



LAMAR UNIVERSITY

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FALL 2017

SMITH-HUTSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Smith-Hutson Scholarships are intended for **entering freshmen** with established financial need and academic potential who are seeking an undergraduate degree from Lamar 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) 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 in the same housing unit on campus unless commuting or living with family. Lamar 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 LU by logging into their Self Serf Banner via <http://www.lamar.edu>. All financial aid requirements should be completed as early as possible. Assistance is available through our Financial Aid Office via telephone (409) 880-8450.

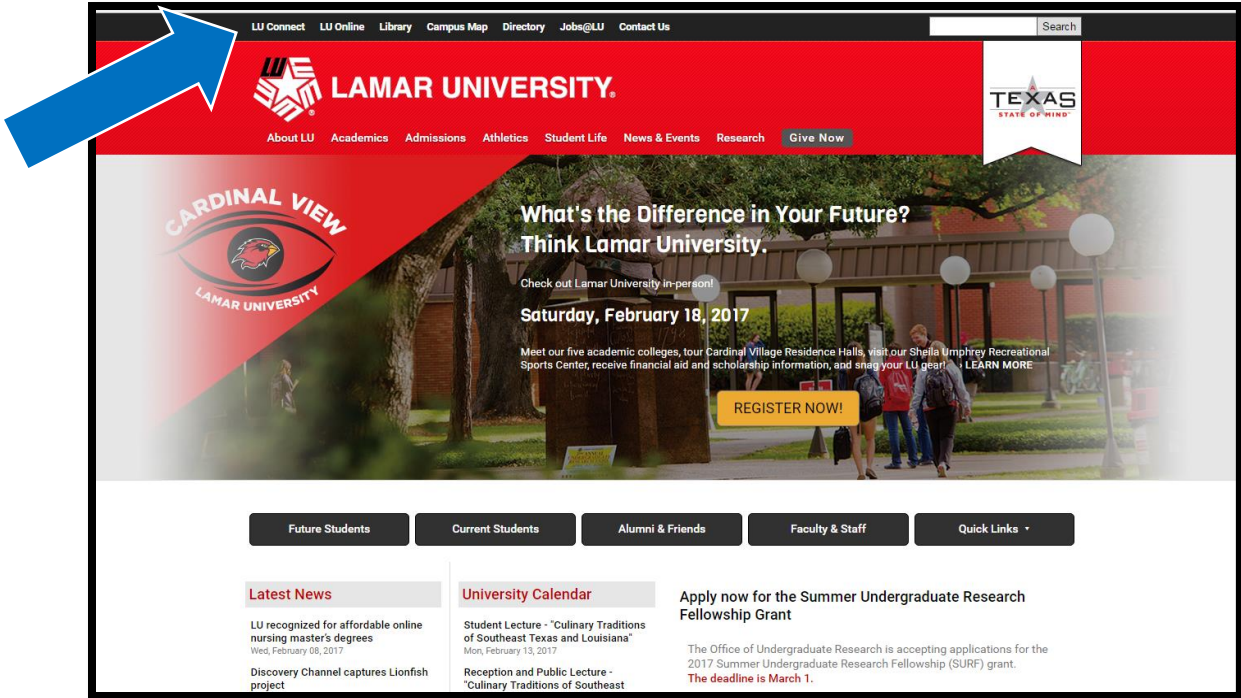
Smith-Hutson Scholarship recipients will be selected by a committee which will include representatives named by the Donor and the Director of Scholarships. The following criteria will be applied. Applicants must: (1) **be a resident of the state of Texas**; (2) **satisfy admission requirements for Lamar University** and have applied or been accepted for admission for Fall 2017; (3) **demonstrate financial need supported with complete copies of their guardian's Form 1040 tax returns for the 2014 and 2015 tax years and their guardian's W-2 forms for the 2016 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**. Applicants who preregister for classes at Lamar University and are then awarded a Smith-Hutson Scholarship must visit with the Undergraduate Advising Center to review their schedules for Fall 2017.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete the **online** scholarship application by following the instructions attached. Your application will be complete upon the receipt of: (1) **your high school transcript**; (2) financial need documentation including **requested tax information**; (3) an **essay** describing career goals; and (4) **two letters of recommendation** from non-family members addressing academic potential and/or financial need. All of the required documentation can be submitted online or mailed to the Lamar University Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid Attn: HOPE ETHERIDGE (Smith-Hutson Scholarship Coordinator) at P.O. Box 10042, Beaumont, TX 77710. For more information on the Smith-Hutson Scholarship Program or the scholarship application process, please email Hope Etheridge at Hope.Etheridge@lamar.edu.

