



SWG SB
at **SMU Cox**



ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

SUMMER GRADUATE PROGRAM
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Academic Scholarships

SWGSB Merit Scholarships are awarded without regard to financial need. They are gifts applied directly to the participant's tuition or, in the case of graduating Third Year students, refunded to the sponsoring institution. Students paying their own tuition will receive the tuition refund directly. All students who attend SWGSB are reviewed automatically for scholarship eligibility. Except where noted, no separate application is required. Scholarships are based primarily on merit, although leadership criteria will also be considered. Below is a description of scholarships available to all SWGSB students.

James B. Gardner Scholarship

is the most prestigious scholarship given to up to two returning Second Year students and up to three graduating Third Year students. The grant is funded by Commerce Street Capital in honor of Senior Managing Director James B. Gardner, SWGSB Class VI.

AWARDS

Up to \$2,500 given to the highest-ranking students in each class. When class rank is not a clearly defining factor, the scholarship committee will take SWGSB leadership into consideration. Second Year students who receive this award are eligible to receive the award again as graduating Third Year students. Class ranking is still the deciding factor. Note: The student must graduate to receive the award.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Must be a current SWGSB student in good standing and graduate from SWGSB. All assignments must be completed on time and submitted in proper form. Students must conduct themselves professionally while on campus. Any violation of these requirements will render students ineligible, regardless of class standing. No application required.

Trustees Scholarship

is available for up to two returning Second Year students and two graduating Third Year students. This scholarship is funded by the SWGSB Foundation, the Board of Trustees, and other industry donors.

AWARDS

Up to \$1,000 given to the highest-ranking students in each class. When class rank is not a clearly defining factor, the scholarship committee will consider SWGSB leadership. Second Year students who receive this award are eligible to receive the award again as graduating Third Year students. Class ranking is still the deciding factor. Note: The student must graduate to receive the award.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Must be a current SWGSB student in good standing and graduate from SWGSB. All assignments must be completed on time and submitted in proper form. Students must conduct themselves professionally while on campus. Any violation of these requirements will render students ineligible, regardless of class standing. No application required.

SWGSB Alumni Scholarship

is available for returning Second Year students and graduating Third Year students. This scholarship is funded by the SWGSB Alumni Association, the SWGSB Foundation, and other donors who support the industry.

AWARDS

Up to \$1,000 given to the highest ranked students in each class. When class rank is not a clearly defining metric, the scholarship committee will take SWGSB leadership into consideration in awarding the scholarship. Second Year students who receive this award are eligible to receive the award again when they graduate in Third Year. Class ranking is still the deciding factor. The student must graduate to receive the award.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Must be a current SWGSB student in good standing and graduate from SWGSB. All assignments must be completed on time and submitted in proper form. Students must conduct themselves professionally while on campus. Any violation of these requirements will render students ineligible, regardless of class standing. No application required.



President's Peer Recognition Scholarship

is available for returning First Year and Second Year students and for graduating Third Year students.

AWARDS

Up to \$1,000 given to a student voted on by each class. A Second Year student who receives this award is eligible to receive the award again as a graduating Third Year student. Note: The student must graduate to receive the award.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Must be a current SWGSB student in good standing and graduate from SWGSB. All assignments must be completed on time and submitted in proper form. Students must conduct themselves professionally while on campus. Any violation of these requirements will render students ineligible, regardless of class standing. No application required.

Dean for Bankers' Scholarship

is based on the highest performance on the First Year exam. It recognizes academic excellence and individual achievement. Only First Year students are eligible for this scholarship.

AWARDS

Up to \$500 applied directly to the student's Second Year tuition. This award is given to the student or students (in case of a tie) who score the highest number of points on the First Year exam taken during the second week of the SWGSB session.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Must be a current First Year SWGSB student in good standing. All assignments must be completed on time and submitted in proper form. Students must conduct themselves professionally while on campus. Any violation of these requirements will render students ineligible, regardless of class standing. No application required.



George Henry Hempel Memorial Scholarship

was created in honor of George H. Hempel, Sr., Ph.D., and is available to graduating Third Year students.

AWARDS

Up to \$500 is refunded to a graduating Third Year student. This award is given to one of the highest-ranked students in the Third Year student class. When class rank is not a clearly defining factor, the scholarship committee will take SWGSB leadership into consideration. Note: The student must graduate to receive the award.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Must be a current SWGSB student in good standing and graduate from SWGSB. All assignments must be completed on time and submitted in proper form. Students must conduct themselves professionally while on campus. Any violation of these requirements will render students ineligible, regardless of class standing.

President's Peer Recognition Scholarship

is available for returning First Year and Second Year students and for graduating Third Year students.

AWARDS

Up to \$1,000 given to a student voted on by each class. A Second Year student who receives this award is eligible to receive the award again as a graduating Third Year student. Note: The student must graduate to receive the award.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Must be a current SWGSB student in good standing and graduate from SWGSB. All assignments must be completed on time and submitted in proper form. Students must conduct themselves professionally while on campus. Any violation of these requirements will render students ineligible, regardless of class standing. No application required.



