# Texas A&M University Corpus Christi

**New Student Presentation** 

Fall 2024

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# **Bursar's Department**

Bursar – The person or official in charge of monies at a college or university

#### **Business Office**

- Process Payments
- Issues Student Refunds
- Installment Plans
- Emergency Loans
- IRS 1098-T Tax Forms
- Placement & Release of Student Holds
- Withdrawal Calculation
- Post Bills to SAIL

#### **Accounts Receivable**

- Exemptions
- Waivers
- Bill Third Party Sponsors
- Collections of Delinquent Accounts

# **Accepted Payment Methods**

#### **Online**

- Personal Checks (No Fee)
- Credit Cards (2.30% Service Fee)
  - Master Card
  - American Express
  - Discover Cards

#### In Person

- Cash
- Checks Converted to ACH
- Cashier's Check or Money Order
- Debit Card Must have Pin Code

#### Also considered a method of Payment:

- Financial Aid Loans, Scholarships and Grants
- Third Party Sponsored Payments



# **Guaranteed Tuition Plan**

- Available for Undergraduate Resident students only
- Tuition and Mandatory Fees are included in the plan
- Excludes: course specific fees, three peat fees, excess credit hours fees, other non-mandatory fees, room and board, books and supplies, etc.
- Incoming students will be assigned a cohort based on when they enroll for the first time which will designated what tuition rates apply to them
- 4 year plan consists of 12 consecutive semesters
  - Summer is considered one semester
  - The Fall 2024 cohort will expire at the end of Summer 2028
- The Guaranteed Tuition Plan is the default plan assigned to students.
- Students, in this cohort, who are still enrolled in Fall 2028 in an undergraduate program will be placed in the Annual Tuition Rate Plan

### **Annual Tuition Rate Plan**

- Effective since Fall 2016 <u>Undergraduate Resident</u> students who attend TAMUCC for the first time may choose to opt out of the 4 Year Guaranteed Tuition Plan
- The Annual Tuition Rate Plan does not guarantee the tuition and fee rates, each Fall the rates may increase
- Deadline to opt out of the 4 Year Plan for Fall 2024 is September 11, 2024
- Once a student has chosen to opt out of the 4 Year Plan the decision is final
- To opt out of the 4 Year Guaranteed Tuition Plan log into SAIL
  - 1. Login to SAIL
  - 2. Click on Student
  - 3. Click on <u>Student Account</u>
  - 4. Click on View Tuition Rate Cohort

# Tuition and Fees

- Tuition and Fees are calculated based on several factors:
  - Number of Credit Hours
  - Residency (Resident or Nonresident)
  - Level of Student (Undergraduate vs Graduate)
  - Major
  - Cohort
  - Enrolled Courses (Course Specific Fee Lab, Field Trip, E-Line, etc...)
  - Instructional Method (Online vs Face-to-Face)
  - Citizenship (International vs US Citizen)
- Other Fees
  - Parking Permits
  - Transcript Fees
  - Application fees
  - Etc...
- Tuition and Fee tables, as well as a list of other fees that students may be assessed based on their requests or actions, can be found on the Business Office website.
- http://businessoffice.tamucc.edu/tuition\_and\_fees%20/index.html

# Know Your Payment Deadlines

- Fall 2024 Payment Due <u>August 20, 2024</u>
  - Payments not received by due date will be assessed a \$50 late payment fee
  - If a student is canceled for non-payment and is allowed to re-register a \$100 reinstatement fee will be assessed
- Students must have one or more of these payment options in place on or before payment due date:
  - Paid in full
  - Enrolled in an:
    - Installment Plan and 1<sup>st</sup> payment made or
    - Emergency Tuition Loan
  - Completed all Financial Aid Requirements and aid is enough to cover the 1st payment of the installment
- Registration, including adding classes, on or after the payment due date – Payment is due at that time
- Payment deadlines can be found on the Business Office website

# Payment Options

- Tuition and Fees
  - Two different payment options for students who cannot pay their tuition and fees in full, or whose financial aid does not cover in full or is not finalized by the payment due date
  - A student can only enroll in one or the other not both payment options
    - Installment Payment Plan
    - Emergency Tuition Loan
- <u>Books</u> TAMUCC also offers two options in assisting students to purchase books at the University Bookstore
  - Emergency Book Loan
  - Financial Aid Bookstore Billing
- On Campus Housing & Mandatory Meal Plan
  - Can be included in the installment plan but cannot be coved by the Emergency Tuition Loan. A student cannot be enrolled in both an installment plan and emergency tuition loan.

