

FALL 2022-SPRING 2023

DUSTY PROMISE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



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What is the Dusty Promise Program?

The TAMIU Dusty Promise Program aids eligible students with family adjusted gross income of \$100,000 or less and who have financial aid need (based on FAFSA/TASFA) by pledging to provide enough scholarships and grants to pay tuition and mandatory fees.

How does the Dusty Promise Program work?

The Dusty Promise Program is designed to cover tuition and mandatory fees by first utilizing federal, state, and institutional aid, like Federal Pell and TEXAS Grants, scholarships and other gift aid. The Dusty Promise Program will cover any remaining tuition and mandatory fees not covered by these programs.

Who qualifies for the Dusty Promise Program?

New, first-time freshman and transfer students who are Texas residents pursuing their first bachelor's degree with a family adjusted gross income of \$100,000 or less. Students must be admitted to TAMIU by March 15 in a degree program, submit a complete FAFSA or TASFA application by March 15, have financial need based on their application results, and enroll in at least 15 semester credit hours each Fall and Spring semester.

How do I apply for the TAMIU Dusty Promise Program?

Students interested in being considered must meet all eligibility requirements and deadlines. Upon meeting these criteria, students are automatically opted in to the program; **no additional application** needs to be submitted.

Are current and graduate students eligible to receive the 2022-2023 Dusty Promise?

No. This Dusty Promise Program is for new freshman and transfer students seeking their first undergraduate degree only.

What does the Dusty Promise cover?

Dusty Promise covers state-mandated fees, designated tuition, and differential tuition, including the following fees:

- Tuition
- Board authorized tuition
- Athletics fee
- Student Health fee
- Recreational Sports fee
- Student Center fee
- Student Service fee
- University Services fee
- Online Program Services fee.

Note: See University Catalog for detailed description of each fee.

Does the Dusty Promise cover housing fees?

No. The Dusty Promise pledges to cover tuition and mandatory fees only for eligible students.

Does Dusty Promise cover books?

No. The Dusty Promise pledges to cover tuition and mandatory fees for eligible students.

How do TAMIU scholarships or outside scholarships affect the Dusty Promise?

Such awards will be included as part of your financial aid award package. Dusty Promise is limited to meeting unmet need as demonstrated by the FAFSA/TASFA.

What is "unmet need" defined as?

Unmet need = Cost of attendance (COA) – Expected family contribution (EFC).

Note: Unmet need number must be positive to qualify and will determine maximum eligibility.

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Do I have to enroll full-time to receive the Dusty Promise?

Yes. You must enroll for at least 15 semester credit hours at TAMIU each fall and Spring semester to qualify for the Dusty Promise Program.

Can I enroll at two institutions during the same semester to complete my 15-hour requirement?

No. Students must enroll for 15 semester credit hours per semester at TAMIU.

Can I take my Dusty Promise with me to another school?

No. The Dusty Promise Program is a TAMIU program for TAMIU courses only.

May I receive the Dusty Promise for the summer terms?

No. The Dusty Promise is for Fall and Spring semesters only.

May I receive the Dusty Promise if I begin at TAMIU in the Spring semester?

No. The Dusty Promise is designed for students starting in the Fall semester.

Are there exemptions to the 15 SCH enrollment requirement?

No. The Dusty Promise is designed for students taking 15 semester credit hours regardless of program of study.

Does the Dusty Promise have a limit on how many credit hours it will cover per semester?

Yes. The Dusty Promise will cover up to a maximum of 18 semester credit hours.

Is the Dusty Promise renewable every year?

Yes. The Dusty Promise is renewable if the student meets the renewal requirements. First-time freshmen can receive the Dusty Promise for up to four consecutive years*. Transferring freshmen and sophomores can receive the Dusty Promise for up to three consecutive years*. Transferring juniors and seniors can receive the Dusty Promise for up to two consecutive years*.

*Note: *Or upon completion of first Bachelors Degree (whichever comes first).*

What are the renewable requirements for the Dusty Promise?

The Dusty Promise renewable requirements are the following and are applicable for each renewal year:

- Enrolled 15 SCH per semester
- Complete 30 SCH at the end of the year (Fall, Spring, Summer)
- Maintain a 2.5 overall TAMIU GPA
- Be in compliance with the TAMIU financial aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy (SAPP)
- Submit the FAFSA/TASFA application by deadline.

Will my Dusty Promise be affected if I withdraw from any or all of my courses?

No. However, your renewal eligibility may be impacted. Furthermore, you may be responsible for repayment of other student aid received.