Merit Awards and Honors Programs
For the high school class of 2017
At UT Martin, we’ve designed our Honors Programs to allow outstanding students the opportunity to be challenged and motivated in the pursuit of an academic degree. When you qualify, the financial rewards really go a long way in covering your educational expenses, unlike many programs at other schools.
UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

• $5,000 per year/$20,000 for four years
• Minimum Qualifications: 28 ACT and 3.5 GPA
• Selective scholarship
• Fifteen students selected by program directors are allowed into the program each year with a maximum of 60 students in the program at one time.
• Students must have a 3.3 GPA at the end of the spring semester, participate in a special 10-semester-hour curriculum for University Scholar students and be active in extra-curricular activities including group community service, cultural activities and service to the student organization in order to continue in the program.
• Students who successfully complete the program graduate with the distinction of “University Scholar” on their diplomas.
• To apply, turn in a University Scholars application and attend the Scholars Prospect Weekend.
• Scholarship application deadline: February 1

This scholarship requires an additional application. Call 731-881-7436 or go to utm.edu/honors for more information.

Every year, a select group of 15 first-year students embarks on a journey that takes them into a world of exploration.

Your University Scholars experience begins with weekly roundtable discussions about interdisciplinary topics, followed by a service-learning project developed by your classmates. Your sophomore year is spent in a “reading/discussion” course centered on a wide variety of topics, followed by time spent preparing for your research project.

During your junior year, you will partner with a distinguished professor on campus who will mentor you through a two-year project, co-designed by you and your mentor. In the end, you will have a published report of your project and the satisfaction of accomplishing such a significant task.

Throughout the process, you will be part of the University Scholars Organization, the student social arm of the program. USO members are involved in social events, fundraising, community service and even trips to far-away locations, if you so choose. USO cultivates a close-knit group of high-performing students who are dedicated to success in all areas of life.
**CHANCELLOR SCHOLARSHIP**

- $3,000 per year/$12,000 for four years
- Average academic criteria: ACT 29 and GPA 3.90 (The qualifying academic criteria are based on a combination of the ACT score and high school GPA.)
- Students must complete the required Honors Program courses, attend a number of presentations and afternoon small-group seminars, be enrolled full time and maintain a 3.20 minimum cumulative GPA, checked at the end of each spring semester, to continue in the program.
- Students are automatically considered when applying for admission.
- Priority admissions deadline: February 1
- Out-of-state students will also receive a waiver to cover out-of-state fees (additional estimated value: $5,700 per year/$22,800 for four years).

Chancellor Scholarship recipients participate in UT Martin’s Honors Seminar Program and have the opportunity to interact each year with visiting scholars, leaders and artists.

As a participant in the program, you will study and discuss visiting individuals’ accomplishments before they arrive on campus, attend their presentations and have an opportunity to talk with them in a small-group setting. During the academic year, you will attend a variety of seminars and public presentations and complete the honors core curriculum. If you apply for admission and send your transcript and ACT score by February 1, you will automatically be considered for the Chancellor Scholarship. If you qualify for the Chancellor Scholarship, you may also be considered for the University Scholars Program.

*on a 4.0 scale*
DEAN SCHOLARSHIP
• $2,000 per year/$8,000 for four years
• Average academic criteria: ACT 26 and GPA 3.85 (The qualifying academic criteria are based on a combination of the ACT score and high school GPA.)
• Students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA at the end of each spring semester, remain a full-time student and complete required courses to retain the award.
• Students are automatically considered when applying for admission.
• Priority admissions deadline: February 1
• Out-of-state students who qualify for the Dean Scholarship will also receive the Explorer Out-of-State Scholarship. For details, see page 4.

