



Memorandum of Understanding First Step High School Grant

The following information outlines the eligibility requirements and conditions for high school graduates, home school graduates, and GED recipients in the state of Texas, from the following counties: Bastrop, Bell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson, electing to attend an undergraduate program at the South University, Austin campus. All requirements are student-driven, and are not subject to a committee.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Eligible students must be a graduate from a high school, home school or a GED recipient within Bastrop, Bell, Hays, Travis or Williamson counties and be a first-time college student (no prior post-high school college enrollment or credits) wishing to enroll and attend an undergraduate program at the South University, Austin campus. High School Dual-Enrollment students are eligible to participate.
2. Must submit a high school transcript with a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.0 at high school graduation in order to receive the grant during the first term of enrollment.
3. GED recipients must submit a certificate of completion.
4. Home School graduates must submit a graduation diploma.
5. Must meet the required South University admission criteria for an undergraduate program as outlined in the South University catalog and be accepted for admission into the undergraduate program of choice.
6. Eligible students must be accepted to receive the initial grant disbursement for the first term. The quarterly disbursements are:
 - a. **Bachelor's level** – Business Administration, Healthcare Management, Psychology, Public Health, Criminal Justice, Nursing (pre-req phase only): **\$145/credit hour (up to 12 hours)**
 - b. **Associate's level** – Physical Therapist Assistant, Occupational Therapy: **\$117/credit hour (up to 12 hours)**
7. To continue to receive future grant disbursements each quarter, as listed above in second and subsequent terms, each student must pass all courses in prior term with a C or better and maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements as defined in the Catalog.
8. Must maintain at least part-time enrollment level without a break in enrollment (unless required by your cohort or program of study).
9. Student must have the Memorandum of Understanding on file prior to receiving the first disbursement.

Additional Conditions:

1. The First Step High School Grant applies to eligible graduates from a high school, home school or a GED recipient within Bastrop, Bell, Hays, Travis or Williamson County in Texas.
2. In the event the student withdraws, takes an unscheduled break, or fails to pass all required courses with a C or better will lose eligibility for any future disbursements in the current program of enrollment.
3. The First Step High School Grant is used for tuition and fees only and may not result in a stipend to the student.
4. The First Step High School Grant may not be combined with any other institutional awards, including the Military Tuition Scholarship

General Conditions:

1. South University reserves the right to cancel, suspend and/or modify the First Step High School Grant or any part of it. South University will provide a 30-day notice to all students if changes are made to this grant.
2. Sponsor, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to disqualify any eligible student who is in violation of student responsibilities as outlined in the Institutions' Academic Catalog and Student Handbook.
3. Must not be employees or family members of employees of South University participating in the South University Tuition Voucher Program.

Limited Liability:

1. South University is not responsible for:
 - a. Any incorrect or inaccurate information whether caused by the student, printing typographical or other errors or by any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the First Step High School Grant.
 - b. Printing, typographical, technical, computer, network or human error which may occur in the administration of the First Step High School Grant, the uploading, the processing or the announcement of the First Step High School Grant or in any Grant-related materials.
2. Disputes: Except where prohibited, eligible students agree that all disputes, claims and causes of action arising out of or connected with this Grant program shall be resolved individually, through the Student Affairs Department at South University.



Memorandum of Understanding

Student Acknowledgement

By signing this Memorandum of Understanding, I agree that:

1. I have chosen to accept the First Step High School Grant.
2. If I fail to meet any of the eligibility requirements, the First Step High School Grant will be revoked and I will be billed in full for courses taken.
3. I have read and agreed to the above terms and conditions of the First Step High School Grant and I understand the nature of the Grant and the extent of my obligations.

Student Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Student ID # _____

If signatory/student is under the age of 18, the Parent or Legal Guardian must also sign below. By signing below said Parent or Legal Guardian represents that he/she has the legal right to and does consent to the terms and conditions of this Grant. Said Parent or Legal Guardian further certifies to the best of his/her ability; the information contained in this application is accurate.

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Address (If different from student's) _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____ Evening: _____

By checking this box, I consent to representatives of South University contacting me about **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES** via email, text or phone, including my mobile phone if provided above, and using an automatic dialer. I understand that my consent is not a requirement for any purchase. Message and data rates may apply. I understand that I may withdraw my consent at any time.

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