### Installment Plan

- Offered Only in Fall & Spring Regular Sessions Only – Not available for Summer Sessions or Minimesters
- 4 payments (25% each payment)
- \$20 Enrollment fee
- Covers Tuition, Mandatory Fees, Course Fees, Mandatory Meal Plans only and on campus Housing Contract Fees
- Late Payments are assessed a \$25 late fee
- Available online only through SAIL

# Fall 2024 Due Dates

- 4 Payments
  - 1<sup>st</sup> due 08/20/24
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> due 09/24/24
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> due 10/15/24
  - 4<sup>th</sup> due 11/12/24

# **Emergency Loans**

• An Emergency Loan is a short term loan that a student is borrowing from the Business Office to pay Tuition, Mandatory Fees and Course Fees (will not cover Mandatory Mood Plans or Housing Contract Fees)

Mandatory Meal Plans or Housing Contract Fees)

- The Emergency Loan is due within the term
- There are two types of emergency loans:
  - Emergency Tuition Loans
  - Emergency Book Loans
- A <u>Master Promissory Note</u> (MPN) must be on file
- Students enroll in a Tuition Loan online through SAIL
- A <u>Book Loan Application</u> is submitted to the Business Office
- A \$25.00 processing fee is assessed for each loan
- Enrollment and accepting of applications begin prior to the payment due date
- Book Loan max for full time student is \$600 which is place on student's SandDollar ID to be utilized at the University Bookstore (In Person Only)
- \$25 late fee per loan not paid in full by due date
- Funds are <u>LIMITED</u> and will be issued on a first come first served basis
- Not available for Short Term
- The MPN and Book Loan application can be found on the Business Office website: <a href="http://businessoffice.tamucc.edu/forms.html">http://businessoffice.tamucc.edu/forms.html</a>

#### Fall 2024 Dates

- Begin Accepting Applications
   & Enrollments 08/01/24
- Payment Due 10/15/24
- Book Loan Expires 09/18/24

# Financial Aid Bookstore Billing

This program allows qualified students to use their excess authorized financial aid at the University Bookstore to buy textbooks and school supplies during a designated time period prior to classes beginning and the disbursement of excess funds.

- Student must have \$100 minimum excess of funds to qualify
- Maximum amount of \$750, dependent on amount of available excess funds
- Amount spent at the bookstore will be placed as a charge on the student's account
- Student will be able to order books online and choose to pay with Financial Aid

#### Fall 2024

- Primary Dates
  - 07/29/24 08/15/24

# Meal Plans - Fall 2024

- Meal Plans for students living in Miramar will be added to their Business Office account based on their assigned room (Payment will be due same day as Tuition and Fees 8/20/2024)
- Changes to the assigned room will affect the type of meal plan assessed
- Students who are not living on campus can buy one of the meal plans but will be required to pay for their choice in full prior to activating the meal plan
- On campus students can upgrade their meal plan
- Meal Plans can be included in the installment payment plan.
- For more information go to the Meal Plans website: <a href="http://universityservices.tamucc.edu/dining/index.html#meal-plans">http://universityservices.tamucc.edu/dining/index.html#meal-plans</a> or contact the SandDollar Office at (361) 825-5978

# **Housing Contract Fees**

Housing Contract Fees will be added to student's University account for Miramar and Momentum Village.

- Housing contract fees will be due for Fall 2024 on August 20<sup>th</sup>, same day as Tuition and Fee and Mandatory Meal Plan
- Student can enroll in an installment payment plan that would include their housing contract fees that are added to their account.
- Student's who receive Financial Aid, the funds will be applied to Tuition and Fees, followed by Meal Plan and finally Housing Contract Fees.

# Third Party Sponsored Billings

- A Third Party Billing is a payment agreement between the student, university and the student's sponsor.
- A Third Party Sponsor is not an individual (e.g. parent, grandparent, etc.) but a company or agency.
- Only Tuition and Fees can be billed to a sponsor.
- A student, who has an approved sponsor that will be paying, <u>must</u> turn in the documentation (e.g. voucher, letter, purchase order, etc...) to the Accounts Receivable Office (ARO) <u>prior to the payment due date each semester</u>. If the documentation is not received prior to the due date the student will need to pay to avoid late fees and/or cancellation of classes.
- If a student is not sure if their sponsor is an approved agency contact ARO.
- Sponsored Billings will be counted as a resource for a student's financial aid award which may require aid to be adjusted.
- Some Examples of Third Party Billings:
  - Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan
  - Texas Tuition Promise Fund
  - Department of Assistive Rehabilitative Services (DARS)
  - AmeriCorps
  - Dept. of Veteran's Affairs

