

Scholarships

The University of St. Thomas recruits' exceptional students who wish to be challenged creatively and intellectually in their education and who, in return, will contribute to the quality of the University community with their talent and dedication to excellence. At the time of admission various criteria are considered in the scholarship award process, including grades and standardized test scores. Scholarship awarding begins in November. First-time freshmen, readmitted students and transfer students are selected for scholarship consideration through the admission application process.

Continuing students who would like to be considered for scholarships based on their University GPA must file the Scholarship Application for Continuing Students available in the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid.

Scholarships are awarded annually and are renewable providing the student meets eligibility requirements. Scholarships are applied to the fall semester, the spring semester, and may be applied to University study abroad programs.

Students are strongly encouraged to apply for additional financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to complement scholarship awards with state or federal funding.

Scholarship recipients ordinarily may not hold more than one University of St. Thomas scholarship concurrently. If selected for more than one scholarship, recipients may be required to notify the University in writing which award they wish to accept.

Scholarship recipients will be notified by letter about the amount, terms and conditions of their scholarship. Scholarship awards will be considered in the awarding of federal and state aid.

Prospective students may receive additional information about scholarship opportunities described below by contacting the Admissions Office at 1-800-856-8565, locally at 713-525-3500, by e-mail at admissions@stthom.edu or by visiting the UST Website at www.stthom.edu/admissions.

Requirements for Maintaining Scholarship Eligibility

In addition to establishing eligibility for university scholarships, first-time freshmen, readmitted, and transfer scholarship students must:

1. Be degree-seeking
2. Carry a full-time course load
3. Earn a minimum cumulative GPA for their scholarship award
4. Complete and submit a University Scholarship Terms & Conditions form

Scholarship recipients will also be required to write a thank-you note to the donor(s) of the scholarship if they are notified by the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid that their scholarship award has been funded by a specific donor.

Eligibility Requirements for Continuing Student Scholarship

Continuing students who do not have a University scholarship can compete for the Scholarship for Continuing Students by meeting the following requirements:

1. Complete the Scholarship Application for Continuing Students, available from the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid every April 1st
2. Be degree-seeking

3. Have at least a 3.00 cumulative grade point average and completed 24 University credit hours prior to applying
4. Once a continuing student scholarship is awarded, carry a course load of at least 12 credit hours during the fall and spring semesters
5. Complete the free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) annually

Deferral of Scholarship

A one-year deferral may be granted to new incoming and continuing scholarship recipients who request to defer enrollment for up to one year due to serious medical difficulties, military service, serious and unforeseen family emergency, or to make a volunteer service commitment not to exceed two semesters. Students seeking a deferment should submit a written request along with supporting documentation to the University Scholarship Committee. During the deferment period, scholarship recipients may not accrue more than eight university credit hours from any post-secondary institution. Continuing students who request a deferment may not be enrolled elsewhere without an approved UST Transfer of Credit Form.

FULL-TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN

Vincent J. Guinan, CSB Scholarship: Catholic students who have a 1350 SAT (30ACT) or above and 3.5 GPA or higher on 4.0 index in a college preparatory curriculum may apply and compete for full-tuition, renewable scholarships. To be considered, applicants must submit an application and certain application materials.

OTHER FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Presidential Excellence Scholarship: Based on SAT or ACT scores and GPA. **Basilian Distinguished Scholarship:** Based on SAT or ACT scores and GPA. **UST Achievement Scholarship:** Based on SAT or ACT scores and GPA.

Celt Award: Based on SAT or ACT scores and GPA.

UST/Parish Scholarship: In partnership with participating Parishes in the Diocese of Galveston-Houston, entering freshmen, transfer students or continuing students who are parishioners may qualify. All applicants must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and a Parish Scholarship application available from the University Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid.

Catholicity Scholarship: Awarded to incoming students who are members of Catholic Parishes outside of the Galveston- Houston Archdiocese who have financial need.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

Francis E. Monaghan, CSB Scholarship: Based on transfer GPA.

Celt Transfer Award: Based transfer GPA.

Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship: Based on membership in PTK at prior institution.

Departmental Scholarships

ADDITIONAL UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Several departments have designated scholarship funds they award to students each year. Students may check with their department for information and scholarship applications.

Catholic School Teacher/Lay Ministers Scholarships

Candidates are teachers in the Catholic schools or parish lay ministers in the Diocese of Galveston–Houston. These scholarships cover one-half of the tuition for one class during the fall or spring semesters and are applicable to undergraduate or graduate courses.