The Eugene McDermott Scholars Program

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at The University of Texas at Dallas

More Than a Merit Scholarship

The McDermott Scholars Program brings some of the world's best and brightest young people to The University of Texas at Dallas, an institution with a proud tradition of student success, for an enriched college experience.

With over 23,000 students, UT Dallas offers distinguished faculty, novel academic programs, nationally recognized research, and a welcoming campus. The average two-part SAT score for entering UT Dallas freshmen is typically among the highest of Texas' public universities; the 2,520 freshmen who entered in the fall of 2014 had an average two-part SAT score of 1256 and included 100 National Merit Scholars.

The McDermott Scholars Program offers exceptional experiences and unmatched opportunities. Focused on excellence in scholarship, leadership, service, and character, Scholars blend classroom and independent study, campus and community involvement, travel, and cultural and pre-profesional activities to create individualized college experiences.

The McDermott award provides tuition and fees, book allowances, and living stipends for 46 months, and includes support for professional preparation and study abroad experiences. Scholars are expected to live on campus and may not be married or have children.

Up to 25 Scholars are selected annually on the basis of their academic and extracurricular achievements; all intended majors and careers are welcome. Candidates apply online each fall, and finalists are invited to interview each spring.

Orientation—Before beginning their first fall semester, McDermott Scholars participate in a unique orientation program that includes both recreational and cultural activities that foster the development of leadership skills and group cohesion.

Public Service—Scholars make an extended commitment to public service throughout their time in the Program, serving in organizations that best fit their interests and abilities.

Experiential Learning—Scholars pursue internship and research experiences that further their preparation for their futures, and interact regularly with a diverse array of leaders to gain insight into current economic, political, social, and cultural issues.

Travel and Study Abroad—All Scholars experience both cohort trips and an individual travel study experience—take a look at Scholars' previous undertakings: http://goo.gl/maps/sCO6l.

Engagement with the Arts—The McDermott Scholars Program incorporates an intensive, ongoing involvement with the rich cultural environment of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex as well as centers of culture across the nation.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Established by Margaret McDermott in 2000 in honor of her husband Eugene, a founder of Texas Instruments and of UT Dallas, the Program focuses on excellence in intellectual achievement, leadership, service, and character. It blends academic, pre-professional, and cultural experiences to provide McDermott Scholars with unmatched opportunities.

Qualifications

The 2015 Class of McDermott Scholars has a two-part SAT/ACT mean equivalent of 1540. Its members are in the top of their high school graduating classes, are campus leaders, community volunteers, athletes, artists, scholars, and musicians.

Candidates who have the best chance of being invited to Finalists' Weekend:

- Will be first-time college freshmen;
- Score 1450 or higher on the two- part SAT (verbal and math);
- Score 33 or higher on the ACT;
- Are in the top five percent of their graduating class;
- Have records of service and leadership in school and in the community;
- Have broad interests ranging across academic disciplines; and
- Have social skills that enable them to interact successfully with both peers and adults.

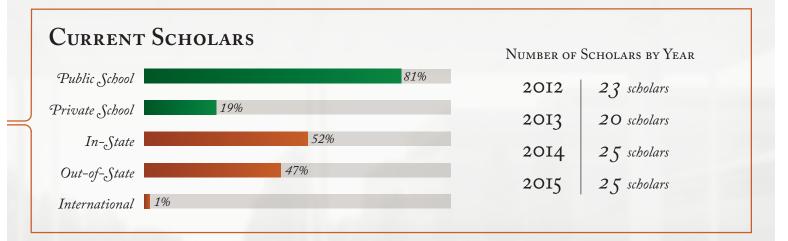


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To apply:

- Submit online McDermott Scholars Program application with three online recommendations.
- 2 | Mail an official high school transcript to the McDermott Office if your counselor is unable to upload one with their online recommendation.
- Complete undergraduate application to The University of Texas at Dallas.



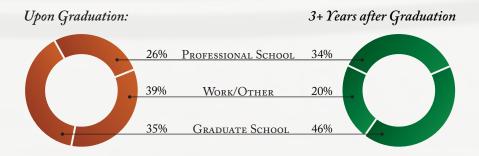
SCHOLARS PAST AND PRESENT

McDermott Scholars have:

- Come from all over the world, including 32 states and 6 countries;
- Studied abroad in 64 different countries, including Argentina, China, Ecuador, England, Ghana, South Korea, France, Nicaragua, Morocco, Syria, Thailand, Uganda,
- . and Zambia;

Gone on to graduate and professional programs at top schools, including Havard, Princeton, Yale, MIT, Stanford, Johns Hopkins, University of Chicago, Dartmouth, Duke, Rice, Emory, UC Berkeley, University of Virginia, Washington University in St. Louis, Sciences Po, London School of Economics, Cambridge, and the Sorbonne.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



SELECTION TIMELINE

November 5, 2015

Early deadline for student application and three recommendations — ensures notification concerning semifinalist status by mid November.

JANUARY 5, 2016

Regular deadline for application and three recommendations.

January 29, 2016

Notification regarding finalist status.

March 4-7, 2016

Finalists' Weekend — attendance is mandatory if finalists wish to be considered for the Program.

LATE SPRING

Selection Committee meets — decisions made and class announced.

