



The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley™

# Counselor Update

# Dara Newton

Associate Vice President for Strategic Enrollment

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# Freshman Local Team Led by Jesus Buitron



**Karla Romero**

- Edinburg
- Hidalgo
- La Joya
- La Villa
- McAllen
- Mission
- Sharyland
- Starr County



**Danielle Moore**

- Donna
- Edcouch Elsa
- Mercedes
- PSJA
- Progreso
- Weslaco



**Pablo Granados**

- Harlingen
- La Feria
- Lasara
- Lyford
- Raymondville
- San Benito

# Freshman Local Team

## Led by Jesus Buitron



**Noel Rangel**

- Brownsville ISD
- Brownsville
- Port Isabel



**Jamie Rios**

- South Texas
- Laredo
- Coastal Bend

# Transfer Team- RGV



**Veronica Flores**

- Texas Southmost College
- Texas State Technical College- Harlingen



**Aissa Rodriguez**

- South Texas College

# Regional Recruitment

## Led by Andi Scott



**Andi Scott**

- North Texas
- Out of State



**Mason Walker**

- Greater San Antonio
- South Central Texas



**Alejandro Mendivil  
Alcalde**

- Greater Houston
- Gulf Coast

# UCentral Matamoros



**Alejandra Riestra**



**Priscila Rendon**




# Vaquero Squad (V Squad)

- Tour Guides
- Orientation Leaders
- Visitor Center
- Call Team



# Schedule with your Rep

- Classroom Presentations
  - Application Drives
  - FAFSA Drives
  - Individual Student/ Family Appointments
  - Material Pick Up/ Drop Offs
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# Test Optional/ Test Recommended

Why should students test?

- Scholarship considerations
- Tuition Advantage
- TSI Exemption

# New Academic Programs

- Human Dimensions of Organization (BA)
- Public Heritage and Community Engagement (BIS)
- Visual Communication Design (BFA)  
*(Previously Graphic Design)*



# 2022 Washington Monthly

## Performance of Pell Grant Students Among Texas Public Universities

1. **UTRGV** #4 Nationally

2. UT El Paso
3. UT Dallas
4. Prairie View A&M
5. Texas Southern

## Net Price of Attendance Among Texas Public Universities

1. **UTRGV** #2 Nationally

2. UT El Paso
3. UT Dallas
4. Prairie View A&M
5. Texas Southern

## Social Mobility Rank Among Texas Public Universities

1. **UTRGV** #12 Nationally

2. Texas A&M
3. Houston-Clear Lake
4. Sam Houston State
5. UT El Paso

# 2022 Washington Monthly

## Top Texas Public Universities

1. Texas A&M
- 2. UTRGV** #45 Nationally
3. UT Austin
4. Sam Houston State
5. UT Arlington

## Best Bang for the Buck: Southern Public Universities

1. Texas A&M International
- 2. UTRGV**
3. Texas A&M
4. Houston-Clear Lake
5. Houston-Downtown

# 2022-2023 Events

## Counselor Briefings

- Monthly updates for all College Access Partners. Provide up to date information on Admissions, Scholarships, Financial Aid, events and more. Timely information provided to partners to help assist incoming freshman and transfer students.

## Counselor Appreciation Night @ UTRGV Baseball

- College Access Partners and their guests are invited to join the Office of Recruitment at a UTRGV Baseball Game for free. Opportunity to thank our high school counselors for all they do!
- March

# 2022-2023 Events

## Discover UTRGV: Preview Day

- Discover is the main preview day/open house event for UTRGV. This event is conference style and allows students and families to build their own agenda for the day. Program includes presentations from colleges, departments, admissions, financial aid, and scholarships.
- Specialized Days: Health Professions, STEM, Scholars

## Application and FAFSA Workshops

- Open event to focus on application and FAFSA completion. General information provided on application process. Weekday partnerships with districts.
- Brownsville and Edinburg



# 2022-2023 Events

## **Financial Aid and Scholarship Night- Transfer**

- This event helps guide families through the admissions and financial aid process. Includes a formal presentation followed by time to meet with a recruitment or financial aid representative. Specifically designed to assist Transfer students.
- Spring

## **UTRGV Scholarship Recognition Night @ UTRGV Basketball**

- Invite only event to UTRGV Scholars. Special recognition at half time during UTRGV Men's Basketball game.
- January 28

# Campus Tours

- Daily campus tours are led by a member of the V-Squad and designed to give students a small group experience of the campus.
- Tours are available Monday through Friday at 9am, 11am and 2pm, and select Saturdays.
- Specialized combined campus and housing tour available
- Spanish Tours available

# Vaquero Connection

- [www.utrgv.edu/recruitment](http://www.utrgv.edu/recruitment)
- Counselor Portal
- Find your Recruiter
- Counselor Briefing Events and Materials

# Additional Feedback

- Turn in evaluation at the end of today
- Submit feedback survey to help us know what you want to learn more about!



