

Expenses

NOTE: The fees provided below are for the 2025-2026 academic year. The tuition/fee information below is an estimate and is subject to change based on Board action and Legislative requirements.

2025-2026 Regular Session Fees

Fall and Spring Semesters

Tuition Fee (see Note) (required)

Fee Type	Amount
UNDERGRADUATE GUARANTEED RATE	
Texas Resident – Undergraduate (1)	\$199.92 per hour
Differential Tuition - College of Business	\$30.60 per hour
Differential Tuition - College of Liberal and Fine Arts	\$5.44 per hour
Differential Tuition - College of Agriculture and Natural Resources	\$14.74 per hour
Differential Tuition - College of Education	\$5.42 per hour
Differential Tuition - College of Science and Mathematics	\$14.74 per hour
Differential Tuition - Criminal Justice	\$32.18 per hour
Differential Tuition - College of Health Sciences	\$53.90 per hour
Differential Tuition - College of Engineering	\$67.22 per hour
UNDERGRADUATE VARIABLE RATE	
Texas Resident - Undergraduate (1)	\$183.71 per hour
Nonresident Undergraduate (1)	\$588.71 per hour
Differential Tuition - College of Business	\$29.14 per hour
Differential Tuition – College of Liberal and Fine Arts	\$5.18 per hour
Differential Tuition – College of Agriculture and Natural Resources	\$14.04 per hour
Differential Tuition – College of Education	\$5.16 per hour
Differential Tuition – College of Science and Mathematics	\$14.04 per hour
Differential Tuition - Criminal Justice	\$30.65 per hour
Differential Tuition – College of Health Sciences	\$51.34 per hour
Differential Tuition – College of Engineering	\$64.02 per hour
GRADUATE RATE	
Texas Resident – Graduate (1)	\$241.90 per hour
Nonresident Graduate (1)	\$646.90 per hour
Differential Tuition - College of Business	\$26.22 per hour
Differential Tuition - College of Liberal and Fine Arts	\$5.11 per hour
Differential Tuition - College of Agriculture and Natural Resources	\$14.04 per hour
Differential Tuition - College of Education	\$5.11 per hour
Differential Tuition - College of Science and Mathematics	\$14.04 per hour
Differential Tuition -Criminal Justice	\$2.72 per hour
Differential Tuition - College of Health Sciences	\$51.34 per hour
Differential Tuition - College of Engineering	\$51.34 per hour
Fee Type	
University Services Fee - Undergraduate	\$96.01 per hour
University Services Fee - Graduate	\$123.50 per hour
Health Service Fee	\$4.91 per hour
Excessive Hours Fee	\$100.00 per hour
Intercollegiate Athletics Fee	\$36.75 per hour with \$477.75 max.
Parking Permit (Stephenville & Ft. Worth)	\$200.00 per long semester
Recreational Sports Fee (Stephenville)	\$100 per semester
Recreational Sports Fee (Ft. Worth)	\$50.00
Repeated Courses Fee	\$100.00 per hour
Room Application Fee (required, nonrefundable, residence hall students)	\$100.00
Student Center Facility Fee (Stephenville)	\$3.96 per hour with \$39.60 maximum

2026 Summer Session Fees

Tuition Fee (see Note) (required)

Fee Type	Amount
GUARANTEED RATE	
Texas Resident – Undergraduate (1)	\$199.92 per hour
Differential Tuition - College of Business	\$30.60 per hour
Differential Tuition - College of Liberal and Fine Arts	\$5.44 per hour
Differential Tuition - College of Agriculture and Natural Resources	\$14.74 per hour
Differential Tuition – College of Education	\$5.42 per hour
Differential Tuition – College of Science and Mathematics	\$14.74 per hour
Differential Tuition - Criminal Justice	\$32.18 per hour
Differential Tuition – College of Health Sciences	\$53.90 per hour

