

**SMITH-HUTSON EMBA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
**SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**APPLICATION DEADLINE – MARCH 16, 2025**

Smith-Hutson Scholarships are intended for applicants with an established financial need. This application is for a scholarship up to a total of \$40,000 for First Year students to fund the full two-year program and up to \$20,000 for Second Year students to attend the **Executive MBA in Banking and Financial Institutions** at Sam Houston State University.

The EMBA is a 36-hour program over a two-year period. An annual one-week residency at the main campus is required prior to the start of each fall semester along with a one-day Conference each spring semester. Outside of these two residencies, coursework [18 credit hours each year] will be completed entirely online.

The **2025 Fall Cohort** begins with the one-week residency on August 17 – 22, 2025 with a one-day spring Conference [TBD]. The scholarship requires that the applicant have a bachelor’s degree from an accredited university, complete the FAFSA, have an established financial need, and be accepted into the EMBA Program. Applicant must be available for an in-person interview on campus at Sam Houston State University [TBD].

The Scholarship Recipient will be recognized at the **Texas Bankers Hall of Fame Gala on May 1, 2025.**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred to be called by: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_ [Must be a U.S. Citizen & Texas resident to apply]

Gender:                      Male                      Female

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

DATES	COLLEGE/PROGRAM	CITY/STATE	DEGREE/CERTIFICATE



Names of **ALL** persons currently living in your home (excluding yourself):

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	AGE

**With the submission of this application, I certify that the information I have provided is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the university to verify the information and I understand I may be asked to provide supplemental documentation to confirm financial and/or academic eligibility.**

**I authorize Sam Houston State University to release my academic transcript and financial information to the Smith-Hutson Scholarships and/or its designees.**

**I hereby grant Sam Houston State University and Smith-Hutson Scholarships, its directors, officers, employees, agents, and any designee, non-revocable permission to capture my image and likeness in photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings, or any other media (collectively "Images").**

**If selected, I agree to attend the Texas Bankers Hall of Fame Gala on May 1, 2025.**

**Scholarship selection will be at the sole discretion of the Smith-Hutson Scholarship Committee. The Smith-Hutson EMBA Scholarship Committee does not discriminate or select based on gender, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, age, religious beliefs, social/economic class and/or marital status.**

**I acknowledge that the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) assistance, for the purpose of this application, is limited to resume production, spelling, and grammar check. I further acknowledge the written portion of this application, and any supporting written essay(s), are all my personal intellectual property and are not produced or enhanced by AI. I understand this application and any supporting essay(s) may be subject to AI detection software, and if deemed AI enhanced this application will be immediately withdrawn from consideration.**

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Applicant Signature

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Date

**Application packet must be date stamped via email by 11:59 p.m. [CST] on March 16, 2025 and must include the following:**

- Application Form – Completed and signed.
- Resume to include work history and community involvement.
- One-page narrative (double spaced) describing how this EMBA will assist in developing your career in banking.
- Two letters of recommendation:
  - From bank Senior Vice President or above, if currently employed.
  - From COBA professor if currently enrolled as Undergraduate
- Confirmation of acceptance to the EMBA Program at Sam Houston State University.

**Please submit all requested articles to [pamthaler@shsu.edu](mailto:pamthaler@shsu.edu).**

For questions, please contact:

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