

SMITH-HUTSON EMBA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY
APPLICATION DEADLINE – MARCH 15, 2026 [11:59 P.M.]

Smith-Hutson Scholarships are intended for applicants with an established financial need. This application is for a scholarship up to a total of \$40,000 for First Year students to fund the full two-year program and up to \$20,000 for Second Year students to attend the **Executive MBA in Banking and Financial Institutions** at Sam Houston State University.

The EMBA is a 30-hour program over a two-year period. An annual one-week residency at the main campus is required prior to the start of each fall semester along with a one-day Conference each spring semester. Outside of these two residencies, coursework [18 credit hours in Year One, 12 credit hours in Year Two] will be completed entirely online.

The **2026 Fall Cohort** begins with the one-week residency on August 16 – 21, 2026 with a one-day spring Conference [TBD]. The scholarship requires that the applicant have a bachelor's degree from an accredited university, complete the FAFSA, have an established financial need, and be accepted into the EMBA Program. Applicant must be available for an in-person interview on campus at Sam Houston State University [April 8, 2026].

PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Preferred to be called by: _____

Home Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Citizenship: _____ [Must be a U.S. Citizen & Texas resident to apply]

Gender: Male Female

Employer: _____

Title: _____

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

DATES	COLLEGE/PROGRAM	CITY/STATE	DEGREE/CERTIFICATE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Marital Status: Married Unmarried Divorced

Household Income:

NAME	YEAR	TOTAL INCOME	ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME	NO. OF DEPENDENTS

Do you have a personal savings for the EMBA? Yes No

If so, what dollar amount? _____

Will your employer contribute any financial aid for this EMBA Program? Yes No

If so, what dollar amount? _____

Have you completed the FAFSA?	Yes	No

If yes, Total grant(s) awarded per year: _____

Other Scholarships **AWARDED:** Provide scholarship name, dollar amount and period for the award.

Other Scholarships **APPLIED FOR:** Provide scholarship name and dollar amount.

Briefly explain any special circumstances that affect you or your family's ability to fund your college expenses.

Names of **ALL** persons currently living in your home (excluding yourself):

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	AGE

With the submission of this application, I certify that the information I have provided is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the university to verify the information and I understand I may be asked to provide supplemental documentation to confirm financial and/or academic eligibility.

I authorize Sam Houston State University to release my academic transcript and financial information to the Smith-Hutson Scholarships and/or its designees.

I hereby grant Sam Houston State University and Smith-Hutson Scholarships, its directors, officers, employees, agents, and any designee, non-revocable permission to capture my image and likeness in photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings, or any other media (collectively "Images").

If selected, I agree to attend the Texas Bankers Hall of Fame Gala on April 23, 2026.

Scholarship selection will be at the sole discretion of the Smith-Hutson Scholarship Committee. The Smith-Hutson EMBA Scholarship Committee does not discriminate or select based on gender, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, age, religious beliefs, social/economic class and/or marital status.

I acknowledge that the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) assistance, for the purpose of this application, is limited to resume production, spelling, and grammar check. I further acknowledge the written portion of this application, and any supporting written essay(s), are all my personal intellectual property and are not produced or enhanced by AI. I understand this application and any supporting essay(s) may be subject to AI detection software, and if deemed AI enhanced this application will be immediately withdrawn from consideration.

Applicant Signature

Date

Application packet must be date stamped via email by 11:59 p.m. [CST] on March 15, 2026 and must include the following:

- Application Form – Completed and signed.
- Resume to include work history and community involvement.
- One-page narrative (double spaced) describing how this EMBA will assist in developing your career in banking.
- Two [2] letters of recommendation:
 - From bank Senior Vice Presidents or above, if currently employed.
 - From COBA professors if currently enrolled as Undergraduate.
- Confirmation of acceptance to the EMBA Program at Sam Houston State University.

Please submit all requested articles to heather.caudle@shsu.edu.

For questions, please contact:

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