

SCH	Tuition Texas	Tuition Non-Texas	Student Service Fee	Student Center Fee	Rec. Sports Fee	Transcript Fee	Endowed Scholarship Fee	Library Fee	Athletic Fee	Computer Use Fee	Total Charge Texas	Total Charge Non-Texas
15	\$2,143.80	\$8,324.40	\$250	\$27	\$26.40	\$5	\$15	\$60	\$170.55	\$308.55	\$3,006.30	\$9,186.90
16	\$2,286.72	\$8,879.36	\$250	\$27	\$26.40	\$5	\$16	\$64	\$181.92	\$329.12	\$3,186.16	\$9,778.80
17	\$2,429.64	\$9,434.32	\$250	\$27	\$26.40	\$5	\$17	\$68	\$193.29	\$349.69	\$3,366.02	\$10,370.70
18	\$2,572.56	\$9,989.28	\$250	\$27	\$26.40	\$5	\$18	\$72	\$204.66	\$370.26	\$3,545.88	\$10,962.60
19	\$2,715.48	\$10,544.24	\$250	\$27	\$26.40	\$5	\$19	\$76	\$216.03	\$390.83	\$3,725.74	\$11,554.50
20	\$2,858.40	\$11,099.20	\$250	\$27	\$26.40	\$5	\$20	\$80	\$227.40	\$411.40	\$3,905.60	\$12,146.40

## Debt

Lamar State College Port Arthur is not responsible for debts contracted by individual students or student organizations and will not act as a collection agency for organizations, firms or individuals to whom students may owe bills.

Students and student organizations are expected to honor contractual obligations **promptly, but in case of flagrant disregard of such obligations**, the Business Office or the designated representative will take appropriate action. After the 12th week in the long semester and the fourth week in the summer term, failure to pay all fees by the specified date will result in suspension at the end of the current semester and may include (a) denial of readmission, b) withholding of grades and transcripts, and c) withholding of degree.

## Delinquent Accounts

Delinquent accounts to the College will be sent to a collection agency and reported to credit bureaus. All costs of collections are paid by the student which is



generally an additional 33.333% of the student's obligations to the LSCPA.

Delinquent accounts sent to a collection agency will be reported to the credit bureau. Delinquent accounts must be paid to the collection agency. Payment cannot be accepted by the Lamar State College Port Arthur if the account has been forwarded to a collection agency.

A student who has a delinquent account may not receive an official academic transcript or diploma until the account is paid in full.

# Financial Aid

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Financial assistance in the form of 1) scholarships, 2) grants, 3) loans and 4) employment is available to a number of qualified students.

Interested students should visit the Student Services office or [my.lamarpa.edu](http://my.lamarpa.edu) for additional information.

## Apply for Financial Aid

Students that want to apply for grants, loans or college work-study employment must complete the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) and the LSCPA Financial Aid Supplement to determine the degree of need.

Students should complete the FAFSA online before the April 1<sup>st</sup> priority deadline. Processing requires four to six weeks, so students planning to meet the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline should complete the FAFSA by mid-February.

The College considers an applicant's degree of need before awarding financial aid. New and continuing students must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress

(SAP) criteria according to standards established by federal regulations for continued eligibility.

The amount and type of assistance is determined by the Financial Aid Office. Notification of awards is mailed during late spring and early summer.

The College will continue to award aid as long as funds are available. However, the most desirable types of aid normally are expended early. So, students should make every effort to meet the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Students applying for scholarships must complete the *Application for Scholarship for Lamar State College Port Arthur* that is available in the Admission Office and on the website. High school seniors should meet the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to be given first priority. All other scholarship applicants should meet the June 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for the following academic year.

## Qualifications

Students applying for need-based grants, loans or work-study employment must have their eligibility established by the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid*.

Scholarship awards to entering freshmen are determined by the applicant's high school class rank and/or financial need. Freshmen may be able to obtain required forms from their high school counselors or directly from the Financial Aid Office.

Scholarship awards for upperclassmen are determined by their cumulative grade point average at the college level. Scholarship applicants must have at least a 2.5 grade point average to be eligible for a college administered scholarship. Current students may obtain the forms from the Admission Advisors Office in the Student Center. Students must reapply annually to be considered for continued assistance.

## Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA)

Federal Student Aid, a part of the U.S. Department of Education, is the largest provider of student financial aid in the nation. The office of Federal Student Aid provides more than \$150 billion in federal grants, loans, and *work-study* funds each year to more than 13 million students paying for college or career school.

To apply for federal financial aid, go to <https://fafsa.ed.gov/index.htm> to begin the application process and learn more about federal financial aid.

## Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA)

A Student seeking financial aid, who is ineligible to apply for federal student aid but meets the residency requirements under House Bill 1403/Senate Bill 1528 can complete the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA). The TASFA Application and eligibility requirements can be downloaded at the following website: [www.collegeforalltexans.com](http://www.collegeforalltexans.com). Student will also need to submit all income supporting documentation. Please contact the Financial Aid Office if you have additional questions.

## Grants

The Federal Pell Grant is the foundation source for all other aid programs. No other need-based assistance grants, loans, or work-study can be awarded until a student's eligibility for the Federal Pell Grant is determined.

When a student files a *Free Application for Federal Student Aid*, the government processes the application and sends a Student Aid Report to the student's address.

The student then should submit the Student Aid Report to the Financial Aid Office for an estimated grant amount to be determined. The final Pell Grant will be determined at the time of enrollment.

Other available grants are the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), and Texas Public Education Grant (TPEG). Students with exceptional need as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid may be awarded one of these grants.

## TEXAS Grant Program

The TEXAS (Toward Excellence, Access & Success) Grant Program provides grants to help academically-prepared, eligible students attend higher education institutions in Texas. To compete for a grant, a student must be a Texas resident; a graduate of a public or accredited private high school in Texas since fall 1998; enroll in college and receive his/her TEXAS Grant within 16 months of high school graduation; have completed the recommended or advanced high school curriculum or its equivalent; have financial need; have applied for any available financial aid or assistance; be enrolling full-time as of September 2005 in an undergraduate degree or certificate program; and not have been convicted of a felony or a crime involving a controlled substance.

Students may apply for the TEXAS Grant Program through the LSCPA Financial Aid Office. The award

amount is based on a minimum of 12 semester credit hours taken by the student and the type of institution the student attends. In general, it is an amount equal to the student's tuition and required fees.

Students who continue in college and meet the program's academic standards can receive awards for up to 150 semester credit hours or for six years, whichever occurs first. In the first year of college, the academic standards are set by the institution. In subsequent years, the requirements are completion of at least 75 percent of the hours taken in the prior semester plus an overall grade point average in college of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

### Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG)

The Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program provides grants to financially needy students enrolled in Texas public two-year colleges. To compete for the grant, a student must be a Texas resident; show financial need; if applying for the first-time award, have a family contribution of no more than \$5,233; register for the Selective Service or be exempt from this requirement; be enrolled at least 1/2 time (six semester credit hours) in an associate degree or certificate program at a two-year college in Texas; have not been granted an associate or a baccalaureate degree; and have not been convicted of a felony or a crime involving a controlled substance.

Students who continue in college and who meet program academic standards can receive awards for up to 75 semester credit hours, for four years, or until they receive an associate degree, whichever comes first. In the first year of college, the academic standards are set by the institution.

The academic requirements for continuing in the program are completion of at least 75 percent of the hours taken in the prior academic year, plus and overall college grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. A student does not have to be a recent graduate but must have less than 30 attempted hours.

### Valedictorians

Valedictorians from accredited Texas high schools are entitled to an exemption from payment of tuition for the two regular semesters immediately after graduation.

Fees are not exempt. During registration, valedictorians should report to the Financial Aid Office for fee adjustments. Valedictorians of all Texas high schools are certified by principals to the Texas Education Agency. The College receives the list for reference.

## Scholarships

Scholarships awards cover a portion of a student's expenses. Scholarships are of two types – those administered solely by the College, including the selection of recipients, and those administered by the College at the request of donors who select the recipients themselves. The College's scholarship program is financed solely by public donations.

Some scholarships are based on a student's financial need while others are based on academic excellence. Scholarship applications from high school students are due on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The deadline for other students is June 15<sup>th</sup>. Students are encouraged to apply before the application deadline.

For more information, contact Scholarship Advisor at [scholarships@lamarpa.edu](mailto:scholarships@lamarpa.edu) or apply at [www.lamarpa.edu/general/forms/LSCPA-Scholarship-Application](http://www.lamarpa.edu/general/forms/LSCPA-Scholarship-Application).