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Differential Tuition - College of Engineering	\$67.22 per hour
VARIABLE RATE	
Texas Resident - Undergraduate (1)	\$183.71 per hour
Nonresident – Undergraduate (1)	\$588.71 per hour
Differential Tuition - College of Business	\$29.14 per hour
Differential Tuition - College of Liberal and Fine Arts	\$5.18 per hour
Differential Tuition - College of Agriculture and Natural Resources	\$14.04 per hour
Differential Tuition - College of Education	\$5.16 per hour
Differential Tuition - College of Science and Mathematics	\$14.04 per hour
Differential Tuition - Criminal Justice	\$30.65 per hour
Differential Tuition - College of Health Sciences	\$51.34 per hour
Differential Tuition - College of Engineering	\$64.02 per hour
GRADUATE RATE	
Texas Resident (1)	\$241.90 per hour
Nonresident – Graduate (1)	\$646.90 per hour
Differential Tuition - College of Business	\$26.22 per hour
Differential Tuition - College of Liberal and Fine Arts	\$5.11 per hour
Differential Tuition - College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences	\$14.04 per hour
Differential Tuition - College of Education	\$5.11 per hour
Differential Tuition - College of Science and Mathematics	\$14.04 per hour
Differential Tuition- Criminal Justice	\$2.72 per hour
Differential Tuition - College of Health Sciences	\$51.34 per hour
Differential Tuition - College of Engineering	\$51.34 per hour
Fee Type	Amount
University Services Fee - Undergraduate	\$96.01 per hour
University Services Fee - Graduate	\$123.50 per hour
Excessive Hours Fee	\$100.00 per hour
Health Service Fee	\$4.91 per hour
Intercollegiate Athletics Fee	\$36.75 per hour with \$477.75 max
Recreational Sports Fee (Required Stephenville)	\$50.00
Recreational Sports Fee (Required Fort Worth)	\$20.00
Repeated Courses Fee	\$100.00 per hour
Room Application Fee (required, nonrefundable, residence hall students)	\$100.00
Student Center Facility Fee (required, Stephenville)	\$3.96 per hour with \$19.80 maximum

¹ The selection option for Guaranteed or Variable Tuition Rate applies to Texas Residents, New Incoming and Transfer students. Undergraduate Variable Tuition Rate will be assigned to Nonresident (Texas) and International students. Students who are nonresident will be assigned the Out of State Tuition Rate. Graduates Tuition Rate will be assigned to Texas Resident Graduate students. Graduate students who are nonresident will be assigned the Out of State Tuition Rate.

Explanation of Fees

Please Note: The following fees are required of all students, regardless of classification (undergraduate or graduate) or type of housing (on- or off-campus) with the exception of fees designated by campus: Tuition, University Services, Student Center Facility (Stephenville), Health Service, Intercollegiate Athletics, Recreational Sports Fee (Stephenville and Ft.Worth). Students enrolled at the RELIS Campus will follow tuition policies for that campus and are charged according to the tuition and fee rates for the RELIS Campus.

The following are payable on an installment basis in the regular semesters.

- **GUARANTEED TUITION FEE.** This fee is assessed per semester credit hour. The selection option for this rate applies to new incoming and transfer Texas resident students only.
- **VARIABLE TUITION FEE.** This fee is assessed per semester credit hour. The Variable Tuition Rate will be automatically assigned for non-residents of Texas, including those who are not U.S. citizens, as well as Graduate students. See "Determination of Residence for Tuition Purposes" in this section for more information.
- **UNIVERSITY SERVICES FEE.** This fee is assessed is per semester credit hour. It funds services such as advising, student services, technology, library, distance education and outreach programs as well as other administrative services such as ID services and records services.
- **DIFFERENTIAL TUITION.** This fee is assessed per semester credit hour based on the College and/or Department and is used to enhance the academic programs under the College and/or Department.
- **EXCESSIVE HOURS FEE.** This fee is assessed per semester credit hour to students with excessive semester credit hours towards a degree program. Reference Texas Education code § 54.014 which provides a limit on the number of hours an undergraduate Texas resident may attempt while paying in-state tuition. For more information, please visit www.tarleton.edu/registrar.
- **HEALTH SERVICE FEE.** This fee is assessed per semester credit hour and is used to cover costs of the Student Health Center.
- **INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FEE.** This fee is assessed per semester credit hour, up to the maximum per semester, and is used to support intercollegiate athletics at Tarleton State University.
- **INSTALLMENT FEE.** The Texas Education Code includes a provision for students to pay tuition and certain designated fees on an installment basis. Students may elect to pay in full or in installments. Students who elect to pay on the installment plan will be charged a \$20 installment fee per semester and will be required to sign an installment agreement.
- **LABORATORY FEE.** A fee of not less than \$2 and not more than \$30 for each laboratory course may be charged for materials and supplies.
- **LATE REGISTRATION FEE.** Students who do not register or make an initial payment on days set aside for that purpose will pay a late fee of \$25.
- **LATE PAYMENT FEE.** Students not making an installment payment by the due date will be charged a late payment fee of \$10. Students who are delinquent more than five days may be prohibited from registering for classes and may be blocked from all University services.

