

Smith Hutson

For the benefit of: Angelina College, Sam Houston State University, Stephen F. Austin State University, Lamar University, and Lamar Institute of Technology. This award is dedicated to providing opportunities to students who otherwise may not have a chance to earn a degree.

Scholarship Tenets:

1. **Financial need:** This is the most important factor in the decision making process. Unlike other programs, S-H looks at the full household dynamic. SH looks at household incomes that just exceed the FAFSA/Pell Grant maximum, medical issues, single parent households, and current job status.
2. **Motivation:** Personal requirement necessary to exceed
3. **People Skills:** Looking for leadership qualities and ability to communicate effectively.
4. **Academic Potential:** Does the student have the necessary skills to be successful in college for the degree plan they have chosen? This requirement is last, but certainly not least. The donor did not want this scholarship to be awarded to only the top talent in high school, as there are many scholarships for those students. The donor wanted this funding available to many **AVERAGE** students that meet other key factors for success. SH historical data indicates many of our “over-achievers” after college were not top of their class.

Program Aspects:

- Must be an incoming freshman - unmarried, with no children.
Can also be adult continuing education learners – May be married and/or have children.
- Must apply for FAFSA each year and complete verifications in a timely manner.
- Must not be on any form of probation.
- Includes adult continuing education learners.
- Must be a resident of Texas.
- Available for all degree/certificate plans at Angelina College.
- Must be considered a full-time student (12 credit hours per semester).

Interview Process

- Application will include: Family financial position, grade transcripts, future plans/goals essay, and two letters of recommendation (can only be from high

school teachers or counselors if incoming freshman. If chosen, a student will interview for 25-30 minutes with interview committee.

Grades:

Grades are the most important factor in maintaining this scholarship.

Scholars must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA. If a scholar drops below a 2.5, he/she will be placed on academic probation for one semester. If the next semester GPA is not at least a 2.5, the student will be terminated from the program.

If a scholar fails a class and must re-take, it will be at his/her own expense. If a scholar chooses to take classes over the summer session that are offered during the Fall/Spring sessions, it will be at his/her own expense.

Other aspects of the program:

Must attend all Smith-Hutson banquets.

Must write a self-evaluation essay each spring.

Other/outside scholarships awarded to the scholar are applied FIRST. Then Smith Hutson funds are applied.

The Smith-Hutson scholarship will include tuition, room, meal plan, and books.

If a student chooses to live at home, S-H will award a commuter credit toward the student's living expenses.

Transfer Students:

If an Angelina College student wishes to transfer to a 4-year university and apply for a Smith-Hutson Scholarship:

- Student must have completed/or will complete an Associate's Degree at Angelina and apply in the SPRING to the school of his or her choice (Sam Houston, SFA, or Lamar).
- Student will apply to one school only for consideration and acceptance is not guaranteed.
- Student must have a GPA above 3.2 for consideration.
- It is the student's responsibility to complete the application in a timely manner.

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The application opens 11/3/23