IBAT Building Better Bankers Scholarship

is open to First Year students and covers all three years of tuition. Optional fees are not included.

AWARDS

Full tuition for three years. The scholarship must be used for three consecutive years. The recipient may not be on leave or sit out for a year to maintain the scholarship.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be employed with a member bank of the Independent Bankers Association of Texas. The scholarship recipient must be in good standing. All assignments must be completed on time and submitted in proper form. The student's conduct on campus must reflect favorably on their employer and represent academic excellence at the graduate level. Any violation of these requirements will render the student ineligible and result in the forfeiture of the scholarship award. The award is also forfeited if the student is no longer employed by an IBAT member bank. An application form must be completed and submitted to IBAT by the designated application deadline. The recipient is chosen by IBAT.

Tom Frost Scholarship

honors this legendary Texas banker and former TBA Chairman by making a scholarship award to a deserving SWGSB student who exhibits Tom Frost's deep commitment to community service and engagement.

AWARDS

Up to \$2,500 given to the Second Year or Third Year student selected by the Texas Bankers Association.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Must be a current Second Year or Third Year SWGSB student in good standing. All assignments must be completed on time and submitted in proper form. The student's conduct on campus must reflect favorably on their employer and represent academic excellence at the graduate level. Any violation of these requirements will render the student ineligible regardless of their class standing and result in the forfeiture of the scholarship award. The award is also forfeited if the student does not successfully complete Second Year or Third Year. The application must be submitted by the deadline established by the Texas Bankers Association. All Second Year and Third Year students employed by a TBA member bank are eligible for this scholarship award. The recipient is chosen by a Texas Bankers Association selection committee.



Entering First Year Scholarships

SWGSB has established the Millennium Scholarship jointly with several state banking associations for First Year students. If your banking association is not listed, please let us know, and we will work with them to establish a comparable scholarship. The associations currently offering Millennium Scholarships or other scholarships include:

The Arkansas Bankers Association

\$1,500 each year, merit based
Contact: Kami Coleman
Phone: 501-376-3741
Email: kami.coleman@arkbankers.org

Conference of State Bank Supervisors

\$3,000 each year
Contact: Katie Hoyle
Phone: 202-208-3556
Email: khoyle@csbs.org

IBAT Millennium

\$1,500 first year only
Contact: Christopher Williston
Phone: 512-474-6889
Email: clwilliston@ibat.org

The Oklahoma Bankers Association

\$1,500 first year only
Contact: Janis Reeser
Phone: 405-424-5252
Email: janisr@oba.com

Nebraska–Kansas Schools of Banking

\$1,000 each year
Contact: Tami Lutzi
Phone: 402-474-1555
Email: tami.lutzi@nebankers.org

The New Mexico Bankers Association

\$1,000 first year only
Contact: Linda Burdick
Phone: 505-822-7900
Email: lburdick@nmbankers.com

The Texas Bankers Association, Millennium

\$1,500 first year only
Contact: Jocelyn Carby
Phone: 512-472-8388
E-mail: jocelyn@texasbankers.com

Texas Tech School of Banking

\$1,500 first year only
Contact: Stephanie Bohn
Phone: 806-834-1497
E-mail: stephanie.bohn@ttu.edu



“SWGSB was a wonderful experience that allowed me to matriculate a challenging and well thought out curriculum, while at the same time building lasting relationships with great bankers across Texas and surrounding states. The benefits that SWGSB has had and will continue to have on my career are immeasurable. There are many great banking schools across the nation, and then, there is SWGSB! If you are considering a banking school, give SWGSB a try. You will not regret it!”

BOWDEN JONES JR.
SWGSB CLASS LXIV
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF CONSUMER OFFICER
FIRSTBANK SOUTHWEST

SWGSB-Cox MBA Program Scholarship

AWARDS

The SWGSB-Cox MBA Program Scholarship covers up to \$16,000 of the SMU Cox MBA tuition, depending on funding available. This scholarship is competitively awarded to an SWGSB graduate and granted upon the successful completion of the SMU Cox MBA program.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Students must be an SWGSB graduate who has successfully completed the SMU Cox School of Business within three years of his or her SWGSB graduation. Time limits are determined by SMU Cox. All requisites must be met within the time allowed and in accordance with the school's accepted guidelines and principles. Student must also abide by both schools' codes of conduct. Any violation of the schools' policies and professional standards will render students ineligible regardless of class standing. Must apply for scholarship to be eligible for consideration. Call the SWGSB office for application details.



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“Several high-level officials at the FDIC confirmed that SWGSB’s curriculum is more rigorous and challenging than other graduate schools of banking they attended. I’m proud to be a part of a program that’s earned me something far more valuable than just a diploma—a game-changing mastery of leadership skills and analytical thinking that I’ll use throughout my professional career. This is a true graduate program, and each module is more fulfilling than the last.”

PENNY KING

Former Senior Community Affairs Specialist, FDIC