- **PARKING PERMIT.** Students who wish to park a vehicle on any part of Tarleton property on the Stephenville and Fort Worth Campuses will pay a parking fee each long semester.
- **RECREATIONAL SPORTS FEE.** This fee is charged on the Stephenville and Fort Worth campuses. The Stephenville Campus fee of \$100 per regular semester and \$50 per summer semester is used to fund debt service requirements and operational costs of the facility. The Fort Worth Campus Fee is \$50.00 per regular semester and \$20.00 per summer semester.
- **STUDENT CENTER FACILITY FEE.** This Stephenville Campus fee is assessed by semester credit hour and is used to cover operational costs of the facility.
- **REPEATED COURSES FEE (3-PEAT).** This additional course fee will be assessed per semester credit hour to those students who have attempted the same course for a third time since Fall 2002. This provision is described in the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Rules (Chapter 13, Subchapter B, §13.25). For additional information please visit www.tarleton.edu/registrar.

ROOM & MEALS FEES. All students living in the residence halls are required to pay for meals, in addition to room-rent fees. Meals are provided in modified cafeteria style during specific meal hours. Evening meals will not be served on days preceding holidays and end of semester or summer sessions. Room and meal rates and meal times are published on the Residence Life web page at www.tarleton.edu/housing/ (<https://www.tarleton.edu/housing/>).

Payment of Fees

All of the aforementioned fees must be paid by a designated due date. Student account information is available through Texan Bill Pay. Services offered include: 24/7 access, E-bills, On-line Payment Plan enrollment, and Authorized User access. Payment due dates are also displayed via DuckTrax at www.tarleton.edu (<http://www.tarleton.edu/>) and on Business Services web page at www.tarleton.edu/business (<http://www.tarleton.edu/business/>). The following options are available for fee payment:

- **OPTION 1.** Payment in full by the designated date.
- **OPTION 2.** Enroll in a payment plan (multiple plans available) by the designated date.

Each student who elects option 2 must enroll in the Payment Plan through Texan Bill Pay. Students who fail to make tuition and fees payment by the due date may be prohibited from registering for classes for a succeeding semester until payment is made. Moreover, nonpayment prior to the end of the semester means the student may be denied credit for the work done that semester.

Refunds

Students who have paid fees in full and withdraw from the University will receive refunds for tuition, university services fee, health service fee, student center facility fee, intercollegiate athletics fee, recreational sports fee, excessive hours fee, international student service fee, repeated courses fee, and laboratory fees. Students paying on an installment basis and who withdraw from the University will be required to pay the balance of fees due. The refund schedule is as follows:

Session Length 10 Weeks or Greater

Session	Percentage
Prior to first class day	100%
During first five class days	80%
During second five class days	70%
During third five class days	50%
During fourth five class days	25%
After fourth five class days	0%

Session Length Greater than 5 Weeks and Less than 10 weeks

Session	Percentage
Prior to 1st class day	100%
During first, second, or third class day	80%
During fourth, fifth, or sixth class day	50%
After sixth class day	0%

Session Length 5 Weeks or Less

Session	Percentage
Prior to 1st class day	100%
During first class day	80%
During second class day	50%
After second class day	0%

Withdrawing From All Courses at the University

Effective Withdrawal Date is the date the withdrawal is reported to and recorded in the Registrar's Office.

Dropped Classes

(Student remains enrolled in one or more courses at the University.) Effective Drop Date is the date the drop is recorded in the Registrar's Office.

1. If a course is dropped on or before the census date for the appropriate session, the student will be refunded for the tuition and fees associated with that course.
2. If a course is dropped after the appropriate census date, the student will not receive a refund.