# **Exemptions and Waivers**

- <u>Exemptions</u> are programs authorized by state statute that allow a student to pay a reduced amount of tuition and/or fees.
- <u>Waivers</u> are programs authorized by state statute that allow a nonresident student to pay the same rate of tuition as a resident of Texas.
- Exemptions and Waivers will be counted as a resource for a student's financial aid award which may require aid to be adjusted.
- A student who is eligible for an exemption or waiver <u>must</u> turn in the documentation to the Accounts Receivable Office (ARO) <u>prior to the payment due</u> <u>date each semester</u>.
- Some exemptions and waivers approvals are sent to ARO by another university office (e.g. Hazlewood – Veteran's Office, Competitive Scholarship Waiver – Scholarship Office).
- Examples of Exemptions and Waivers:
  - Hazlewood Exemption
  - Blind Exemption
  - Deaf Exemption
  - Competitive Scholarship Waiver
  - Foster/Residential Care Exemption
  - Military Waiver

### Exemptions and Waivers - Requirements

#### Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

- Most Exemptions and some Waivers will have SAP requirement.
- Students must meet the Grade Point Average of the University Financial Aid SAP policy (<a href="http://osfa.tamucc.edu/sap.html">http://osfa.tamucc.edu/sap.html</a>).
- SAP is primarily reviewed at the end of each Fall unless the student is on probation, then it is reviewed every semester.
- A student SAP status can be appealed with the Financial Aid Office.

#### Selective Service Registration (SSR)

• All Waivers and most exemptions will require the male students receiving the benefit to have registered for Selective Service.

#### Excessive Hours

- Students whose total attempted hours are more than 30 hours over the required number of hours for the degree they are seeking will no longer be eligible to receive their exemption.
- Students who are not meeting all the requirements for their exemption or waiver will NOT be able to use the benefit.

# Online Features for SAIL Bill/Payment Suite

- Electronic Bills (<u>No Bills are Mailed</u>)
- Text Messaging
- Enroll in:
  - Installment Plan
  - Emergency Tuition Loan
- Payment History
- Account Detail
- Authorized Users
- Schedule Payments
- Save Payment Methods
- Automation of some E-mail notices
- Financial Responsibility Agreement

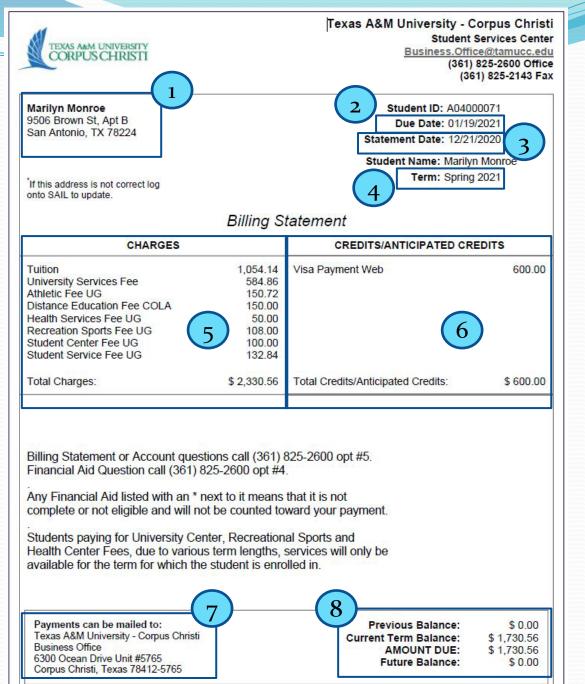
How to get to the Bill/Payment Suite:

- 1. Login to **SAIL**
- 2. Click on Student
- 3. Click on **Student Account**
- 4. Click on Bill/Payment Suite



#### Sample Online Bill

- 1. Student Information
  - If address is not correct student can update on SAIL or with the Registrar's Office
- Bills Due Date
- 3. Statement Date
  - Charges and Payments are as of the date of the statement, changes after the statement was produced, will not show until new statement is loaded to SAIL
- 4. Term
- 5. List and Summary of Charges for Term
- 6. List and Summary of Credits/Anticipated Credits for Term
  - Anticipated Credits are authorized financial aid that will disburse on a specific date as defined by financial aid rules.
- 7. Business Office Mailing Address
- 8. Account Balance (which includes the following)
  - Previous Term Balance
  - Current Term Balance
  - Amount Due (Includes Previous and Current Term balances)
  - Future Term Balance



