



# STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY

## FINANCIAL AID

OCTOBER 2016

### SHOWCASE SATURDAY

Experience the best of SFA at our upcoming **Showcase Saturday Nov. 12.**

Showcase Saturday isn't your typical college visit. Sure, you'll get to see the SFA campus and take a tour of our residence halls. But depending on the time of year you attend Showcase Saturday, you'll get to do much more than that.

Check out SFA's performing arts scene or cheer on the Lumberjacks or Ladyjacks at one of our many sporting events, from football games in the fall to basketball in the spring.

Contact the Office of Admissions at (936) 468-2504 to make arrangements to attend the November Showcase Saturday event. You may visit [sfasu.edu/visit](http://sfasu.edu/visit) for more information.

### CONTACT YOUR COUNSELOR

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**The new SFA website is officially live! Visit [sfasu.edu](http://sfasu.edu) to check out the redesigned, interactive, informative and fun online home of the Lumberjacks.**

**Visit [sfasu.edu/life-at-sfa](http://sfasu.edu/life-at-sfa) and take a tour of the campus as a Lumberjack, Ladyjack or squirrel!**



### PRIOR-YEAR FAFSA AVAILABLE FOR 2017-18

The 2017-18 Free Application for Federal Student Aid season began earlier than previous FAFSA application cycles. Beginning Oct. 1, 2016, students are able to fill out the FAFSA for the 2017-18 school year. (In the past, they had to wait until Jan. 1).

Applicants will no longer need to estimate income and tax information and will be able to retrieve their data directly from the IRS using the 2015 tax information from the first day the FAFSA is available. Students also will have information about their Expected Family Contributions earlier.

Parents and students can prepare for the FAFSA by creating an FSA ID, a username and password combination that you'll use to sign the FAFSA and access certain websites related to your federal student aid. Visit [StudentAid.gov/fafsa](http://StudentAid.gov/fafsa) to find out how to create your FSA ID and other important FAFSA information.



### SUBMIT 2017-18 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION NOW



It's important for students to apply for scholarships every year. Scholarships help reduce student loan debt and can make the college experience more enjoyable. The key to scholarship application is to apply early and for multiple scholarships.

SFA's scholarship application opened Sept. 1, 2016, and is available until Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2017. Students do not need to be fully admitted to SFA to apply; however, they will need a mySFA account.

To apply for SFA scholarships, students must log in via mySFA. Then, click on the Future Lumberjacks tab, and click the Apply for Scholarship Opportunities link to access the application. Students also are encouraged to apply for private scholarships not provided by SFA. These scholarships can be from a local high school, church, parent-teacher organization or other community groups, such as the Rotary or Lion's Clubs.

Another available website for scholarship applications is [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com).

***Avoid scholarships that charge students to apply. Legitimate scholarship applications are free to complete.***