Census dates for various length sessions are as follows:

- 3 week session 2nd class day
- 4 or 5 week session 4th class day
- 6, 7, or 8 week session 6th class day
- 9, 10, or 11 week session 7th class day
- 12,13, or 14 week session 9th class day
- 15 or more week session 12th class day

Special notes: For refund purposes, class days are determined by the calendar, not by the number of class meetings. As an example, if a semester starts on Monday, Thursday of that week is considered the 4th class day for all classes.

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Those fees paid by Tuition Assistance or another third party receivable will be refunded to the military or other organization if a refund is due.

Tarleton's refund policy is in accordance with mandates of the state of Texas.

Conditions of Refunds

Refunds of tuition and fees will not be made until 10 days have elapsed from the date the fees were paid. Refunds of tuition and fees paid by a sponsor, donor, scholarship or by credit card will be made to the source rather than directly to the student who has withdrawn if the funds were made available through the University. All student services and privileges shall terminate when a student withdraws or graduates from the University.

Nonrefundable Fees

Fees required for special courses, parking, installment plan fee, reinstatement and late registration fee are non-refundable.

Room Rent and Meal Fees

Refunds to students withdrawing prior to the first class day will be based on a daily proration. Refunds to students withdrawing on or after the first class day will be based on a daily proration, less an early withdrawal fee equaling 10 percent of the semester room/meal rate. The effective date of withdrawal will be the date written notification is provided to the Registrar's Office.

Texan Bucks

This is an optional debit plan that allows students to use their Texan Card to make purchases both on and off campus. Accounts are opened through the Texan Card Office with an initial deposit of \$20.00. Cash withdrawals are not allowed.

Balances on dormant accounts: Accounts having a remaining balance on the earlier of either the third anniversary of the date issued if not used, or the third anniversary of the card's last use must be remitted to the state.

Miscellaneous Fees

Reinstatement Fee

A student who has been dropped from the rolls of the University and has been approved for reinstatement will be charged a fee of \$100.

Unpaid Check (Returned Check)

If a check accepted by the University is returned unpaid by the bank on which it is drawn, the person presenting it will be required to pay a penalty of \$30 in addition to the amount of the returned item. If a check that is accepted by the University and processed by ACH (automated clearing house) or by eCheck (Electronic check through Texan Bill Pay), is returned unpaid by the bank on which it is drawn, the student account to which the original payment was applied will be charged a penalty of \$30.00 in addition to the amount of the returned item. The student's registration may be placed on hold. The returned check may be turned over to the County Attorney for collection.

Credit Card

The service charge for payments made by credit/debit card is 2.95%. All debit card payments will be processed as a credit card and will be assessed the service fee.

Third Party Exam Proctoring

Students should be advised that if a course requires third-party exam proctoring and/or verification of identity, they may incur additional charges payable at the time service is provided. This type of charge will not be applied to the student bill and should be paid directly to the third party vendor.

Questions regarding fees and refunds should be directed to the Tarleton State University Business Office: (254) 968-9107.

Determination of Residence for Tuition Purposes

Residency status is based on information obtained from the student's application for admission. It is the student's responsibility to answer all questions on the application for admission accurately and honestly. If a student believes their residency status is incorrect or that it has changed, it is the student's responsibility to report this to the Admissions Office.

Additional documentation may be required to establish Texas residency. Residency rules are subject to change at any time due to Texas legislation.

The student has the burden of proof to show by clear and convincing evidence that residence or domicile, as appropriate, has been established and maintained according to the rules.

The 36 Month Provision: An individual who resided in Texas for the 36 consecutive months leading up to their graduation from a Texas high school or recipient of a GED, and continued to maintain a residence in Texas for the 12 months leading up to their enrollment in an institution of higher education may be classified as a resident for tuition purposes, regardless of dependency or immigration status. Undocumented students must submit the Affidavit of Intent to Become a Permanent Resident and an official high school transcript.

Students who do not meet the criteria of the 36 Month Provision may qualify for residency according to one of the following categories.

Independent Students Establishing Residency in Texas

Independent students are those who provide more than half of their own financial support and are not eligible to be claimed as a dependent for income tax purposes.