### REFUNDS

- A <u>Refund</u> is a credit balance on the account after all charges have been paid
- Reasons for refunds to be generated:
  - Withdrawal from the University
  - Dropping a class
  - Financial Aid change (Grants, Loans, Scholarships)
  - Overpayments & other adjustments
- Refunds are processed twice a week
  - by <u>Direct Deposit</u>, <u>Check</u> or <u>BankMobile Vibe Account</u>
  - A tentative refund schedule is located on the Business Office website
- Refunds are distributed to student via the selected refund method by our partner BankMobile
- Refunds processed in error must be returned
- 1st set of refunds for Fall 2024 will be release approximately August 23rd for those with credits as of 10 am on August 20th

# Financial Aid Flow Chart

Financial Aid	Registration	Business Office	BankMobile	Student Receives Refund
Complete FAFSA Accept Aid Complete All Requirements	Register for Classes	-Tuition Calculated - Financial Aid Applies to Account - Refund applied to account for Excess Financial Aid - Send Refund File to BankMobile	Receives Refund File  Sends refunds to students based on their refund preference	Direct Deposit, Check or BankMobile Vibe Account

# Drops and Withdrawals

- A <u>Drop</u> is when a student drops one or more classes but remains in at least one course.
- A <u>Withdrawal</u> is when a student withdraws from all classes and is no longer enrolled for the term.
- When a course is *Dropped* prior to the census date at the beginning of the term the student may be eligible for 100% refund of tuition and fees.
- When a student *Withdraws* from the semester, refunds are broken down into percentages at the beginning of the term. Only withdrawing prior to the beginning of the semester will give a 100% refund.
- *Drops* and *Withdrawal* refunds are calculated based on the amount charged, not the amount paid.
- Drop and Withdrawal dates are based on the length of courses, not the number of days the class meets. The calculation of those dates is determined by the Texas Higher Education Code not the university.
- *Dropping* a class or *Withdrawing* from the university does not release a student's financial responsibility for the balance owed.
- Drop and Withdrawal dates and percentages are located on the Business Office website.

## **TUITION REBATE**

- Up to a \$1000 refund after graduation.
- Must be a Texas Resident the entire time.
- Student must apply for rebate last semester of school with the Registrar's Office.
- Must have attempted no more than 3 hours over the requirements for the degree and must have completed the degree in 4 years.
- Rebate will pay for:
  - Balance owed to University
  - 2 Balance owed to any student loans
  - 3 If student does not owe either of the above, a check will be mailed.
- For more information http://businessoffice.tamucc.edu/tuition\_rebate.html

## IRS 1098-T Tax Form

#### **Tuition Statement**

- Available by January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year
- Available online
- TAMUCC reports payments to the IRS (Box 1)
- TAMUCC partners with ECSI to produce the 1098-T
- A student must provide the university with a Social Security Number for this process otherwise the IRS may assess a penalty
- 1098-T forms are not produced for Nonresident alien students, unless requested by the student

#### How to get to your 1098-T:

- 1. Login to SAIL
- 2. Click on Student
- 3. Click on **Student Account**
- 4. Click on View Your 1098-T

# 1098-T Continued... Qualified Tuition and Related Expenses

- Qualified tuition and related expenses are tuition, fee and course materials required for a student to be enrolled at or attend and eligible education institution.
  - Tuition
  - Mandatory Fees excluding Health Services Fee
  - Course Specific Fees
- The following are not qualified tuition and related expenses:
  - Amounts paid for any course or other education involving sports, games, or hobbies, unless the course or other education is part of the student's degree program.
  - Charges and fees for room, board, insurance, medical expenses (including Health Services Fee), transportation, and similar personal, living or family expenses.

