



Program Requirements

How Do I Qualify?

Students meeting the qualifications listed below will have all tuition and fee expenses for the regular academic year (fall and spring) covered by grant and/or scholarship aid. Academic year enrollment charges will be covered with different forms of gift aid, including Federal, state, institutional (including the UTPA Advantage Grant) and private forms of scholarships and grants. Students must:

- Have a family income of \$25,000 or less and demonstrate financial need as reported on the FAFSA.
- Be classified as a Texas resident.
- Be enrolled for 15 hours or more per semester.
- Be enrolled as an undergraduate in a degree-seeking program
- Have filed the FAFSA for the upcoming academic year by the March 1 Financial Aid Priority Deadline
- Be making satisfactory academic progress as defined by financial aid guidelines.

UTPA Advantage is available for a maximum of eight semesters or until graduation, whichever occurs first. Program funding each academic year is contingent upon availability of funds. Late payment fees, late registration fees, excess credit hour fees, class repeat fees, drop fees, and any fees for auxiliary services (such as parking or citation fees) are not covered by UTPA Advantage.

How Do I Apply?

Applying for UTPA Advantage is easy. Simply complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) before the March 1st Priority Deadline.

Students can complete their FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov or come by our Financial Aid Express Lab in Room 1.196 of the Student Services Building for one-on-one assistance.

To complete the FAFSA students will need their and their parent's completed 2006 US Tax Return (if required to file).

It is also recommended that students and their parents have a PIN number to electronically sign their FAFSA for quicker results. Students and parents can get their FAFSA Pin numbers at www.pin.ed.gov.