Excellence Scholarship
• $1,000 per year/$4,000 for four years
• Average academic criteria: ACT 24 and GPA 3.80 (The qualifying academic criteria are based on a combination of the ACT score and high school GPA.)
• Students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA at the end of each spring semester and remain a full-time student to retain the award.
• Students are automatically considered when applying for admission.
• Priority admissions deadline: February 1

Advance Scholarship
• $750 per year/$3,000 for four years
• Average academic criteria: ACT 23 and GPA 3.70 (The qualifying academic criteria are based on a combination of the ACT score and high school GPA.)
• Students must have a minimum 2.75 GPA at the end of each spring semester and remain a full-time student to retain the award.
• Students are automatically considered when applying for admission.
• Priority admissions deadline: February 1

Achieve Scholarship
• $500 per year/$2,000 for four years
• Average academic criteria: ACT 21 and GPA 3.20 (The qualifying academic criteria are based on a combination of the ACT score and high school GPA.)
• Students must have a minimum 2.75 GPA at the end of each spring semester and remain a full-time student to retain the award.
• Students are automatically considered when applying for admission.
• Priority admissions deadline: February 1
OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

Explorer Out-Of-State Scholarship
- $5,000 per year for up to four years
- First-time freshmen must have a 22 ACT and 3.0 high school GPA.
- Transfer students must be regularly admitted with 12+ transfer hours and a 2.0 cumulative GPA.
- Students must be full time and remain in good standing, live in university housing and purchase an on-campus meal plan each semester.
- Priority admissions deadline: February 1

TENNESSEE EDUCATION LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP
- Freshmen and sophomores: $3,500 per year
- Juniors and seniors: $4,500 per year
- Qualifying criteria: ACT 21+ (or SAT 980+) or GPA 3.0+*
- Graduate from a Tennessee high school or eligible home-school program
- Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid)

Qualifications for Non-traditional Students
- Be at least 25 years old as an entering freshman or have not been enrolled in a postsecondary institution for at least two years
- Have an adjusted gross income less than or equal to $36,000
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 after 12 attempted semester hours or required GPA at subsequent benchmark
- Be a Tennessee resident for a minimum of one year prior to filing the FAFSA

If eligible, UT Martin will add the Lottery Scholarship to all additional university scholarships.

HAROLD CONNER SCHOLARSHIP
- $2,000 per year/$8,000 for four years
- Named in honor of the first African-American administrator at UT Martin, this scholarship helps high-performing students obtain a college degree.
- Minimum qualifications: ACT 21 and GPA 3.25
- Students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA at the end of each spring semester, be full-time students, participate in seminars and attend presentations by distinguished campus visitors to retain the award.
- Awards will be made on the basis of the high school academic and leadership record and ACT score.
- Students are automatically considered when applying for admission.
- Priority admissions deadline: February 1
Music Scholarship
- $300-$1,000 per year
- Awarded by audition to students regardless of major
- Renewable each academic year

Band Scholarship
- $300-$1,000 per year
- Awarded by audition to students regardless of major
- Renewable each academic year

Army ROTC Scholarships
- The U.S. Army offers two, three and four-year scholarships to qualified men and women on a merit basis. These awards pay for tuition and fees (or room and board), books and related academic expenses.
- A tax-free subsistence allowance of approximately $3,000-$5,000 per year is provided to students who enroll in the advance course or for each year an ROTC scholarship is in effect.
- UT Martin provides $2,000-per-year dormitory scholarships to ROTC scholarship recipients.

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS
(February 1 application deadline)

Andrew D. Holt Alumni Scholarship
- Financial Award: $3,000 each year for four years
- This is the most prestigious scholarship awarded by the University of Tennessee Alumni Association and recognizes students who have demonstrated academic merit and leadership skills.

Alumni Valedictorian Recognition Award
- One-year award with a $1,000 stipend
- Minimum 23 ACT
- Students are automatically considered when applying for admission.
- Students will be notified of this award with an offer letter.
HOW TO APPLY for FINANCIAL AID

1. **Apply for admission**
   - Apply as soon as possible during your senior year of high school. Complete the admissions application process by February 1 to be automatically considered for merit scholarships.

2. **Submit the FAFSA**
   - To complete the FAFSA online, go to fafsa.ed.gov beginning October 1 (UT Martin’s Federal School Code is 003531).

3. **Receive your award notification**
   - UT Martin will send you a comprehensive financial aid package to indicate the exact amount of financial aid and scholarships you are eligible to receive.

**Questions?**

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The admissions application deadline for priority scholarship consideration is February 1.

You are automatically considered for most scholarships if you apply by the priority deadline of February 1 of your senior year. The University Scholars Program requires an additional application.

UT Martin reserves the right to limit the number of scholarships if necessary funding is not available.