



SMU

HUNT LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS

ELIGIBILITY

Hunt Scholars have exhibited extraordinary leadership in high school and demonstrate the potential to engage as student leaders on the SMU campus. This high school leadership can be in the form of school activities like student government or publications, or from activities outside school like scouting organizations or community groups. Hunt Scholars are expected to have a history of both leadership and academic excellence.

ACADEMIC PROFILE

From an extraordinarily talented group of young leaders, about 20-25 first-year students receive the Hunt Leadership Scholarship each year. Here is the academic profile of this year's entering scholars.

1390 – 1490

Middle 50% SAT

30 – 33

Middle 50% ACT

TOP 25%

Typically rank in top 25% of graduating class, if attending a ranking school

3.70

Average GPA on 4.0 scale

Questions?

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The Hunt Scholars enjoy unique access to the Tate Lecture Series, including a pre-lecture dinner and photo with one speaker each year. Here, the Hunt Scholars visit with presidential historian, Jon Meacham, prior to his Tate Lecture on campus.

LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

THE NANCY ANN AND RAY L. HUNT LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS PROGRAM

draws outstanding students who have an impressive mix of high academic achievement and proven leadership capabilities. The program combines intellectual rigor and unique opportunities to nurture leadership and learning. Selected students immediately become part of a close-knit community of peers and faculty committed to excellence, leadership and academic development. These exceptional student leaders from all walks of life apply their leadership skills to enrich the SMU campus and beyond, becoming tomorrow's visionaries with a global perspective.

THE AWARD

Students selected as Hunt Leadership Scholars for the Class of 2024 will receive an annual Hunt Scholarship of \$43,000, or a total of \$172,000 over four years.

- Hunt Scholars may also be eligible for additional departmental scholarships or need-based aid for a total scholarship package valued up to the cost of tuition and fees.
- The Hunt Scholarship will replace and supersede any other centrally administered merit aid.
- The award also covers the airfare and tuition costs for a cohort-based study abroad program during May term following each scholar's sophomore year.

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

The SMU community is large and diverse enough to offer hundreds of organizations with different missions and small enough to permit students to assume meaningful leadership roles from the start. During each year of their SMU education, Hunt Leadership Scholars engage actively in the SMU community, honing their leadership skills and assuming leadership positions with increasing responsibility.

BECOME A HUNT SCHOLAR

HOW TO APPLY

- In addition to submitting an application for admission to SMU, submit an online Hunt Leadership Scholarship application, including an essay and a YouTube statement, by January 15 of your senior year. Visit smu.edu/huntapply to submit the online application and supporting materials.
- Submitting a YouTube statement enables the selection committee to gain a deeper understanding of your personality and the qualities that make you an effective leader. Focus on the content of your response, not on the quality of the video. We care about what you say – not the appearance of the video!
- The selection committee will have access to your full application for admission, including letters of recommendation. If you believe that your existing letters of recommendation do not address your leadership skills and abilities, you may submit an additional letter from an individual with whom you have worked directly while serving in a leadership capacity.

TIMELINE AND SELECTION PROCESS

- The program attracts hundreds of applicants.
- Approximately 60 finalists are invited to interview at SMU in March.
- Each year about 20-25 first-year students are selected as Hunt Leadership Scholars.
- Scholarship recipients are notified by the first week of April.

READY TO APPLY?

APPLY NOW to SMU and submit the Hunt Leadership Scholars application. Apply online at smu.edu/apply and complete the additional items at smu.edu/huntapply.

HUNT SCHOLARS

The 2019-2020 Hunt Leadership Scholars, first year through senior, cut a wide swath through the country, with 93 students coming from more than 80 high schools nationwide. They:

- are strong and effective leaders in SMU campus governing bodies and student organizations
- engage actively in the SMU and Dallas community
- learn from some of the best professors in the nation
- meet and interact with national and international leaders
- refine skills that allow them to compete successfully in a rapidly changing world
- apply their intellectual abilities to leadership and community participation
- cross the globe through SMU's study abroad programs and SMU's affiliation with the George W. Bush Presidential Center

BUILDING A STRONG COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS AND LEADERS

Hunt Leadership Scholars have access to a variety of opportunities that help build connections across campus.

- annual retreat off campus during the first weekend of each academic year
- first-year leadership seminar to develop leadership skills and personal growth
- sophomore study abroad program
- junior alumni mentoring program
- annual dinner and Tate lecture with Mr. and Mrs. Hunt
- dinners and other social gatherings with program mentors
- leadership lectures and service projects to nurture personal development and skill-building



Hunt Scholars embody servant leadership. Here, the students wrap up a day at St. Philip's School and Community Center after assisting with their Kidpreneur Expo honoring youth entrepreneurs.



(Left) One of the highlights of each year for the Hunt Scholars is a reception hosted by President and Mrs. Turner in their home. Dr. Turner updates the students on the latest on-campus happenings and entertains questions from the students about what's next for SMU.



(Right) The Hunt Scholars begin each academic year with an off-campus retreat, which serves as an opportunity for students to relax, recharge, and spend quality time with one another.