# Fall 2022 Enrollment

**Enrollment Holding Strong**

**31,000+**

**Freshman Class Strong**

**5800+**

# Fall 2022 Freshman Class

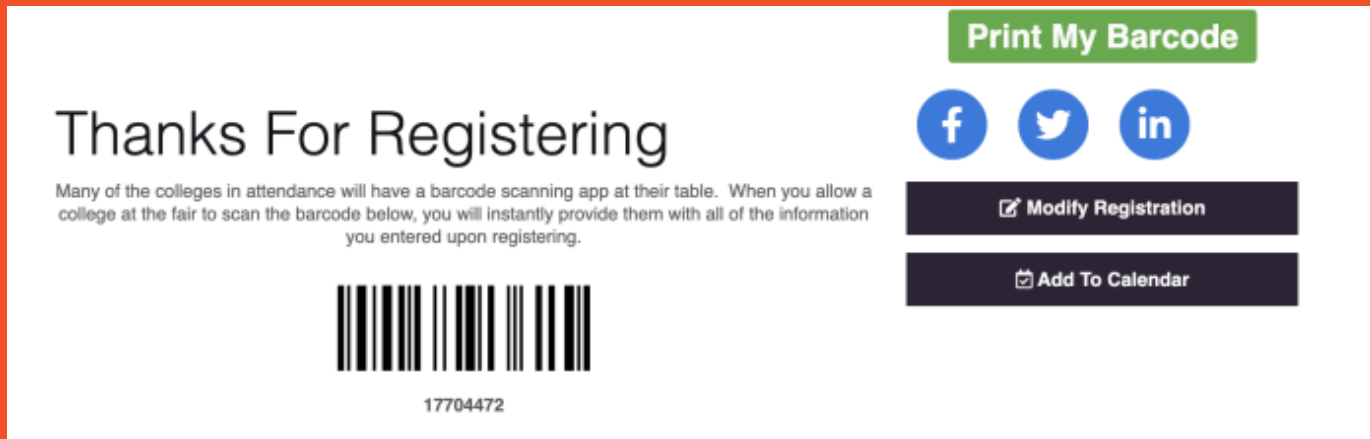
- 24 Luminary Scholars
  - 26 Valedictorians
  - 39 Salutatorians
  - 369 Students Ranked 1 – 10 in their graduating class
  - 1057 Students graduated Top 10%
  - 2467 Students graduated Top 25%
  - 4167 Students graduated Top 50%
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# TACRAO Day/Night Schedule

## Student Registration

– <https://falltacrao.swoogo.com/Registration>


Don't forget barcodes: Save/ Print/ Screenshot



Print My Barcode

## Thanks For Registering

Many of the colleges in attendance will have a barcode scanning app at their table. When you allow a college at the fair to scan the barcode below, you will instantly provide them with all of the information you entered upon registering.



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Modify Registration

Add To Calendar

# Marybel Gonzalez

Director of Undergraduate Admissions

# How to Apply

## Freshman Applicants

- ApplyTexas Freshman application (Domestic/International)
- Essay A or B (500 – 750 words) opportunities/challenges - tell us about yourself
- ACT/SAT scores (optional for admission)
- High School transcript (preferred TReX) or high school equivalency certificate (GED)
- Texas Private High School Certification form (if attending private HS in Texas)

\*\*Recommended to submit official college transcript with dual credit along with application materials

# How to Apply

## International Applicants (additional requirements)

- Foreign credential evaluation – SPANTRAN/FCSA/WES (if attended foreign school)
- English language proficiency – TOEFL/IELTS/Duolingo (waived after receipt of transcript if 3 yrs of high school in USA)
- \$50 application fee

# Applications

- Applications for Fall 2023 available August 1st, 2022 <http://goapplytexas.org>
- Priority deadline for Fall 2023: February 1st, 2023
- Decision notifications will start going out mid-October.
- Encourage students with Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate scores to send official scores to UTRGV. Scores can be considered in holistic review but credit will be available upon official enrollment at UTRGV.
- Encourage students who have Dual Credit to send official college transcript to UTRGV, credit can be considered in holistic review.