- Box 1 Payments Received for Qualified Tuition and Related Expenses
  - Total payments received for qualified tuition and related expenses from all sources during the calendar year.
  - The amount reported is not reduced by scholarships, grants, stipends or Third-Party Payments

- Box 4 Adjustment Made for a Prior Year
  - Reimbursements or refunds of qualified tuition and related expenses made during the calendar year that relate to payments received that were reported for a prior year
- Box 5 Scholarships or Grants
  - Total amount of any scholarships, grants, exemptions, waivers, Third Party Sponsor Payments and Stipends
  - Third Party Sponsor Payments include private entities such as the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Defense, civic organizations, religious organizations and nonprofit entities
  - Employee Betterment Benefits and TA/RA waivers are not reported in Box 5 instead they are reported Box 2 to reduce Qualified Tuition and Related Expenses as per IRS regulation

- Box 6 Adjustments to Scholarships or Grants for a Prior Year
  - Includes any reduction to the amount of scholarships or grants that were reported for any prior year
- Box 7 Checkbox for Amounts for an Academic Period Beginning in January Through March
  - This box is check if any qualified tuition and related expenses reported are for a term that begins in January through March
  - Typically Fall tuition and fees are calculated in November and December if the student registers early

- Box 8 Check if at Least Half-Time Student
  - This box is check if the student was at least a half-time student during any academic period during the reporting year.
  - 6 hours in one term is considered halftime enrollment
- Box 9 Check if a Graduate Student
  - This box is checked if the student was a graduate student during the reporting year.

# Sample 1098-T Form

FILER'S name, street address, city or town, s foreign postal code, and telephone number	CORRE		OMB No. 1545-1574 2023 Form 1098-T	Tuition Statement	
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STUDENT'S name		4 Adjustments made for a prior year	5 Scholarships or grants	This is important tax information	
		\$	\$	and is being	
Street address (including apt. no.)  City or town, state or province, country, and	ZIP or foreign postal code	6 Adjustments to scholarships or grants for a prior year	7 Checked if the amount in box 1 includes amounts for an academic period beginning January-	furnished to the IRS. This form must be used to complete Form 8863 to claim education	
	1	\$	March 2024	credits. Give it to the tax preparer or use it to	
Service Provider/Acct. No. (see instr.)	8 Checked if at least half-time student	9 Checked if a graduate student	10 Ins. contract reimb./refund	prepare the tax return.	
Form 1098-T (keep for	your records)	www.irs.gov/Form1098T	Department of the Treasury	- Internal Revenue Service	

# Private Scholarships

- Turn the information or checks in to the Office of Student Financial Assistance for processing
- They will count towards a student's award
- They will <u>not</u> count toward the Tuition and Fees payment until checks are received and posted to the student's Business Office account

# Important Things to Know

- Islander.edu Email
  - All communications (e-bills, reminders, past due notices, etc..) are sent to students via the university issued email address
- Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
  - Students must give, in writing, permission for anyone to have access to their account
  - The Bursar Department will not be able to discuss any details on a student's account with anyone unless the student has completed the FERPA waiver form and listed the people who can have access to the student's information.
  - The FERPA waiver form is available at the Registrar's Office
- Want parents or others to view or pay your E-Bill?
  - Create an Authorized User in the Bill/Payment Suite
  - A person set up as an Authorized User only gives them access to the student's online Business Office account. For the Authorized User to contact the university to ask questions or get information they must be listed on the FERPA waiver form.
- Financial Responsibility Agreement (FRA)
  - All students are required to sign the FRA twice a year
  - The FRA is located online in SAIL

# Be aware of Consequences

- Failure to pay your account balance by the due date could result in the following:
  - Late Fees assessed
  - Cancellation of Classes
  - Reinstatement Fees
  - Holds being placed on your account no transcripts released, no future registrations and no diploma released
  - Sent to a collection agency which will increase your balance due to collection costs (up to 30% increase)
- Dropping or Withdrawing from classes <u>can affect your financial aid eligibility</u> which can result in some or all of your aid being removed from your account and creating a balance that you will owe the university

# **Tips for Success**

- Be aware of deadlines
- Read all emails from the Business Office and respond to requests as quickly as possible
- Review your account online on a regular basis
- Memorize your Student ID number
- Keep your addresses in SAIL up-to-date
- When in doubt, ask questions!

### **Contact Information**

Location: Student Services Center (a.k.a. Round Building) Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

- Websites:
  - SAIL <a href="http://sail.tamucc.edu">http://sail.tamucc.edu</a>
  - General Information <a href="http://businessoffice.tamucc.edu">http://businessoffice.tamucc.edu</a>
- Email:
  - Business.Office@tamucc.edu
- Phone Number:
  - (361) 825-2600, Option #5
- Fax Numbers:
  - Accounts Receivable Office (361) 825-2909
  - Business Office (361) 825-2143
- Mailing Address:
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