



COVID-19 Tuition Assistance Award FAQs

TCU's Board of Trustees approved an additional \$50 million in tuition assistance for students whose classes have been newly designated as online courses by the university and up to \$15 million in additional need-based tuition assistance for qualified students for the academic year 2020-2021.

How much tuition assistance has been allocated?

- The trustees approved \$65 million to fund multiple tuition assistance initiatives. This will allow us to:
 1. Offer a 10 percent tuition assistance award for courses the university has designated as online only as a result of COVID-19.
 2. Provide assistance to TCU families who have experienced layoffs, salary changes, business losses, medical expenses and other losses of income related to COVID-19.

Do students need to apply?

- **For tuition assistance for students whose classes have been designated as online courses:**

Students do not need to apply for the 10 percent tuition assistance award for online courses. The award will automatically post to the student's account prior to the next billing statement, currently scheduled for July 27. No action is required by the student. We will review accounts again prior to each billing period and adjust if necessary.

- **For need-based tuition assistance (financial aid):**

Families of undergraduate students who have had a change in income or other financial loss should file the FAFSA, if they haven't already done so, and submit an application for consideration of "Special Circumstances" to the financial aid office to apply for additional need-based tuition assistance. Students may download the special circumstances form here: <https://financialaid.tcu.edu/resources/forms.php> and file the FAFSA at [FAFSA.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov). Please understand that hundreds of requests are being submitted, and we want to give each student's situation the attention it deserves.

How is the 10 percent tuition assistance award calculated?

- Students with 12 or more hours of online only classes will receive 10 percent of the flat-rate tuition charge for full time students.
 - \$51,570 Annual flat-rate tuition
 - \$25,785 Fall semester tuition charge
 - \$ 2,579 10 percent online tuition assistance award
- Students with less than 12 hours of online only classes will receive a per-hour credit based on the flat-rate tuition amount divided by 15 hours, the average enrollment upon which the flat-rate is based.

\$51,570 Annual flat-rate tuition

\$25,785	Fall semester tuition charge
\$ 1,719	Per-hour at 15-hour average cost
\$ 172	10% per-hour online tuition assistance award

For example, a 3-hour course will qualify for a tuition assistance award of \$516

- Students enrolled part-time, and not charged the flat-rate, will receive a tuition assistance award for 10 percent of the actual per-hour tuition charge for online only classes.
- Graduate students will receive a tuition assistance award of 10 percent of actual online tuition charged.

Which classes qualify for the 10 percent tuition assistance award?

- Classes designated as online by the university are included. Classes previously delivered in an online format prior to COVID-19 are not eligible for a tuition assistance award.
- Students can review their class schedule under the “Student Center” tab in my.tcu.edu. Each faculty member has designated his or her class as being either “In-Person” or “Online.”
- Classes designated as in-person will not qualify for the 10 percent tuition assistance award, even if the professor uses Zoom with a proctor present.

Are all students taking a class online eligible for the 10 percent tuition assistance award?

- Most, but not all.
 - Students who already receive full-tuition from other scholarships and grants will not receive the 10 percent online tuition assistance award.
 - Students who are taking classes delivered “In-Person,” but elect to join the course online are not eligible. Only students in courses designated as online by the university will receive the tuition assistance award.
 - Existing programs that were already online will not be eligible. This includes MLA, DNP, Criminal Justice, etc.

Why is TCU offering COVID-19 tuition assistance?

- TCU offers an excellent academic experience with faculty who are leaders in their field. However, COVID-19 has upended almost every aspect of our lives. These difficult times and unusual circumstances have led many families to seek tuition relief. The university has responded by providing additional financial aid to families in need and to also provide tuition assistance to students whose courses have been designated as online courses by the university.

Will the additional tuition assistance affect existing financial aid?

- There are federal and state rules concerning how much funding students may receive in addition to those grants, but in most cases the only potential impact will be a possible change in loan eligibility. For many students, this allows for a reduction in the amount of loan they would otherwise have needed.

How much financial aid has TCU committed to students this year?

- The initial amount of TCU-funded financial aid for the 2020-2021 year was \$208 million, not including the tuition benefit for TCU employees. This additional allocation brings the total aid funded by TCU to \$273 million for the 2020-2021 academic year. Federal and state funded grants provide an additional \$9.5 million.