Half of the scholarship normally is disbursed for the Fall Semester, and the remaining half for the Spring Semester, unless otherwise stated.

The College awards approximately 300 scholarships annually. Among these are scholarships made available by the following individuals and organizations.

### Top 10% Scholarship Program

The 80th Texas legislature created the Top 10 Percent Scholarship Program to encourage students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their high school class to attend a Texas public institution of higher education.

#### Initial eligibility requirements:

1. Must be a Texas resident.
2. Demonstrate financial need (determined by college or university financial aid office).
3. Complete a FAFSA or TASFA (if applicable) and file by the deadline date of March 15, 2018.
4. Complete Recommended or distinguished Achievement High School curriculum.
5. Rank in the Top 10 percent (as of his/her 7th semester or 6th if the college uses that semester for admissions).
6. Graduate from an accredited Texas high school.
7. Enroll fulltime in a Texas public two-year or four-year college or university.

#### Renewal Requirements (contingent upon available funding):

1. Complete 30 semester credit hours (SCH) in the previous year.

2. Maintain cumulative 3.25 GPA.
3. Complete at least 75 percent of semester credit hours attempted.
4. Meet all eligibility and ranking criteria.
5. Complete a FAFSA or TASFA (if applicable) and file by the deadline date.

Students are notified by the college regarding their financial aid award.

### Endowed Scholarships

1. 'A Class Act' Drama Club Scholarship
2. SSgt. Lucian Adams Scholarship
3. Ahlbom Family Memorial Scholarship
4. A. Morris Albright Scholarship
5. H.S. & Bernice B. Anderson Scholarship
6. Ella Atwell Memorial Scholarship
7. G.W. Bailey Scholarship
8. Sue Bates Scholarship
9. Better Business Bureau Scholarship
10. Gail Bienvenu Memorial Scholarship
11. Beulah Bosarge Scholarship
12. Donald T. Boumans Memorial Scholarship
13. Miss Marie Bright Scholarship
14. W.A. "Dub" Brown Scholarship
15. Dr. Ronald Buchanan Scholarship
16. John B. & Estelle M. Caldwell Scholarship
17. Carabelle Family Scholarship
18. Bobby Terrell Cowart Scholarship
19. Fred S. Davis, Jr. Scholarship
20. Del Papa Distributing Company Scholarship
21. Department Club of Port Arthur Scholarship
22. Jennie Mae Duhon Estate Scholarship
23. Manton L. Dunham & Delwin D. Dunham Memorial Scholarship
24. Gabby Eldridge Scholarship
25. Endowed Nursing Scholarship
26. Sydalise Fredeman Award Scholarship
27. Dr. Jim Garcia Scholarship
28. John W. Gates Scholarship
29. Juliette George Scholarship
30. Jane Goins-Flanagan Scholarship
31. Golden Triangle Cajun Association
32. Betty Guarnere Scholarship
33. Joe & Lloyd Hayes Memorial Scholarship
34. Mary Evelyn Dunn Hayes Scholarship
35. Wilbur & Josephine Hebert Scholarship
36. Wilton & Effie Mae Hebert Foundation Scholarship
37. Norman Helms Scholarship
38. LCdr. Peter D. Herlin Memorial Scholarship
39. Dr. Mark Honea Scholarship
40. John C. Huval Memorial Award Scholarship
41. Norma Provost Irwin Scholarship
42. Joe James Memorial Scholarship
43. O'Dell James Memorial Scholarship
44. Judice Family Scholarship