# ApplyTexas

- Must select username and verify email before logging in. Personal email is recommended, no shared emails allowed.
- Student must create a profile before applications can be created.
- Once application is submitted, a confirmation page and confetti are displayed on the screen.  
A confirmation email is also sent from ApplyTexas.

# ApplyTexas - Profile

- Students must create a profile before proceeding to create applications:
  - Names
  - Background
  - Citizenship
  - Permanent Address
  - Physical Address
  - Phone Numbers
  - Emergency Contact
  - High School/Secondary School
  - College History


\*\* TX Residency has been moved to the application section

Students must expand the Admissions application section and complete the items before the Submit option becomes available

All applications

✓ -- section is complete  
! -- section is incomplete

All my applications  Submitted applications  In progress applications

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
Fall 2023  
U.S. Freshman (BSCS-Computer Science )  
Application ID: 2300354738  
Status: Saved, in progress ()  
Deadline: 08/22/2023 (Regular Deadline)

+ Admissions application


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(Not ready to submit)

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- ! U.S. Freshman questions (Page 1 of 7)

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- ! Questions specific to University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (Page 1 of 1)

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- ! Essays for this application

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(Not ready to submit)

# How to Apply


## Transfer Applicants

- ApplyTexas (Domestic/International)
- Official college transcripts from all institutions attended

# Appeals

- Appeal process available through [www.utrgv.edu/appeals](http://www.utrgv.edu/appeals)
- Appeal must be written by student and must be an explanation of high school performance and steps taken to remedy the situation. Additional academic information can be included.
- Appeal deadline for Fall 23 – June 1st (decisions by June 8th)

# Transcripts

- High school transcript must contain GPA, ranking (if applicable), graduation plan (if applicable), junior year grades completed.
  - TReX transcripts preferred.
  - Non-TReX transcripts can be uploaded by counselor through counselor portal or by student through the student portal. ([www.utrgv.edu/documentcentral](http://www.utrgv.edu/documentcentral) )
  - Documents submitted through Document Central must be good quality and legible.
  - If the school does not rank or the student hasn't taken the ACT or SAT exam, it is extremely important to send the Dual Credit official college transcript, if available.
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# Advanced Placement scores

- Scores must be received directly from College Board or on high school transcript
- Equivalency chart available: [utrgv.edu/admissions](http://utrgv.edu/admissions)
- Admitted student must meet with UTRGV advisor to request credit
- Credit will post to student's account after census day of their first enrollment term at UTRGV



# Reminders

## After admission, needed for registration:

- Proof of TSI assessment or exemption
- Proof of vaccination against bacterial meningitis or exemptions

\*\*TSI scores are not considered during the admission decision process. These items are required as part of the enrollment process and are needed at time of orientation/registration.



# Bumps in the road

- Transcript not containing GPA or containing incorrect ranking
- Essays shorter than 500 words
- Students with two last names – multiple IDs
- Incorrect HS Graduation date
- Not submitting all academic information at once (ACT/SAT scores, dual credit transcripts, Advanced Placement scores 3+)




# Communication to Students

Applicants will receive:

- Email acknowledging application receipt
- Email with UTRGV credentials (for first time applicants)
- Emails and Letters about missing documents
- Email and Letter about admission decision

Admitted students will also receive:

- Emails to RSVP for New Student Orientation
  - Email about Texas Residency to qualify for In-State tuition (if applicable)
  - Email to submit final high school transcript
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# Contact Us

- For general questions:  
[Admissions@utrgv.edu](mailto:Admissions@utrgv.edu)
- To submit documents:  
[Application@utrgv.edu](mailto:Application@utrgv.edu)

# Break

Next session starts at 11:30



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# Counselor Update



# Rose Pulido

Program Coordinator



# Dual Credit (DC)

## Admissions Criteria

Students seeking Dual Credit opportunities with UTRGV will have an individual academic profile created based on a variety of factors, including but not limited to:

- High School Class Rank;
- GPA;
- College Entrance Exams (SAT/ACT) (PSAT/ACT-PLAN);
- Extracurricular Activities;
- Community Involvement;


Academic profiles are created with submitted documentation and admission decisions are made based on that profile and accomplishments to date.

