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Academic Excellence Scholarship Program

All freshmen admitted to the University for the Fall semester are automatically considered for an Academic Excellence Scholarship Award (a scholarship application is not required). Important factors in the selection of scholarship recipients include SAT or ACT scores, class rank, grade point average, and success in Honors or Advanced Placement course work. In addition, positive weight may be given to the following factors: achievements in work experience, community service, extracurricular activities (leadership), surmounting obstacles to the further pursuit of higher education, socioeconomic background, and status as a first generation college student.

Recipients of an Academic Excellence Scholarship may supplement their awards with need-based state or federal aid and/or third party scholarships. Any additional third party scholarships received by the university in the student's name will be refunded to the student in the form of a check. Please refer to the Financial Aid web site for further information at <http://financial-aid.utdallas.edu/>.

Notification of awards will be made on a monthly basis until all the available scholarships have been allocated.

Further application materials are necessary only in the case of the Clark Summer Scholars Program.

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Academic Recognition Scholarship

Students awarded an Academic Recognition Scholarship receive \$1,000 per semester to be applied towards tuition and mandatory fees. This award is good for four years (eight semesters).

Academic Distinction Scholarship

The Academic Distinction Scholarship covers cost of tuition and mandatory fees through eight semesters (4 years) of enrollment. In addition, the Academic Distinction Scholarship provides a \$1,000 per year contribution toward rental expenses incurred at the Waterview Park student apartment complex for students who choose to live on campus. Recipients of this award who maintain appropriate course loads and remain in good standing in the scholarship program can complete their Bachelor's degree at U.T.D without any cost for tuition and mandatory fees.

Academic Honors Scholarship

In addition to eight semesters (four years) of support for tuition and mandatory fees, the Academic Honors Scholarship provides a \$1500 cash award per semester (\$3,000 per year) to defray the cost of books, supplies and other educational expenses. It also provides a \$1,000 per year contribution toward rental expenses at the Waterview Park student apartment complex for students who choose to live on campus.

Academic Excellence Scholarships for National Merit Scholars



The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) recognizes U.T.D. as a collegiate sponsor. National Merit Finalists who list U.T.D. as their first choice with NMSC will automatically receive eight semesters of support for tuition and mandatory fees, a \$2,500 cash award per semester (\$5,000 per year) via a combination of U.T. Dallas's Academic Excellence Scholarship funds and an NMSC Scholarship, and a \$1,000 per year contribution toward rental expenses at the Waterview park student apartment complex for students who choose to live on campus. This award will be made only when NMSC has notified U.T.D. of your selection of our university as your first choice.

Parking, fees associated with late registration, distance-learning fees, field trip fees and some laboratory fees are not covered by the AES.

Clark Summer Research Program

Students who are awarded an Academic Excellence Honors Scholarship or National Merit Scholarship may apply for one of twenty Anson L. Clark Summer Research Program positions awarded annually. This program provides the opportunity to work with members of U.T. Dallas' science and engineering faculty for a period of ten weeks for \$2,000. At the conclusion of the program, each scholar will summarize their research and present it to faculty, staff and students at a university sponsored research conference.

Valedictorian Scholarships

High School Valedictorians who have not received an Academic Excellence Scholarship award will receive an Academic Distinction Scholarship beginning in their sophomore year for six semesters if they earn a per semester GPA of at least 3.00 for U.T. Dallas course work and complete at least 24 credit hours during the first two semesters of enrollment. For those freshmen who have received a Recognition Scholarship, the requirement is a 3.00 earned each semester and completion of at least 30 hours.

National Achievement Scholarship Program/National Honor Awards Program

The Academic Excellence Scholarship fund contains specific allocations for students who have been recognized by the National Achievement Scholarship Program, conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Similarly, UTD recognizes students who have been identified by the National Hispanic Honor Awards Program through The College Board.

Other Scholarship Programs

Terry Foundation Scholarship

The University of Texas at Dallas was selected by the Terry Foundation to begin providing scholarships to outstanding applicants beginning Fall 2006. The Terry Foundation is a Houston-based scholarship program founded to provide full scholarships to outstanding Texas high school graduates. This will include tuition and fees, books and living expenses for on-campus housing.

In order to be considered for a Terry Foundation Scholarship, applicants must exhibit a strong record of leadership in both their high school and community, have financial need and excel in academics. Applicants must be a graduate of a Texas High School or home-schooled in the state of Texas and be admitted to The University of Texas at Dallas as an incoming freshman for fall 2007. Specific details and the application form may be found [here](#).

