



Sam Houston State University
A Member of The Texas State University System
Smith-Hutson Scholarships

FALL 2015 APPLICATION FORM

Smith-Hutson Scholarships are intended for **entering freshmen** with established **financial need** and **academic potential** who are **seeking an undergraduate degree** from **Sam Houston State University**. Taking into account other scholarships that the student may receive and the student's and parents' financial resources, the Smith-Hutson Scholarship typically provides sufficient assistance to cover tuition, books, fees, and reasonable living expenses on campus. Students remain eligible to receive a Smith-Hutson Scholarship for a maximum of four years of undergraduate studies, provided the recipient maintains a cumulative grade point average (GPA) at SHSU of at least a 2.5 and completes a minimum of 30 semester credit hours toward their degree each academic year. If a recipient's GPA falls below a 2.0 in any **single** semester, the scholarship is subject to termination. Freshmen scholarship recipients are required to live together in the same housing unit on campus unless commuting or living with family. Sam Houston State University strongly encourages all qualified students to apply for these scholarships by submitting the required supplemental information in combination with this application. Remember, many qualified applicants do not receive awards. Most recipients qualify for the Pell Grant and all applicants are required to file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> as early as possible prior to the semester for which they are applying. The student must then follow up on their financial aid status at SHSU by logging on to MySam on our homepage at <http://www.shsu.edu>. All financial aid requirements should be completed as early as possible. Assistance is available through our financial aid office, SHSU Box 2328, Huntsville TX 77341-2328 or telephone (936) 294-1724.

Smith-Hutson Scholarship recipients will be selected by a committee which will include representatives named by the Donor. The following criteria will be applied. Applicants must: (1) be a **resident of the state of Texas**; (2) satisfy admission requirements for Sam Houston State University and **have applied or been accepted for admission**; (3) **demonstrate financial need** supported with **complete** copies of their guardian's Form 1040 tax returns for the 2012 and 2013 tax years and their guardian's W-2 forms for the 2014 tax year; (4) provide a **personal essay** describing career goals (maximum two pages double-spaced and one-sided); (5) provide **two letters of recommendation** from non-family members addressing academic potential and/or financial need (it is preferable that at least one of these letters come from a teacher of English or Mathematics in whose class(es) they were enrolled in the last year), (6) be unmarried with no children, and (7) be **available for a personal interview on the SHSU campus April 20, 21 or 22, 2015**. Applicants who preregister for classes at Sam Houston State University and are then awarded a Smith-Hutson Scholarship must visit with Dr. Valerie Muehsam to review their schedules for Fall 2015.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please type or print clearly **all** appropriate information requested on this form. Your application will be complete upon the receipt of: (1) this completed form; (2) your **high school transcript**; (3) financial need documentation including requested tax information; (4) an essay describing career goals; and (5) two letters of recommendation. For additional information, please contact Dr. Valerie Muehsam at (936) 294-3712.

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS: This application, letters of recommendation and all other materials pertinent to this application should be mailed directly to: Dr. Mitchell J. Muehsam, Dean, P. O. Box 2056 SHSU, Huntsville, Texas 77341. Telephone Number: (936) 294-1254.

DEADLINE: Completed application file should be **postmarked by February 15, 2015**.

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female
Last First Middle Initial

Address _____
Street City State Zip Code

Email addresses (1) _____ (2) _____

Home Telephone # _____ Mobile _____ Emergency _____

Date of Birth _____ S. S. Number or SAM ID Number _____

High School _____
Name of School City State Zip Code

High School Telephone Number: _____ High School Graduation Date: _____

What is your high school grade point average? _____ / _____ Rank in Class _____ Class Size _____
Scale 4.0 / 5.0

What is your composite score on the ACT _____ and/or SAT (Verbal/Math) _____ / _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A. Information about your parents:

Your parents' marital status: _____

Father's occupation: _____

Father's employer: _____

Father's total annual income: _____

Mother's occupation: _____

Mother's employer: _____

Mother's total annual income: _____

Number of your parents' dependents: _____
(including yourself)

Number of brothers and sisters
currently in college: _____

You presently live with (please check one):

☐ Both Parents ☐ Mother ☐ Father

☐ Father & Step Mother ☐ Mother & Step Father

☐ Other (please identify) _____

B. Applicant's estimated resources available from September 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016:

Personal funds \$ _____

Private loans \$ _____

Total summer savings \$ _____

Earnings while in school \$ _____

Parental support \$ _____

Funds set aside by others \$ _____

Scholarships awarded (please specify)

Name	Duration	Amount/year
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____

Other assistance or income (please specify)

_____ \$ _____
_____ \$ _____

If you are living with a step parent, please indicate occupation and income of that step parent: _____

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Social Security Number or SAM ID
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Please list significant honors, scholarships, and awards received during your sophomore, junior, and senior years in order of importance to you. Include the sponsor, basis for the award (e.g., leadership, scholarship, financial need, skill, etc.) and date received. Use only the space on this sheet; do not attach additional sheets. NOTE: If you have more than six, list the most important.

<i>Honor/ Scholarship</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Basis for Award</i>	<i>Date Received</i>

In the spaces below, please list school or community organizations or activities you have been involved in during your sophomore, junior, and senior year in order of their importance to you. Include your position, period of involvement, and whether the positions were elected. Include class officer positions. Use only the space on this sheet. Do not attach additional sheets. NOTE: If you have more than six, list the six most important.

<i>Name of Organization/Activity/Club</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>From (month/year)</i>	<i>To (month/year)</i>	<i>Elected? (circle one)</i>
				YES / NO
				YES / NO
				YES / NO
				YES / NO
				YES / NO
				YES / NO

Please list part-time or summer jobs, volunteer positions, or internships you have held during your sophomore, junior, and senior years. Include your position, period of involvement, and hours per week. NOTE: If you have held more than four positions, please list the four most important.

<i>Place of Business</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>From (month/year)</i>	<i>To (month/year)</i>	<i>Hours per Week</i>

For your sophomore, junior, and senior years (up to the current date), please list the following information as a summary of your high school experience. Some information may be repetitive, but is helpful to the selection committee in determining an overall view of your activities.

SOPHOMORE YEAR:

<i>Academic Courses</i>	<i>Extracurricular Activities</i>	<i>Work Experience (volunteer or paid)</i>

JUNIOR YEAR:

<i>Academic Courses</i>	<i>Extracurricular Activities</i>	<i>Work Experience (volunteer or paid)</i>

SENIOR YEAR:

<i>Academic Courses</i>	<i>Extracurricular Activities</i>	<i>Work Experience (volunteer or paid)</i>

ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS: Your essay must be typed and double-spaced with one inch margins. Do not type on the back of the first page. Include your name on the top right corner of each page. In your essay, identify the career you have chosen and discuss your goals. Essays should be no longer than two pages.

Date of Application: _____	Signature of Applicant _____
	Signature of Guardian _____