

SCHOLARSHIPS

Texas Woman's University awards more than \$10 million in scholarships annually, which include merit-based, departmental, endowed, and need-based scholarships. Scholarships are reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis, on merit, until funding is exhausted. All scholarships and amounts listed are subject to budgetary consideration and may be changed at any time without previous notice. Please refer to our Scholarships (<https://twu.edu/finaid/types-of-aid/scholarships/>) page for up-to-date information.

- To be considered for General Academic Merit Scholarships, undergraduate students must have been admitted to TWU as degree-seeking students. No scholarship application is required for these scholarships - everyone who applies to TWU is automatically considered.
- We encourage all students to submit the FAFSA/TASFA and apply for all other scholarship opportunities each academic year. The Pioneer Scholarship System accepts applications after July 1. Students do not need to be admitted to apply for scholarships.

Please follow these steps to apply

- Scholarship applicants must first apply for admission to Texas Woman's University (TWU) through Apply Texas. (<https://www.applytexas.org/>)
- Applicants must create a Pioneer Portal (<https://portal.twu.edu/default.asp>) account before applying to the Pioneer Scholarship System (<https://twu.academicworks.com/>). Sign in using the Pioneer Portal username and password.
- Complete the General Application and submit to be auto-matched for all individualized recommended scholarship opportunities.
- Review and complete all recommended opportunity applications for which you may be qualified before each deadline. Failure to complete applications in a timely manner will remove students from additional scholarship consideration.
- Scholarship offers are subject to timely acceptance in the Pioneer Scholarship System.

Eligibility

- To be considered for scholarships, students must have all required admission applications and academic transcripts processed by the TWU Admission's Office or Graduate Admission's Office before the application deadline. Please note that documents take time to process and be entered into the system.
- Most scholarships require a minimum GPA of 3.0 for undergraduates and 3.2 for graduates.
- No offers can be sent prior to admission.
- Eligibility does not guarantee selection - a competitive process still takes place to select scholarship recipients.

Renewability

- For renewable scholarships, students must meet the minimum requirements as stated on their scholarship offer letter. As long as requirements are met, scholarships are automatically renewed after grades are audited at the end of the spring semester (May 20).

- Failure to meet minimum GPA requirements may cause the scholarship to be canceled. Most scholarships require a minimum GPA of 3.0 for undergraduates and 3.2 for graduates.
- Failure to meet minimum enrollment requirements may cause the scholarship to be canceled. Most scholarships require a minimum of 12 credit hours of enrollment for undergraduates and 9 credit hours for graduates.
- Typically, renewable scholarships may be held for a total of:
 - four consecutive years or completion of degree for first-time-in-college students,
 - two to three consecutive years for transfer students (depending on the number of hours transferred),
 - two consecutive years for master's students,
 - three consecutive years for MFA students,
 - three consecutive years for doctoral students.

Award Notifications

- All award notifications are sent to the student's TWU email account.
- Awards must be accepted through the Pioneer Scholarship System, including Post-Acceptance questions (if applicable). Scholarships will not post to student accounts until these steps are completed.
- Scholarship awards are made in the Fall and Spring semesters, unless otherwise stated.
- Scholarships will post as anticipated aid and will disburse to student accounts after minimum enrollment requirements have been determined.
- Lack of attendance voids scholarship offers. Scholarship recipients who defer admission forfeit their scholarship offers and must compete for scholarships again if they decide to later attend.

Entering First-Time Graduate Student Scholarships

TWU Graduate Student Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until all funding is exhausted. Our Pioneer Scholarship System accepts applications for all scholarship opportunities starting July 1. Unless otherwise stated on the application, most scholarship application deadlines are March 1.

TWU Graduate Student Scholarships

Amounts vary. This scholarship is automatically renewable for up to two years for Master's students and up to three years for Doctoral students as long as the recipient maintains a 3.2 or higher cumulative grade point average and all other scholarship requirements. Only students who will be starting their graduate work at TWU for the first time are eligible to apply for this scholarship. This scholarship is awarded on the basis of cumulative grade point average and academic discipline.

InnovateHER Entrepreneurial Scholarship

The InnovateHER Entrepreneurial Scholarship program (formerly Minerva Entrepreneurial Scholarship) helps graduate, post-baccalaureate, and undergraduate students foster the spirit of entrepreneurship and become future business owners. This scholarship provides \$5,000 per academic year, and it is not renewable.

Other Scholarships for New and Returning Graduate Students

Departmental Scholarships

There are hundreds of endowment scholarships that are awarded each year. Each academic department and the TWU Alumni Foundation have scholarship funds available to award. Departmental awards are selected through the Pioneer (<https://twu.academicworks.com/>) Scholarship System (<https://twu.edu/financial/types-of-aid/scholarships/>) System (<https://twu.academicworks.com/>). After applying for admission to the university, each student must complete the TWU online application prior to the March 1st deadline to be considered. The online system will help you identify scholarships to which you most closely match the criteria and eligibility requirements.