our individual colleges, you **MUST** submit an application through the appropriate college. All of the following UH colleges offer individual scholarships:

- C.T. Bauer College of Business
- College of Education
- Cullen College of Engineering
- Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management
- Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture
- College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
- College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- College of Pharmacy
- College of Technology
- The Honors College

For more information about these scholarships, visit www.uh.edu/scholarships.

Transfer Students

We may have a scholarship for you if you are thinking of transferring to UH as an undergraduate. If you show promise through academics, leadership, and/or community involvement the following scholarships are available:

- Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship
- Transfer Excellence Scholarship

Other scholarships are available and awarded based on merit, financial need, or other circumstantial and academic considerations. Visit www.uh.edu/finaid/transfer for more information.

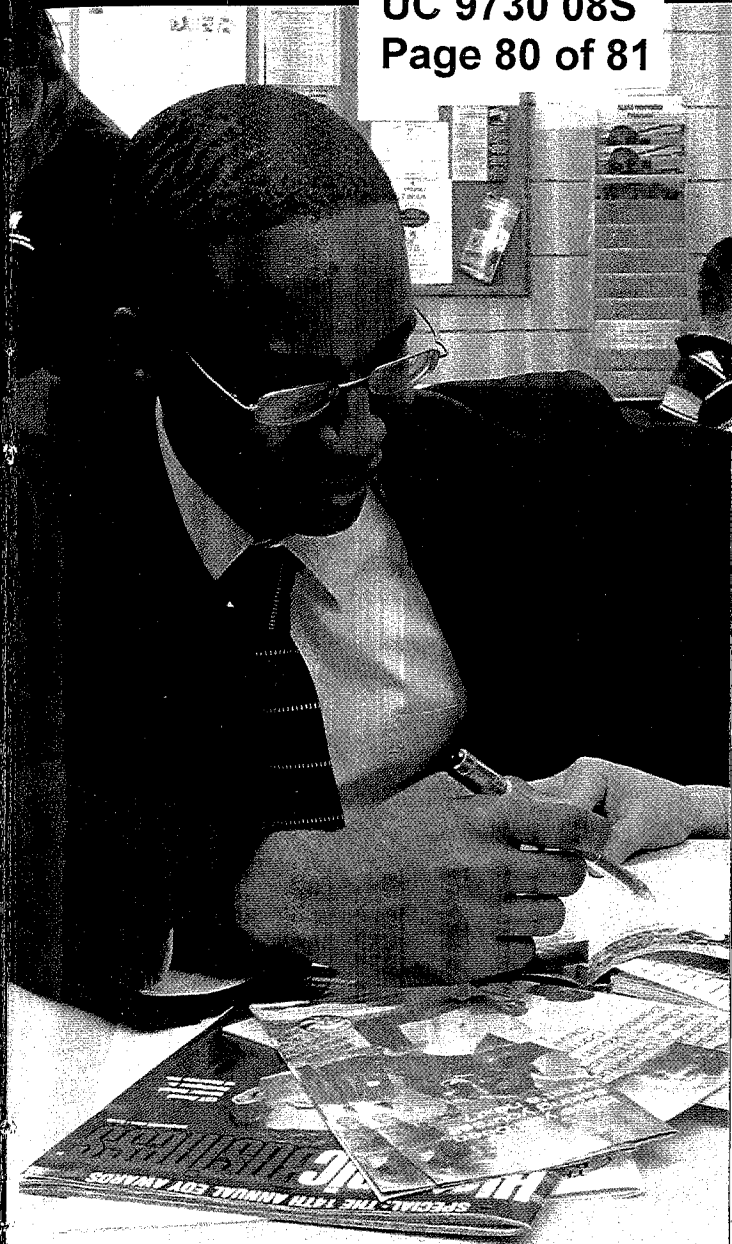
Out-of-State Students

You may be entitled to an out-of-state tuition waiver if you are a:

- nonresident of the state of Texas AND
- recipient of UH or competitive individual college scholarships totaling \$1,000 or more annually.

The waiver allows you to pay tuition at the same rate as a Texas resident—a savings of thousands per semester. For more information, visit www.uh.edu/finaid/outofstate.

NOTE: Since tuition waivers are limited, you are encouraged to apply as early as possible.



Questions?

For university-funded or individual college scholarship descriptions, eligibility, requirements, and other financial aid options, call the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid in 120 Welcome Center at 713-743-1010, option 3 or visit www.uh.edu/scholarships.

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