We’re serious about rewarding excellence

SMU’S MOST DISTINGUISHED AWARDS AND HONORS PROGRAMS

When you apply to SMU, you are automatically considered for a range of generous academic scholarships, many of which can be combined. You’re also considered for participation in academic honors programs.

All-University undergraduate scholarships

**President’s Scholars | smu.edu/ps**
*(Separate essay statement required)*

- Recipients receive full tuition and fees, tuition for one SMU-approved summer or interterm program, plus one SMU-approved academic year program* through SMU, and a Campus Community Award for on-campus room and board.
  *Either one semester or one year, depending on the program.*
- Awarded to students based on academic accomplishments, intellectual curiosity and the potential to make a positive impact on the Hilltop and beyond.
- Awarded to 20–25 incoming first-year students.

**Mustang Scholars | smu.edu/mustangscholars**

- Students must live in Dallas County and be Pell-eligible.
- Recipients receive full tuition and fees and a Campus Community Award for on-campus room and board.
- The Mustang Scholarship focuses on cultivating Texas talent through empowerment activities, community building, civic engagement and the development of a culturally conscious scholar.
- Awarded to students with excellent academic accomplishments.
- Awarded to 10–15 incoming first-year students.

**Hunt Leadership Scholars**
*(Separate essay and YouTube video statement required)*

- Includes substantial support for tuition and fees, a funded international travel experience and leadership development courses.
- Scholars have unique access to peer and alumni mentor programs, community events and a network of highly motivated leaders.
- Awarded to students who have demonstrated extraordinary leadership in schools or communities.

International Baccalaureate Scholarship

- Awarded to students who have completed the International Baccalaureate Diploma program. Renewable for up to eight terms or until graduation, whichever comes first.
- Recipient must maintain an SMU cumulative GPA of 3.0 and full-time enrollment each term.
- Award amount is $7,500 per academic year.

Academic honors and scholars programs

[smu.edu/scholarsden](https://www.smu.edu/scholarsden)

**University Honors Program**

- Four years of academic opportunity and community.
- Enhanced course offerings challenge students through research and interdisciplinary studies in the U.S. and abroad.
- Richter Fellowship Program funds student independent research and field studies.

**Hilltop Scholars Program**

- One-year honors program for first-year students interested in leadership and community service; students enroll in three courses.
- 30 hours of community service/leadership activities.
- Social and academic programs focused on building community at SMU.
- Students who complete the Hilltop Scholars Program with at least a 3.65 grade-point average can move seamlessly into the University Honors Program in their second year.

**Rotunda Scholars Program**

- Four-year scholar program for students from underrepresented groups that aims to help them achieve early success at SMU through academic achievement, leadership and personal excellence.
- Regular academic counseling check-ins throughout the first year, followed by continuous support through graduation.
- Access to exclusive study spaces, partnership with an upper-division peer counselor, close faculty mentorship as well as unique programming opportunities on and off campus.

**SMU Pre-Law Scholars Program**

- Opportunity for highly qualified SMU undergraduates to gain admission to SMU’s Dedman School of Law.
- Benefits include access to exclusive Pre-Law Scholars class, invitations to law school events, interaction with and specialized advising from legal professionals.
School-specific scholarships

COX SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

BBA Scholars Program
• Considers first-year admitted students with business as their primary academic interest.
• All BBA Scholars receive scholarships and guaranteed admission to the Cox School of Business.
• Average cohort size is 100 students.

DEDMAN COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SCIENCES

Dedman College Scholars Program
• Considers first-year admitted undergraduate students with a Dedman College major as their primary academic interest.
• Dedman College Scholars receive support for independent research, close faculty guidance and mentoring, and scholarship support of up to $10,000 per year for eight consecutive fall and spring terms.
• All Dedman College Scholars maintain at least a 3.3 GPA and full-time enrollment in a Dedman College major, engage in an approved research project, and are active members of the University Honors Program.

MEADOWS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Meadows Artistic Merit Scholarship
• Considers first-year and transfer students admitted to SMU and Meadows who are majoring in music, dance, theatre, art, and film and media arts (BFA).
• Scholarship selection based on audition performance or quality of portfolio.
• Award amount varies by discipline; minors (music, dance, art) not considered for artistic scholarships.

Meadows Scholars Program
• Considers first-year admitted students who indicated on SMU application their plans to major in any Meadows area of study.
• Provides renewable scholarships to about 20 first-year students who have demonstrated high achievement in both the arts and academics.
• Average award amount is $5,000 per year.

LYLE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

Lyle Engineering Scholars Program
• Considers first-year admitted students who express engineering as their primary academic interest and have outstanding academic achievement and demonstrated leadership ability.
• Average award amount is $5,000 per year for four years.

Embrey Academic Excellence Scholarship Program
• Awarded to academically gifted pre-engineering admitted students who want to use engineering to tackle society's most challenging problems.
• Average award amount is $5,000 per year for up to four years.

Templeton Scholarship
• Awarded to the top academically talented pre-engineering admitted students.
• Average award amount is $10,000 per year for up to four years.

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