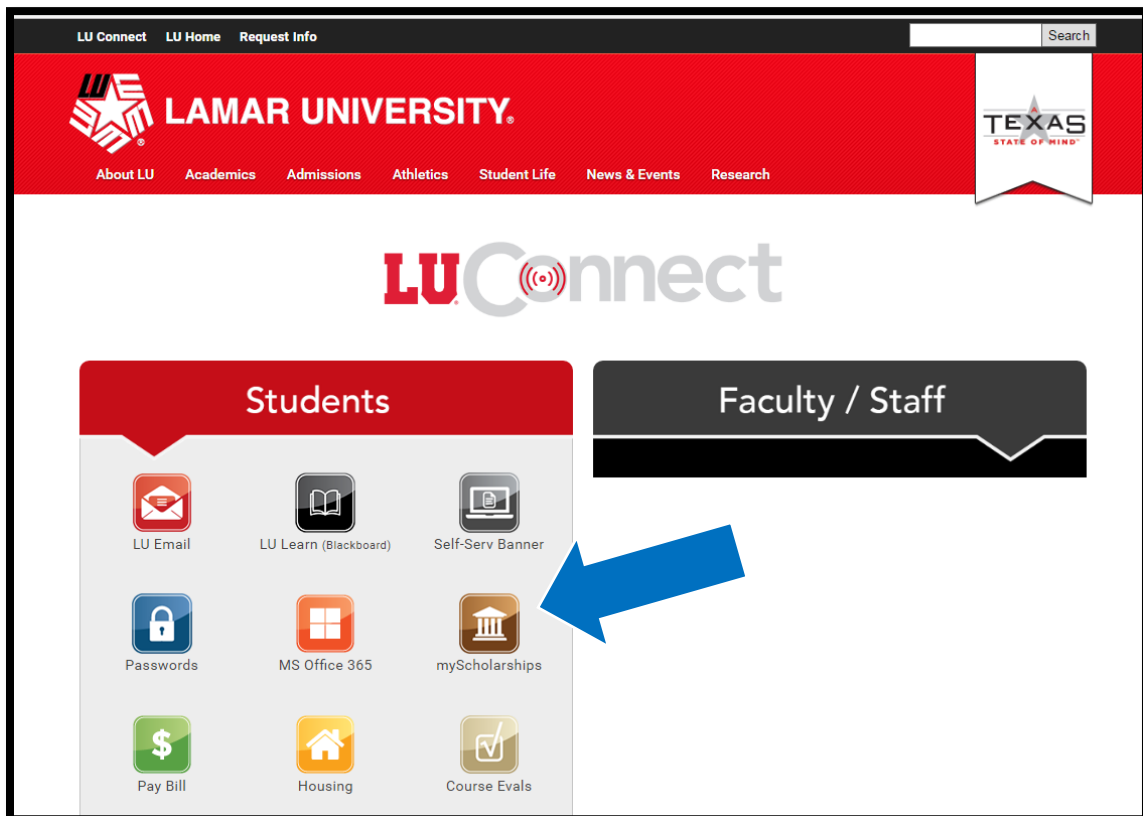
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ONLINE APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Apply to Lamar University via www.applytexas.org.
2. Once accepted to Lamar, log in to the LU online scholarship portal, myScholarships, by visiting www.lamar.edu and following the instructions below:
 - a. Click on LU Connect at the top of the page:



- b. Select the myScholarships button:



- c. Login to myScholarships using your Lamar Username and Password (given to each student via email after submitting the ApplyTexas Admission Application to Lamar University):

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Applicants and Administrators | References and Reviewers

Welcome!
Please sign into your personalized myScholarships portal using your Lamar Electronic Account (LEA) username and password.

Future students please use the steps below upon first login:

- Receive your LEA credentials via email after submitting the ApplyTexas admissions application.
- RESET your password using the [password reset tool](#)
- Log into your personalized myScholarships portal and apply for scholarships!

(Monitor your **LU email** for notifications and communication from the LU scholarship office.)

If you experience difficulties logging in, please call 409-880-2222 or email service@lamar.edu for further assistance.

For specific scholarship questions, please call (409) 880-1714 or email scholarships@lamar.edu

Lamar Electronic Account (LEA) Username

Password

[Trouble signing in?](#)

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- d. Complete the LU General Scholarship Application FIRST. Answer ALL of the questions on the application and then, click the “Finish and Submit” button:

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You have unanswered required questions on your General Application. In order to be considered you must complete all the required questions below.

General Application Progress

- Applicant Record
- Profile Information

For priority consideration please apply no later than February 1, 2017. Top Scholars deadline is January 1, 2017.
You can save your application at any time by clicking **Save and Keep Editing** at the bottom of the form. Once completed, you can submit your application by clicking **Finish and Continue**.

Note: Required fields are marked with an asterisk. This includes the Electronic Signature and Today's Date at the bottom of the page.
Your application is not eligible for review until it has your Electronic Signature and is submitted using the **Finish and Continue** button.

