

# The San Antonio Education Partnership Scholarship



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Activating Scholarship

#### How do I activate my scholarship?

Enroll in a partner institution (Alamo Colleges, UTSA, TAMUSA, UT Health, Trinity, UIW, OLLU, St. Mary's) and maintain full time status for the duration of the semester.

#### What happens next?

During the summer, your SAEP advisor will review all your submitted documents to verify eligibility. The Scholarship Coordinator will then reach out to you during the month of August to confirm eligibility. Please make sure your advisor has your up to date contact information.

#### What if the college I want to attend is not on the list? Can I still use my scholarship?

No. The scholarship is only applicable to our partnership institutions.

#### If I start Fall 2020 at a non-partner college, but then transfer in Spring 2021, can I receive the Scholarship?

No. Students who attend a non-partner institution during their first semester forfeit the SAEP scholarship.

#### What if I can't attend college Fall 2020 or Spring 2021 due to extenuating circumstances?

We consider appeals due to hardships on a case by case basis. Email the Scholarship Coordinator to discuss the appeal process. Appeals are not guaranteed.

#### Can I take a gap year?

You must enroll full time the Fall or Spring after high school graduation or you will lose your scholarship.

#### Can I use my scholarship funds for a new iPad, Laptop, etc.?

You can use your scholarship for all your academic needs and to support your academic goals. We do not need any receipts.

**If you have questions related to the SAEP Scholarship, contact the Scholarship Coordinator**

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### Receiving Scholarship

#### How will I receive my funds?

Most colleges/universities will direct deposit remaining funds into student's banking account if you have set up that account with your institution. Otherwise it may be sent in the form of a paper check from your college. Please check your student email and student portal or contact the business office with any questions.

#### When will I receive my funds?

There is no set date for the award to post. The colleges/universities can post the award any time. Approved Fall 2020 payments will be sent to colleges between March 31-April 15. Approved Spring 2021 payments will be sent to colleges between August 31-September 15

#### Why do I have to wait until after the semester is over to receive my award?

We verify enrollment at the end of each semester to make sure that students remain enrolled full-time for the duration of the semester. Awards are then reviewed and approved by the City of San Antonio based on funding availability. This process takes time; we appreciate your patience.

#### What if I'm graduating this spring? Will I still get my scholarship?

If you maintained eligibility for the SAEP Scholarship during your Spring semester, your scholarship funds will still be released to your college and you should be able to receive a refund from your institution.

#### What if I do not need to be enrolled full-time to graduate my final semester?

You will need to submit an appeal to explain your planned enrollment. Please contact the Scholarship Coordinator for more information.

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## **Maintaining Scholarship**

### **Do I have to send transcripts to verify my college GPA?**

No, SAEP will verify your enrollment with your institution.

### **Do I need to reapply for the scholarship?**

No. The SAEP Scholarship will continue to renew if you: 1) Maintain SAP, 2) Are enrolled full time, 3) Are enrolled at one of our partner institutions in consecutive Fall/Spring semesters.

### **What is SAP?**

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) is considered maintaining a 2.0 GPA and passing 67% of the classes that you take.

### **Do I need to provide receipts?**

No.

### **What if I need to drop a class? Will I lose my scholarship?**

The SAEP Scholarship requires full time enrollment. If you drop below full-time status, you will become ineligible for that semester. Contact the Scholarship Coordinator to discuss the appeal process.

### **I have questions about my scholarship, but I'm too busy to contact you. Can my parents call instead?**

FERPA laws prohibit SAEP from sharing personal information with anyone other than the student. SAEP will provide general information, but the student must contact us for detailed information.

### **Can I take a semester off? Will I lose my scholarship?**

If you are not enrolled in consecutive Fall/Spring Semesters, you will lose eligibility for the SAEP Scholarship. If this is due to an extenuating circumstance, email the Scholarship Coordinator for more information about the appeal process.

### **Can I use my scholarship during the summer?**

No. The SAEP Scholarship is only provided for Fall and Spring Semesters.

### **What if I failed my first year? Do I lose my scholarship?**

If you fall below SAP standards, you lose eligibility for the scholarship. Email the Scholarship Coordinator for more information about the appeal process.

### **I recently changed my name, SSN, email address, phone number, etc. Do I need to inform SAEP?**

Yes, please update the Scholarship Coordinator with any changes to your information.

### **My EFC changed; can I still receive the scholarship?**

Once a student is eligible for the scholarship, they maintain eligibility if they meet the renewal criteria. Your Estimated Expected Family Contribution is not included in renewal criteria.

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### Transferring the Scholarship

#### Can I transfer my scholarship?

The SAEP Scholarship is transferable within our partner institutions. The scholarship amount will change to reflect the amount offered at that institution. (Ex. Increases with transfer from San Antonio College to UTSA, Decreases with Transfer from UIW to UT Health etc.)

#### Can I still receive the scholarship if I transfer from a 4-year college to a 2-year college?

Yes, if you transfer to one of our partner institutions. Please see above.

#### Do I need to tell SAEP if I transfer?

Yes, please. No additional application, transcripts, or receipts are needed. Email the Scholarship Coordinator to update your information.

#### I attended a non-partner institution but left before census date, can I receive the scholarship?

This will be determined on a case by case basis. Please email the Scholarship Coordinator for more information about the appeal process.

#### What if I have a consortium agreement?

If your agreement is between two of our partner colleges, contact the Scholarship Coordinator to begin the verification process. If your agreement is between a partner college and an outside institution, you will need to submit an appeal. Please contact the Scholarship Coordinator for more information.

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