

SMITH-HUTSON EMBA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY
APPLICATION DEADLINE – MARCH 15, 2027 [11:59 P.M. CST]

Smith-Hutson EMBA Scholarships are intended for applicants with an established **financial need** and a minimum of **three** years of experience within the banking or financial sector. 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. Outside of these two residencies, coursework [18 credit hours in Year One, 12 credit hours in Year Two] will be completed entirely online.

The **2027 Fall Cohort** begins with the one-week residency on August 15 – 20, 2027. 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 7, 2027].

PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Preferred to be called by: _____

Home Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

U.S. Citizen: ☐ Yes ☐ No [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 22, 2027.

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

A complete application packet must be received via email by 11:59 p.m. [CST] on March 15, 2027 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 Senior Management or above, if currently employed
- 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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