

The San Antonio Education Partnership Scholarship

Class of 2021: Frequently Asked Questions



Activating the Scholarship

How do I activate my scholarship?

Enroll in a partner institution (Alamo Colleges, UTSA, TAMUSA, UT Health, Trinity, UIW, OLLU, St. Mary's) for **Fall 2021 or Spring 2022**. Be enrolled full-time by the institution's census date and remain enrolled full-time **through the end of the semester**.

What happens next?

During the summer, your Road to Success Advisor will review all your submitted documents to verify application completion and will contact you via phone, text, or email regarding any missing components. Please make sure your Advisor has your up-to-date contact information. The Scholarship Coordinator will contact you at the end of summer (early September) if you are eligible to receive the scholarship; your Road to Success Advisor will email you if you are ineligible.

How will I receive my funds?

Payment is sent directly to your school. **Most schools will not release the scholarship funds until the end of the semester or later.** Generally, colleges/universities will direct deposit any remaining funds into a student's banking account if you have set that up with your institution. Otherwise, it may be sent in the form of a paper check from your college. Please check your student portal or contact your school's business office with any questions.

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 2021 at a non-partner college, but then transfer in Spring 2022, can I receive the Scholarship?

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

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.

What if I can't attend college Fall 2021 or Spring 2022 due to extenuating circumstances?

We consider appeals due to hardships on a case-by-case basis. Email the Scholarship Coordinator, complete appeal, explain circumstances, provide documentation and submit within a year of initial award. Appeals are not guaranteed.

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.

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Maintaining the Scholarship

Do I have to send transcripts to verify my college GPA and SAP?

No, SAEP will verify your enrollment and SAP with your institution.

What is SAP?

At most partner institutions, Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) is considered a minimum of maintaining a 2.0 GPA and passing 67% of the classes that you take. Your school's financial aid office will check SAP after grades post at the end of each semester. Please be aware that Trinity University, University of the Incarnate Word and Our Lady of the Lake University use a 75% passing rate when determining SAP status.

Do I need to reapply for the scholarship?

No. The SAEP Scholarship will continue to renew if you maintain SAP, stay enrolled full time, and are enrolled at one of our partner institutions in consecutive Fall/Spring semesters. Please be aware that the scholarship is limited to **8 semester payments within 5 years of graduating high school**. Additionally, the scholarship is limited to students who are working on their first bachelor's degree. Second bachelor's and graduate degrees are not covered.

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

If you will still be full-time (12+ credit hours) after dropping the class, no. Email the Scholarship Coordinator if you have questions.

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 you should contact us for information about your specific award/eligibility.

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?

The SAEP Scholarship is provided for Fall and Spring semesters only.

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 keep the Scholarship Coordinator up-to-date 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. We do not look at your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) when renewing the scholarship.

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Transferring the Scholarship

Can I transfer my scholarship?

The SAEP Scholarship is transferable between our partner institutions. The scholarship amount will change to reflect the amount offered at that institution. (For example, 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 be aware that the scholarship is limited to 4 total semesters while at a 2-year college, which typically includes any semesters earned at a 4-year college prior to transferring. However, exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the Scholarship Coordinator for more information.

Do I need to tell SAEP if I transfer?

Yes, please. It is helpful if we are aware and can update your student ID number in our database. No additional application, transcripts, or receipts are needed; email the Scholarship Coordinator to update your information. **Most importantly, please let your new school's financial aid office know you are an SAEP Scholarship recipient. They will contact the Scholarship Coordinator to verify your status.**

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.

If you have questions regarding the SAEP Scholarship, please contact:

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