Applications can be downloaded or are available in the Office of Undergraduate Education located in the Multi-Purpose Building (MP3.206). Please contact (972)883-6708 for further information. You can also visit the Terry Foundation website at <http://www.terryfoundation.org/> for additional information.

Transfer Scholarship

Transfer students are automatically considered for a scholarship when accepted for admission. For more information, please go to <http://www.utdallas.edu/whyutd/transfer/>.

U.T.D. Upgrade Opportunities

Academic Excellence Scholarship recipients are eligible to apply for an upgrade to their scholarship when they complete 30 U.T.D. hours and have a cumulative G.P.A. of at least 3.75. Scholarships will be awarded until all funding has been exhausted. Applications are due no later than June 1st. The following information pertains to the upgrade received based on the initial scholarship award:

Recognition:

Distinction Commendable: Tuition and fee scholarship

Distinction:

Distinction Exemplary: Tuition and fees, \$500 per semester payment to Waterview Park Apartments and \$500 per semester cash stipend.

Only one upgrade will be awarded.

Scholarship Opportunities for Non-AES Recipients

Students who enroll at U.T.D. without an Academic Excellence Scholarship award are eligible to apply for the Recognition Scholarship after completing a minimum of 24 U.T.D. credit hours but no more than 90, and achieving a cumulative G.P.A. of at least 3.75. The number of semesters awarded will be based on the number of cumulative hours the students has and are made each year after spring semester grades are recorded and evaluated. The deadline date to apply is June 1st. The applications are available in the Multi-Purpose Building (MP3.206). Scholarships will be awarded until all funding has been exhausted.

The Application can be downloaded [here](#).

Maintaining Scholarship Eligibility

Academic Excellence Scholarship students must remain in good academic standing to insure their continued eligibility for scholarship support. The following information pertains to the level of scholarship award and year awarded:

Recognition

2004: a per semester GPA of 3.00 is required; completion of 12 U.T.D. semester hours (24 hours within an academic year); completion of at least 75% of registered courses.

2005 and 2006: a per semester GPA of 3.00 is required; completion of 15 U.T.D. semester hours (30 hours within an academic year); completion of at least 75% of registered courses.

Distinction, Honors and National Merit

2004: a per semester GPA of 3.00 in the freshman year and a per semester GPA of 3.25 every semester thereafter; completion of 12 U.T.D. semester hours (24 hours within an academic year); completion of at least 75% of registered courses.

2005 and 2006: a per semester GPA of 3.00 in the freshman year and a per semester GPA of 3.25 every semester thereafter; completion of 15 U.T.D. semester hours (30 hours within an academic year); completion of at least 75% of registered courses.

Probation and Termination

Students will be placed on scholarship probation for the following reasons: GPA hours: 75% rule. Students can also receive an additional probation for failing to submit the probation contract and advising form by the due date or for failing to fulfill the terms of a probation (i.e. not meeting with their advisor the requisite four times). Students are allowed two probationary periods within the duration of their scholarship eligibility. The third violation of the scholarship requirements will result in automatic termination. A student can earn two probations within one semester for failing to fulfill the terms of a probation and violating the GPA, hours or 75% rule. Additionally, a student who fails to earn the hours required for

an academic year (i.e. 24 or 30) and who has two GPA violations will be terminated from their scholarship. This can occur within one year of scholarship support. A scholarship recipient who withdraws from the university or does not enroll for a semester regardless of the reason will be terminated from their scholarship if they fail to notify the AES Office.

Summer Usage

A scholarship recipient is allowed to utilize their AES during the summer provided they are in good academic standing and will enroll for a minimum of nine U.T.D. hours. This will count as one semester towards their overall eligibility. Approval is required. Please fill out the [Summer Usage Form](#) and bring to the AES Office located in MP3.206 or fax it to (972)883-2487.

Graduate Usage

AES recipients who complete their undergraduate degree and have remaining semesters of eligibility are allowed with prior approval to apply their scholarship to U.T.D. graduate level work. Enrollment must be continuous. Please fill out the [Graduate Usage Form](#) and bring to the AES Office located in MP3.206 or fax it to (972)883-2487.

Non-Texas Residents

Non-Texas residents who receive an award from the Academic Excellence Scholarship Program are considered in-state residents for tuition and fee purposes.

For further information, email aes@utdallas.edu or call 972-883-6708

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