ACCEPTED STUDENT CHECKLIST

Congratulations on your acceptance! We created a checklist of items for you to complete before your first day of class.

☐ Activate Your SHSU Email

(Required before Orientation)

Activate your SHSU email and computer account through SamWeb. After acceptance, your SHSU email is the only email used by SHSU offices. Activation is required to access different portals and register for Bearkat Orientation.

IT Website | Email Help Desk | (936) 294-1950 | Academic Building I - Suite 145

☐ Check Your Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Status

(Required before Orientation)

Check your TSI status by reviewing Degree Works (TSI section). If you are missing scores (or an exemption) for any component (Math, Reading, and/or Writing), “Testing Required” will be posted in that component. If you are not TSI exempt, or if you are missing a score for any component, you will need to schedule a TSIA2 exam; this can be completed either in person or online with the SHSU Testing Center. Please note this must be completed before you attend Orientation.

TSI Website | Email the Registrar’s Office | (936) 294-1040 | Estill Building - Suite 331

☐ Submit Bacterial Meningitis Documentation

(Required before Orientation)

Meningitis A documentation is required before selecting on-campus housing and registering for classes. Documentation must be submitted online to the Kat Health Patient Portal before you select your dorm room or attend your Orientation session.

Student Health Website | Email Student Health Center | (936) 294- 1805 | 1608 Avenue J

☐ Submit Housing Application

First-year students who have recently completed high school (within one year) are required to apply for housing, live on campus, and purchase a university meal plan.

Housing Website | Email Residence Life | (936) 294- 1812 | 910 Bearkat Blvd.- Lone Star Hall

☐ Submit Official College Transcripts

(Required before Orientation)

Submit transcripts of all coursework completed before attending SHSU (dual credit/college coursework or AP/CLEP scores) to the Admissions Office after you have received final course grades. All transcripts must be official and from the college awarding credit. This must be done before academic advising at Orientation to ensure you create an accurate course schedule with your advisor.

Admissions Website | Email Admissions | (936) 294- 1828 | Visitor Center - 2nd Floor

☐ Check for Registration Readiness

Check holds, complete Pre-Registration Notices, and learn about the Bearkat Bundle with the Bearkat Registration Dashboard.

Registration Dashboard | Email the Registrar | (936) 294-1040 | Estill Building - Suite 331

☐ Schedule Academic Advising

All incoming students are encouraged to schedule a 1-on-1 advising appointment prior to attending Orientation. This can be done on the SAM Center website and will give you the option to select an in-person or virtual appointment. If you are unable to complete this prior to your Orientation session, you will be able to attend a group advising session at that time.

SAM Center Website | Email SAM Center | (936) 294-4444

☐ Register for Bearkat Orientation

Register for Freshman Orientation through your personalized invitation. You will receive an invitation to register for Orientation when registration opens, but only if you have activated your SHSU email through SamWeb. You will meet with your Academic Advisor and register for classes at your Orientation session.

Orientation Website | Email Orientation | (936) 294-1844 | Visitor Center

☐ Register for Classes

All incoming students will register for classes at Orientation, but you may need to make schedule changes later. You can add, remove, or change courses within the Bearkat Registration Dashboard.

Registration Dashboard | Email the Registrar | (936) 294-1040 | Estill Building - Suite 331

☐ Get Your Bearkat OneCard

Request your Bearkat OneCard, the official ID of SHSU, online or in person. You must present a valid government or state issued photo ID to request your Bearkat OneCard. Activation is required for your residence hall and dining hall access. *It will arrive in a green envelope so please don't mistake it as junk mail.

Student Account Services Website | Email Student Account Services | (936) 294-2273

Estill Building - Suite 103

☐ Apply for Financial Aid

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the priority deadline each year. Be sure to review the Financial Aid website and complete all requirements as soon as possible to avoid delays.

Financial Aid Website | (936) 294-1774 | Estill Building - Suite 201

☐ Apply for Scholarships

Complete the Scholarships4Kats application by the priority deadline each year. We automatically send your completed application to all relevant scholarships, and selected recipients receive an email in their SHSU email account with additional instructions.

Scholarships Website | (936) 294-1774 | Estill Building - Suite 201

☐ Submit Final High School Transcripts

Submit your FINAL and OFFICIAL high school transcript to the Admissions Office after finishing high school, by contacting the registrar at your high school. Failure to submit your transcript could impact and/or delay your financial aid.

Admissions Website | Email Admissions | (936) 294- 1828 | Visitor Center - 2nd Floor

☐ Make Tuitions & Fees Payment

Pay your tuition and fees by the deadline stated on your fee statement. Payments can be made online or at the Student Account Services Office.

Student Account Services Website | Email Student Account Services | (936) 294-2273
Estill Building - Suite 103

☐ Attend Bearkat Kickoff

Bearkat Kickoff is your freshmen introduction to SHSU and all campus has to offer. It is required for all freshmen the week before classes start.

Bearkat Kickoff Website | Email Bearkat Kick-Off

Optional Opportunities

☐ Join the SHSU ZeeMee Community

ZeeMee is a great place to meet other new Bearkats. You can meet other students, ask questions of current students, stay up to date with Admissions announcements, or get help from an Admissions Counselor.

☐ Apply to the Elliot T. Bowers Honors College

Check qualifications for the Honors College and complete the application to take advantage of all Honors College has to offer. Honors students have specific scholarship opportunities, early registration benefits, smaller class sizes, graduation designations, and much more.

Honors College Website | Email Honors | (936) 294-1477 | Academic Building IV - Suite 202

☐ Purchase an On-Campus Parking Permit

An ePermit is required to park a vehicle on all SHSU campuses. If you are considered a disabled veteran, you might be eligible for a free parking voucher.

Parking Website | Email Parking | (936) 294-1800 | 820 Bowers Blvd.

☐ Academic Resources and Learning Communities

Learn about First-Year Learning Communities, University 1101, and peer mentoring at FYE and at the Academic Success Center. First-Generation students can explore resources to help navigate the college experience, such as TRiO and the First-Generation Center.

☐ Attend Bearkat Camp

Bearkat Camp is a traditions camp for incoming students, highlighting pride, spirit, and traditions of SHSU.

Bearkat Camp Website| Email Bearkat Camp | (936) 294-1985

☐ Download the TimelyCare App

TimelyCare is a new virtual health and well-being platform for students. Through either a mobile app or your desktop, TimelyCare provides 24/7 access to virtual care from anywhere in the United States at no additional cost.

Student Wellness Website | Email Student Wellness | (936) 294-2653

☐ Apply for the Freshman Leadership Program (FLP)

FLP offers freshman seminars, workshops, and experiential learning to enhance leadership skills. Weekly meetings with peers, SHSU leaders, and guest speakers provide valuable insights and introduce university resources.

Freshmen Leadership Program Website | Email FLP | (936) 294-1785