

Current SHSU enrollment: Fulltime Part Time Day Evening

Current College Classification:

- First-Time Freshman (graduated from high school last school year) Sophomore (completed 30-59 hours)
 Returning Freshman (attended college before but did not complete over 29 hours) Junior (completed 60-89 hours)
 Senior (completed 90+ hours)

Are you returning to college after a 5+ year gap in your education? yes no

Are you a Transfer Student? yes no

College Attended: _____ Credit Hours Transferred: _____

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Please list additional colleges and credit hours on a separate sheet of paper and attached to this application.

Do you have a bachelor degree? yes no

Degree Plans at SHSU (check one):

Bachelor Degree: Major: _____ Other (please specify): _____

Please attach a copy of your unofficial transcript (see page 4 of application for more instructions).

DISABILITY QUALIFICATIONS

Please answer "yes" or "no" to the following question:

Do you have a diagnosed physical or mental impairment that substantially limits your ability to participate in educational experiences and opportunities? yes no

If yes, are you registered with Disability Services Office on campus? yes no

If you checked, "yes", please attach proof of your diagnosis to this application.

FIRST-GENERATION QUALIFICATIONS

Do either of your parents have a four-year degree (Bachelor's degree)? yes no

If you did **not** live with a parent or legal guardian, were you a:

Foster Child Orphan Ward of the State Emancipated Minor Homeless Youth

Other: Please specify: _____

LOW-INCOME QUALIFICATIONS

Part 1: Dependency Status

For financial aid purposes, are you considered a dependent or independent student? **Dependent** **Independent**

Are you 24 or older as of January 1st this year? yes no

Are you married? yes no

Do you have children who received more than half of their support from you? yes no

Do you have any dependents (other than your children or spouse)? yes no

Are you an orphan, or are you/were you (until age 18) a ward/dependent of the court? yes no

Did an official determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless? yes no

Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? yes no

Are you currently active duty military personnel for other than training purposes? yes no

- If you checked "yes" to one or more of the above questions, you are considered an **independent student**. Please submit a copy of **YOUR** latest tax return.

- If you checked "no" to all of the above questions, you are considered a **dependent student**.

Note: If you are a dependent student, but you are unable to provide your parent's income information because they are incarcerated, you have left home due to an abusive family environment, you do not know where your parents are and are unable to contact them (and you have not been adopted), **or any other special circumstance**, please attach a letter stating your special circumstances to this application so that we can take it into consideration when determining your low-income eligibility.



1. Please attach the completed application to a copy of your:

- unofficial transcript (through MySam)
- your or your parents' most recent income tax return (1040) or proof of unemployment
 - o If you do not have access to your income tax return, you may submit a copy of your Student Aid Report (if you filled out the FAFSA for the most recent year) instead. However, we look at your **taxable income** to determine if you are low-income and your FAFSA only lists your **adjusted gross income**. Since your taxable income is usually **lower** than your adjusted gross income, your FAFSA might tell us your are **not** low income even though your income tax return would tell us you **are**. **We prefer to receive your income tax return (1040) so we can accurately assess your application.**
- proof of disability (if applicable)

(for detailed information on these requirements & instructions on how to print your Unofficial Transcript and Student Aid Report, go to: http://www.shsu.edu/~org_connect/application.html)

2. Then, return it to:

Sam Houston State University
Teacher Education Center, room 335
(936) 294-1694

You may also mail your application to:

Project CONNECT
ATTN: Kelly Stuckey
Box 2119 SHSU
Huntsville, TX 77341-2119

Or fax your application to:

(936) 294-3802

3. You will be notified if you are accepted into the program.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact our office.

More information is available on our website at http://www.shsu.edu/~org_connect.