Establishment of a Domicile

In order to qualify for residency for tuition purposes, an independent student must reside in Texas while meeting one of the following for the twelve consecutive months preceding the student/applicant's enrollment:

1. Significant Gainful Employment:
 - a. An employer's statement of dates of employment in Texas (beginning and current or ending dates) that encompass at least 12 consecutive months prior to the census date of the term in which the person enrolls or pay stubs for 12 consecutive months prior to the census date, reflecting significant gainful employment in Texas, or proof of other earned income such as pensions, veteran's benefits social security, and savings from previous earnings for 12 consecutive months prior to the census date. However, employment conditioned on students status, such as work study, the receipt of stipends, fellowships, or research or teaching assistantships does not constitute gainful employment.
 - b. For a person who is unemployed and living on public assistance, written statements from the office of one or more social service agencies located in Texas that attest to the provision of services for the person for the 12 consecutive months prior to the census date of the term in which the person enrolls
2. Residential Real Property - Sole or joint marital ownership of residential real property in Texas with documentation to verify 12 consecutive months of ownership prior to the census date of the term in which the person enrolls, such as a Warranty Deed, with the person (or the dependent's parent) having established and maintained domicile at that residence.

3. Marriage to a Person who has Established and Maintained Domicile in Texas marriage Certificate or Declaration of Registration of Informal Marriage with documentation to support that spouse has established and maintained domicile in Texas for 12 consecutive months prior to the census date of the term in which the person enrolls.
4. Ownership of a Business Entity: Documents that evidence the organization of the business in Texas that reflect the ownership interest of the person (or dependent's parent), and the customary management of the business by the person (or dependent's parent) without the intention of liquidation for the foreseeable future.

Maintenance of Domicile

A person who established domicile through the previous section and continues to resident in the State of Texas, except for temporary absences, is considered to have maintained domicile in Texas for that period of time unless he or she takes specific steps to change his or her domicile to a different location. Students must also provide documentation that supports they have been residing in the state for twelve consecutive months, including, but not limited to driver's license, utility bills, vehicle registration, etc.

Additional information could be requested based on the evaluation of the documentation provided.

Dependent students

The residency for tuition purposes of a student who is not independent is based upon that of the parent or court-appointed legal guardian who claims that student as a dependent or provides more than half that student's financial support, regardless of the length of time the student has resided in Texas. If the parent or court-appointed legal guardian of a dependent student meets the criteria of having established residency for tuition purposes, the dependent student is eligible to pay resident tuition. Parents and legal guardians qualify for residency following the same criteria as independent students.

Military personnel and dependents of military personnel

Resident military personnel and their dependents are classified as residents, provided they maintain Texas as the Official Home of Record with the military service. Non-resident military personnel must submit certification of active duty in Texas at each registration to be eligible for resident tuition rates. The Active Duty Military/Dependent Certification Form (<https://www.tarleton.edu/admissions/forms/>) can be completed and submitted to Undergraduate Admissions or Graduate Studies for review. The spouse or child of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has been assigned to duty elsewhere immediately following assignment to duty in Texas is entitled to pay the tuition fees and other fees or charges provided for Texas residents as long as the spouse or child resides continuously in Texas. Non-resident military personnel who have separated or retired from military service while stationed in Texas and who intend to remain in Texas may be classified as residents provided certain actions are taken by the soldier one year prior to enrollment. Please contact the Undergraduate Admissions Office or Graduate Studies for information.

International Students

International Students/applicants who are eligible to establish a domicile in Texas may also qualify for Texas resident status if they hold a certain Visa type. F-1 Visa holders are not eligible. Please contact the Admissions Office or Graduate Studies for further information.

Residency Reclassification

A student classified as a non-resident retains that classification until they request reclassification in writing and provide proof of residence to the Admissions Office. An Application for Reclassification can be found on the Admissions website or requested from the Admissions Office. Applications for reclassification must be submitted prior to the official census date of the relevant term. The student has the burden of proof to show by clear and convincing evidence that residence or domicile, as appropriate, has been established and maintained according to the rules.

Additional residency paths/waivers and forms can be found at <https://www.tarleton.edu/admissions/residency/> or by contacting the Admissions Office at 254-968-9125 admissions@tarleton.edu or Graduate Studies at 254-968-9104 or gradinfo@tarleton.edu. The Texas Administrative Code ([https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC/?tac_view=5&ti=19&pt=1&ch=21&sch=B&rl=Y](https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.ViewTAC/?tac_view=5&ti=19&pt=1&ch=21&sch=B&rl=Y)) can provide more information about the termination of resident status.