45. Kiwanis Club of Port Arthur – Sam Aquilina Scholarship
46. Kiwanis Club of Port Arthur – Leland Lacy Memorial Scholarship
47. Kiwanis Club of Port Arthur – Pat Wood Memorial Scholarship
48. Logan Family Memorial Scholarship by John & Shirley Logan Riedmueller
49. Dr. Charles Lance Lyday Scholarship
50. John Robert Mansinger Estate Scholarship
51. Ann & Floyd Marceaux Scholarship
52. Herman & Carol Mazur Scholarship
53. W. K. Milner Scholarship
54. Dr. Madison & Mrs. Thelma Monroe Memorial Scholarship
55. Dr. Sam Monroe Scholarship
56. Everette Ford Montgomery Memorial Scholarship
57. Charles E. Neumann Scholarship
58. North Port Arthur Rotary Club Memorial Scholarship
59. Parker Family Scholarship
60. Marlene & Roosevelt Petry Jr. Scholarship
61. Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship
62. Pilot Club of Port Arthur Scholarship
63. Volney & Florence Pinder Scholarship
64. Mildred & William. J. Pitts Memorial Scholarship
65. Mary Kay Place Scholarship
66. Mack A. Pond Scholarship by Rotary Club of Port Arthur
67. Port Arthur Founder's Lions Club – Thomas S. Balac/James A. DeLee Scholarship
68. Port Arthur Improvement Association Scholarship
69. Port Arthur Men's & Women's Bowling Association Scholarship
70. Port Arthur Respiratory Disease Trust
71. Port Arthur Rotary Club Scholarship
72. Port Arthur Symphony Club Scholarship
73. David A. Provost Memorial Scholarship
74. Bodie Pryor Scholarship
75. Robert Rauschenberg Scholarship
76. Retail Merchants Association Scholarship
77. Prof. W.E. Sampson Scholarship
78. Capt. Wm. Sanders Chapter of DAR Scholarship
79. Mary Skeff Schlesinger & A. W. Schlesinger Scholarship
80. South Jefferson County Medical Society Alliance Scholarship
81. Mac Timmerman, Jr. Scholarship
82. TOTAL Petrochemicals & Refining USA, Inc. Scholarship
83. Triebel Family Scholarship
84. Jack & Beverly Verret Scholarship
85. Carl & Stella White/DAR Scholarship
86. Elsie & William White Memorial Scholarship
87. Wommack Family Scholarship



## Scholarships

1. 40 & 8 Nationale Voiture #312
2. Alumni Association of Lamar State College Port Arthur – Joan Brown Scholarship, Fred and Leila Mae Erwin Scholarship, Juliette George Scholarship, Charles Martin Scholarship, Jack and Melba Morgan Scholarship, Renella Primeaux Scholarship, and Clint Wasser Memorial Scholarship
3. American Legion Auxiliary Unit #33
4. American Legion Post #33
5. Aurora-Golden Triangle Sertoma Club
6. Baptist Hospital Auxiliary
7. Beaumont Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
8. J. T. and Usha Beckman
9. Cadence Trust
10. Cathedral of Faith Baptist Church
11. Centennial
12. Philip Childree Memorial
13. Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
14. James Paul Collins
15. Commercial Music
16. Blake and Mary Crippen
17. Department of Texas VFW
18. Drama
19. Educator's Memorial
20. Eber W. Ephlin
21. First United Methodist Church
22. Flint Hills, LLC
23. Gene Graham Safety Foundation
24. Avery Anne Guerra Memorial Foundation
25. Jefferson Extension Education Association
26. Knights of Columbus Council #12809
27. Knights of Columbus Port Neches Council #2461
28. Koch Companies Public Sector, LLC
29. Burk McGreevy
30. Medical Center of Southeast Texas Volunteers
31. Mexican Heritage Society
32. New Light Church World Outreach & Worship
33. Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
34. Port Arthur Independent School District
35. Port Arthur Independent School District Foundation
36. Port Arthur Industrial Group (Air Products, L.P., BASF TOTAL Petrochemicals, Chevron Phillips Chemical Company, L.P., Flint Hills Resources, Motiva Enterprises, Oxbow Calcining, LLC., Port Arthur Steam Energy, L.P., Praxair, TOTAL Petrochemicals & Refining USA, Inc., Valero, and Veolia Environmental Services)
37. Port Neches Groves High School
38. Port Neches Groves Little Dribblers
39. Sandra Riley
40. Rotary Club of Port Arthur-Taste of Gumbo
41. Louis Saldana
42. Julian C. Salter, Jr.