General Application Questions

* First Name

* Last Name

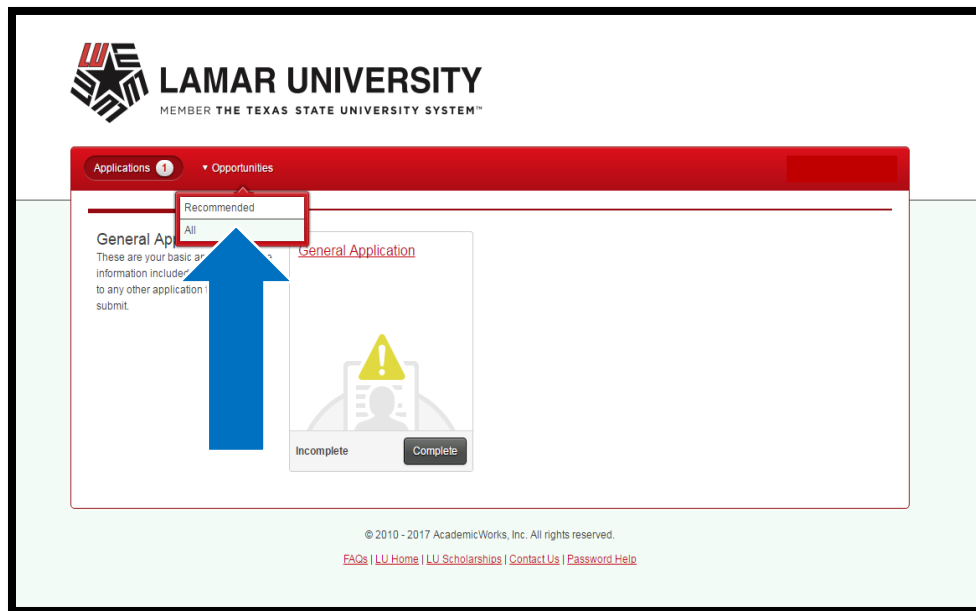
* Are you an incoming Freshman?
 Yes
 No

* High School: Please indicate high school county and state below. - Answer 1 time.

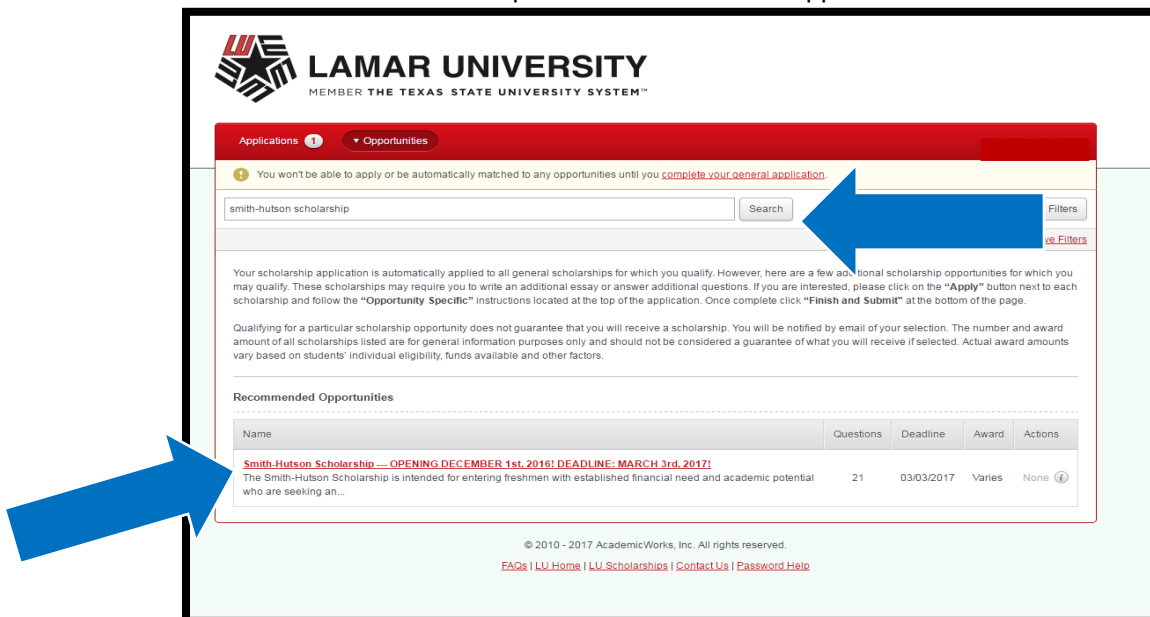
* In what state is your high school located?

* Is your high school located in any of the following Texas counties?

- e. Once you submit the LU General Scholarship Application, search for the Smith-Hutson Application on the Opportunities Tab by clicking “All”:



- f. Type “Smith-Hutson Scholarship” and click Search. Then, click on the application link underlined in red and answer ALL of the questions on the online application.



3. Applicants must submit the following REQUIRED documentation with their online application:

- ✓ Updated High School Transcript
- ✓ Parents’/Guardian’s Form 1040 tax returns for the 2014 and 2015 tax years and their parents’/guardians’ W-2 forms for the 2016 tax year
- ✓ Essay describing career goals (maximum two pages double-spaced and one-sided)
- ✓ 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 they were enrolled in the last year)

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