



FOUNDATION EXCELLENCE AWARD

Help underserved students join the Aggie family

Texas A&M University prides itself on providing quality higher education, but it has always been more than a place to earn a degree. Aggies are a community and, as such, the university aims to offer educational opportunities for a student body that reflects the state and national populations. The Foundation Excellence Award (FEA) program

is one way to accomplish this goal. FEA scholarships support qualified students from underserved groups and those from economically and educationally disadvantaged backgrounds. By helping remove financial barriers, these scholarships allow hard-working students to turn their Aggie dreams into reality.



FEAS BY THE NUMBERS

ESTABLISHED IN

1999

TOTAL GIFTS AND PLEDGES

\$15M

AVERAGE NUMBER OF FEAS SUPPORTING STUDENTS EACH YEAR

500

In 1999, the Texas A&M Foundation Board of Trustees established the FEA program to increase the recruitment and retention of outstanding students from historically underserved groups. These scholarships provide an annual stipend for up to four years to students from disadvantaged backgrounds who are U.S. residents admitted to Texas A&M. Academic qualifications, extracurricular activities and financial need are also considered. Since the program's launch, FEA scholarships have helped thousands of students become leaders of character who impact the state, nation and world.

But as the makeup of Texas' communities continues to change, so must Texas A&M's. A student body that fully reflects the state's population not only creates a more enriching campus experience for all but also strengthens the workforce through a variety of perspectives. Despite advances made through FEAs, many underserved students who receive admission to the university do not enroll because of greater financial incentives from other in-state or out-of-state universities.

Inspired by this ongoing need, Texas A&M University and the Texas A&M Foundation have initiated a matching program through 2029 to expand the FEA program.

The goal is to award 375 new scholarships annually by fall 2026, which would support 1,500 more students by fall 2029. Additionally, the annual stipend students receive will increase from \$2,500 to \$5,000. To help meet these goals, the Texas A&M University President's Office has pledged a limited number of matching funds that will be available on an annual basis through 2029 for eligible FEA scholarships.

Make a Difference

Individuals, groups or corporations can create a one-time, pass-through FEA that will support a student immediately or an endowed FEA that will support students in perpetuity. Matching dollars are available from the university for some gift models, explained below.

Gifts to the Foundation are tax-deductible and can be made with cash, securities, real estate or corporate matching gifts. If you're not ready to give today, you can also create a future

FEA through a planned gift in your will or living trust, although these will not qualify for matching funds.

Your FEA can be personalized to fit your specific passions. You can create one or more scholarships for students in specific colleges or groups, such as the Corps of Cadets or student veterans, and support undergraduate students at the College Station or Galveston campuses. You can also name your scholarship in honor of a person, class or organization.

NON-ENDOWED FEA:

Your Gift	President's Office Match	Total Gift Value	Annual Student Stipend (4 years)
\$10,000. Payable immediately or at \$2,500 per year for 4 years.	\$10,000. Payable at \$2,500 per year for 4 years.	\$20,000	\$5,000

ENDOWED FEA:

Through a \$50,000 gift, you can endow an FEA that will support Aggies for generations. While endowed gifts are payable over five years, if you pay your gift in full within one year, the university will match the earnings of your endowment

during its first four years to generate a larger annual stipend for your student recipient during that initial period. If you fund your endowment over several years, matching funds from the university will not be applied to the eventual earnings.

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"I take pride in knowing there's someone who acknowledges my efforts and truly believes that I can be successful at Texas A&M and beyond."

VICTORIA BADILLO '20
Public Health, Brazos County A&M Club FEA

By establishing an FEA, you can leave an eternal legacy in the life of a deserving student and boost them toward a successful future embodying the Aggie core values.

You will also contribute to the university's goal of educational access for all, strengthening the campus population and the workforce. In addition, you can increase your Aggie relationships by meeting your scholar and other donors at an annual on-campus tailgate party.

The Texas A&M Foundation builds a brighter future for Texas A&M University, one relationship at a time. As a nonprofit and the primary academic fundraising institution for Texas A&M, our vision is to be among the most trusted philanthropies in higher education. Our team partners with former students, corporations and other supporters to match their charitable passions with opportunities for purposeful philanthropy at Texas A&M. Gifts create scholarships, advance faculty endeavors, enhance student programs and fund campus construction, greatly enhancing Texas A&M's mission to provide the highest quality undergraduate and graduate programs and develop new understandings through research and creativity.

For more information, visit txamfoundation.com.

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