43. Mary S. Schlesinger & A.W. Schlesinger by Lamar University Foundation, Inc.
44. Seahawk Super Scholar
45. Silsbee Chapter #298 Order Eastern Star
46. Rowdy C. Slaughter
47. Southeast Texas Independent Cattlemen's Association
48. St. Charles Church
49. Nelda C. & H. J. Luther Stark Foundation
50. STI Group Foundation
51. Texas Bowling Centers Association
52. Texas Rice Festival, Inc.
53. The Pipeliner's Association of Houston
54. TOTAL Petrochemicals & Refining USA, Inc.
55. Trinity Neches Sabine District TWUA
56. Tyler County Farm Bureau
57. UIL One-Act Play Competition
58. UIL-TETA Drama
59. UPS Education Assistance Program
60. MCL 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Joyce Venable

## Loans

Lamar State College Port Arthur provides emergency short-term loans. Short-term loans are awarded only during registration periods for the exact amount of tuition and fees based on the ability to repay the loan during the semester the loan was issued.

The College does not award the Federal Perkins Loan.

## Stafford Student Loans

Most students, regardless of their credit rating, qualify for a Stafford Loan that is subsidized by the U.S. government, or are unsubsidized as determined by a student's need. The program features a fixed interest rate for subsidized loans and unsubsidized loans for the school term. Rates are set by Department of Education (DOE) and may vary. Check the DOE website for current rates.

Qualified students can apply for additional money each year up to a total limit over the course of four years.

Undergraduate dependent students can borrow up to \$5,500 for the first year up to a total limit of \$31,000 during their time in school. Independent students can borrow up to \$9,500 the first year with a final total of \$57,500.

To qualify, students must submit a FAFSA (*Free Application for Federal Student Aid*) form; have a financial need as determined by the College; be a U.S. citizen or national, permanent resident or eligible non-citizen; be enrolled or plan to attend at least half-time; and not be in default on any education loan or owe a refund on an education grant.

## Employment

Employment opportunities under the Federal College Work-Study Program and other employment programs of the College are available to students as part of the financial assistance program.

The College, local businesses and industries provide a number of part-time jobs which allow students to earn part or all of these expenses while attending the College.

## Students with Disabilities

The Texas Rehabilitation Commission offers assistance with tuition and non-refundable fees to students who have certain disabling conditions, provided their educational objectives have been approved by a TRC Counselor. Examples of such conditions are orthopedic deformities, emotional disorders, diabetes, epilepsy, heart conditions, etc.

Other services are available to help students with disabilities become employable. Application for service should be made at the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, 5860 Ninth Avenue, Port Arthur, Texas 77642.

# Academic Policies

Academic policies and procedures are periodically reviewed and are updated. They may change during the course of an academic year. For further policy information or updates, see the Student Handbook or go to the Lamar State College Port Arthur website, [www.lamarpa.edu](http://www.lamarpa.edu).

## Academic Performance

Academic performance is a measure of a student's performance. Student performance is assessed by 1) grade point average (GPA); and 2) course completion. Academic performance is calculated beginning with the first semester that a student enrolls and all subsequent semesters.

Students are expected to make acceptable scholastic progress toward their degree objectives. A grade of 'C' is the minimum satisfactory grade and a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) constitutes satisfactory performance.

The levels of academic performance include 1) good standing, 2) academic probation, and 3) academic suspension. Students who do not maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 will be placed on academic probation, or academic suspension.

## Academic Probation

Students in the following categories at the end of the Fall or Spring Semesters are placed on Academic Probation:

- Freshman students (1-29 semester credit hours (SCH) work attempted) who have less than a 2.0 but greater than a 1.15 GPA;

- Sophomore students (30-59 SCH work attempted) who have less than a 2.0 but greater than a 1.58 GPA;
- Other students who have greater than 60 SCH work attempted and have less than a 2.0 but greater than a 1.72 GPA.

## Suspension

Students with a GPA reflecting "academic suspension" at the end of the Fall or Spring Semesters shall be suspended. No first-time college students shall be suspended at the end of their first semester of attendance.

Students in the following categories at the end of the Fall or Spring Semesters are considered to be on Academic Suspension.

Semester Credit Hours Completed	GPA
1-29	>1.15
30-59	>1.58
60+	<1.72

Students suspended from Fall and/or Spring semesters may attend the Summer session on probation. Students who do not improve at least to the level of "academic probation" at the close of the summer session may register for the following fall semester, but will be charged with a suspension. Students returning from academic suspension must continue to improve their GPA every semester of enrollment until they achieve a minimum 2.0 GPA. If students fail to improve their GPA in any semester, they will be suspended, unless approved for probationary re-enrollment by the Dean of