### SUMMER STEPS TO SUCCESS—S³

| College/University Name: _______________________________ |
| College/University Website: ___________________________ |

#### STUDENT USER INFORMATION

- **Get to know your college’s online student account**
  - Your username and password were probably sent with your acceptance packet or in a separate letter/email. If you can’t find them, call your school’s admissions office.
  - My college portal username / password is: _____
  - The portal address is: _______
  - Trouble logging in or misplaced your info, contact ____
    - At (phone) ____ or (e-mail) ____

#### FINANCIAL AID

- **Check the status of your financial aid**
  - ☐ AWARDED ALL FINANCIAL AID ☐ NO AWARD AS OF (__________)
  - ☐ AWARDED WORK-STUDY? ☐ Yes; Amount: ___ ☐ NO
  - ☐ ACCEPTED FINANCIAL AID (_______)
  - ☐ VERIFICATION ☐ OTHER (Appeal, etc.) ____

- **The contact info for the financial aid office is:**
  - Name of Office: ____________________________
  - Phone Number: ____________________________
  - Email: _________________________________
  - Fax Number: ____________
  - Mailing Address: _______________________________________________________
  - Physical Address (if different) __________________________________________

#### MATRICULATION

- **Your orientation is where you will be able to select classes. Register for your college orientation ASAP to ensure you have access to the classes you need.**
  - New Student Orientation Web portal: ________________________________
  - The orientation fee is: $ _______________ ☐ Not Applicable
  - Where can I pay my fee? ☐ Online via Student Portal ☐ In person at campus cashier
  - Payment methods for orientation: ☐ Credit/Debit Card ☐ Cash ☐ Checks ☐ No checks
  - My New Student Orientation Date: ________________________________

- **Testing**
  - Some colleges will require placement exams for certain classes. Check whether you need to complete placement a test prior to your orientation or before classes start.
  - ALL students are required to take the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) exam unless you are exempt. Check the website of the college/university you are planning to attend to see if you qualify for an exemption.
  - Placement test I need to take: ________________________________
  - Information on test registration: ________________________________

- **Housing**
  - If your college offers housing, complete all forms necessary.
  - ☐ I will not live on campus ☐ I will not live on campus
  - Housing website: ____________________________
  - Application Deadline: ________________
  - Fees: Application Cost ________________ Deposit Amount: $ ______________

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## STUDENT LOGISTICS

### Health Insurance

Colleges may charge an insurance fee. If you currently have insurance, it may be possible to waive your school health insurance fee.

I am currently insured through (company / program): ___

### Be informed about when your student bill is due. Billing services may be a separate office from the financial aid office. You will need to work with both to ensure your student bill is paid.

- Tuition bills on average are due **TEN DAYS** prior to classes starting.
- Payment options information (website): ___________________________
- Where can I pay my tuition bill?  
  - Online via Student Portal
  - In person at campus cashier
- Payment methods for orientation:  
  - Credit/Debit Card
  - Cash
  - Checks
  - No checks

If you are receiving a refund from your college/university, verify how you will receive the money on your student billing services website or in-person at the Student Billing Services office.

### SAP

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) is the minimum GPA and credit hours you must maintain in order to be in good standing and be awarded financial aid.

- SAP Website: ___________________________

## STUDENT FINANCES

### Student Loan Setup

If you are getting loans, set up and complete your Student Loan Counseling. To receive your loan funds, you MUST complete the Student Loan Counseling items. Failure to do so may cause a delay in releasing your student loan money.

- I will not take out loans this upcoming school year.  
- I will take out loans

For your reference:

- **Entrance Loan Counseling** is a short online lesson that teaches you about your loans.
- **Master Promissory Note** provides references and allows you to sign electronically for your loans.

BOTH items must be completed at least **TEN DAYS** prior to classes starting to ensure you receive your funds on time to pay your student bill.

If you do not qualify for a federal loan, please visit your financial aid office for alternative payment methods.

### Personal Finances

If you are working this summer, this may serve as an opportunity to save up additional money for college expenses. Remember, on average, books can cost $500.

- Are you working this summer?  
  - YES
  - NO

If NO, what are the action steps you are taking to save up money for school?

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**Additional notes:** ___________________________

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