# DC Admissions Criteria


Students must be classified as a Junior or Senior in High School and typically meet one of more of the following criteria:

- Ranked in the Top 20% of their class;
- Have an 85 GPA or higher;
- Achieve an ACT Composite of 20 or higher;
- Achieve an SAT Total of 1110 (EBRW & MATH combined) or higher;
- Achieve a PSAT Section Score of 460 (EBRW) and 510 (MATH) or higher;
- Achieve a PLAN Composite of 23 or higher

# DC Required Documentation




Dual Credit Authorization Form (Signed by Principal, Counselor, and Parent/Legal Guardian)




High School Transcript



College Transcript (If applicable)



TSI Test Scores (ELAR and Math)

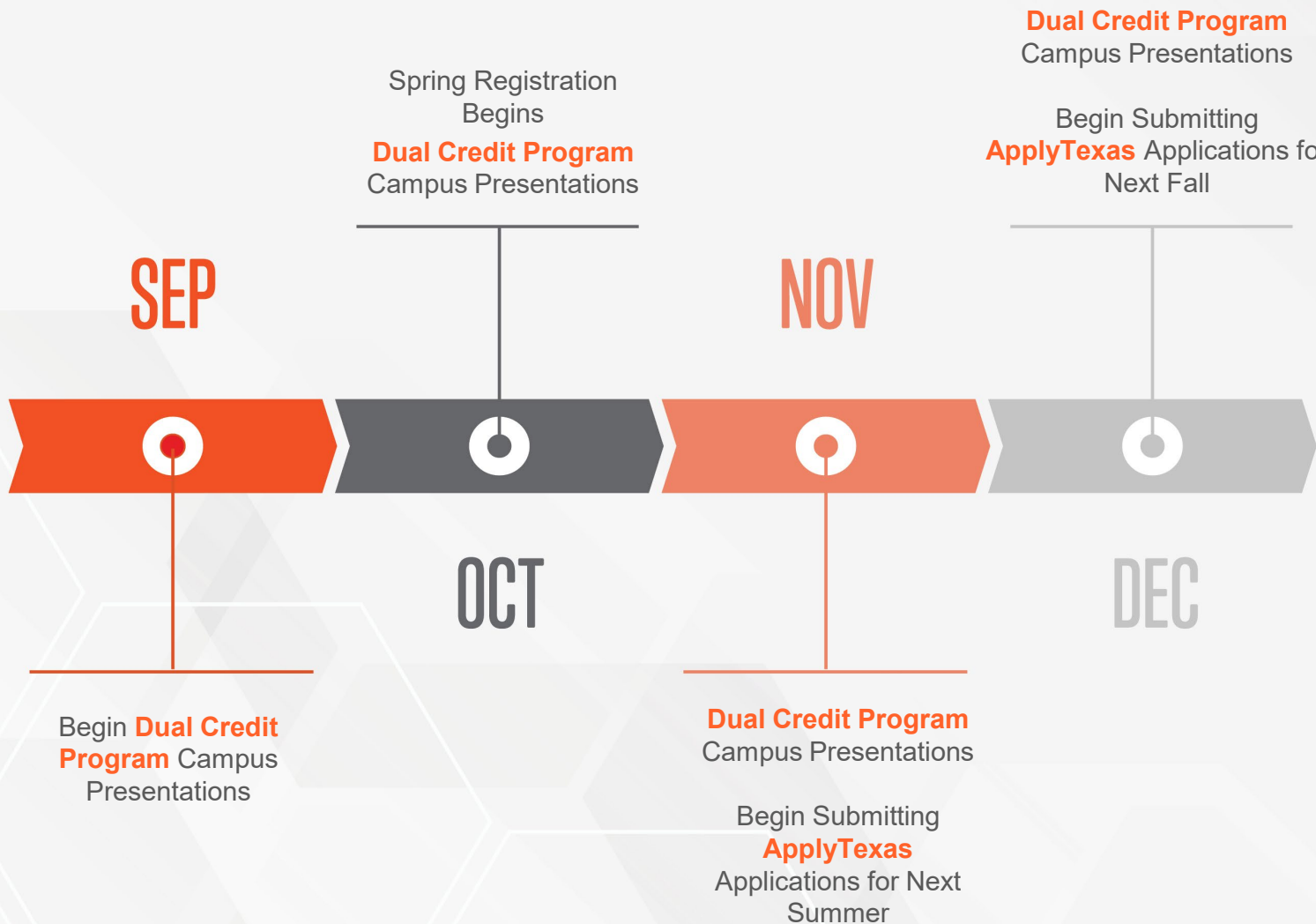


Proof of Immunization for Bacterial Meningitis

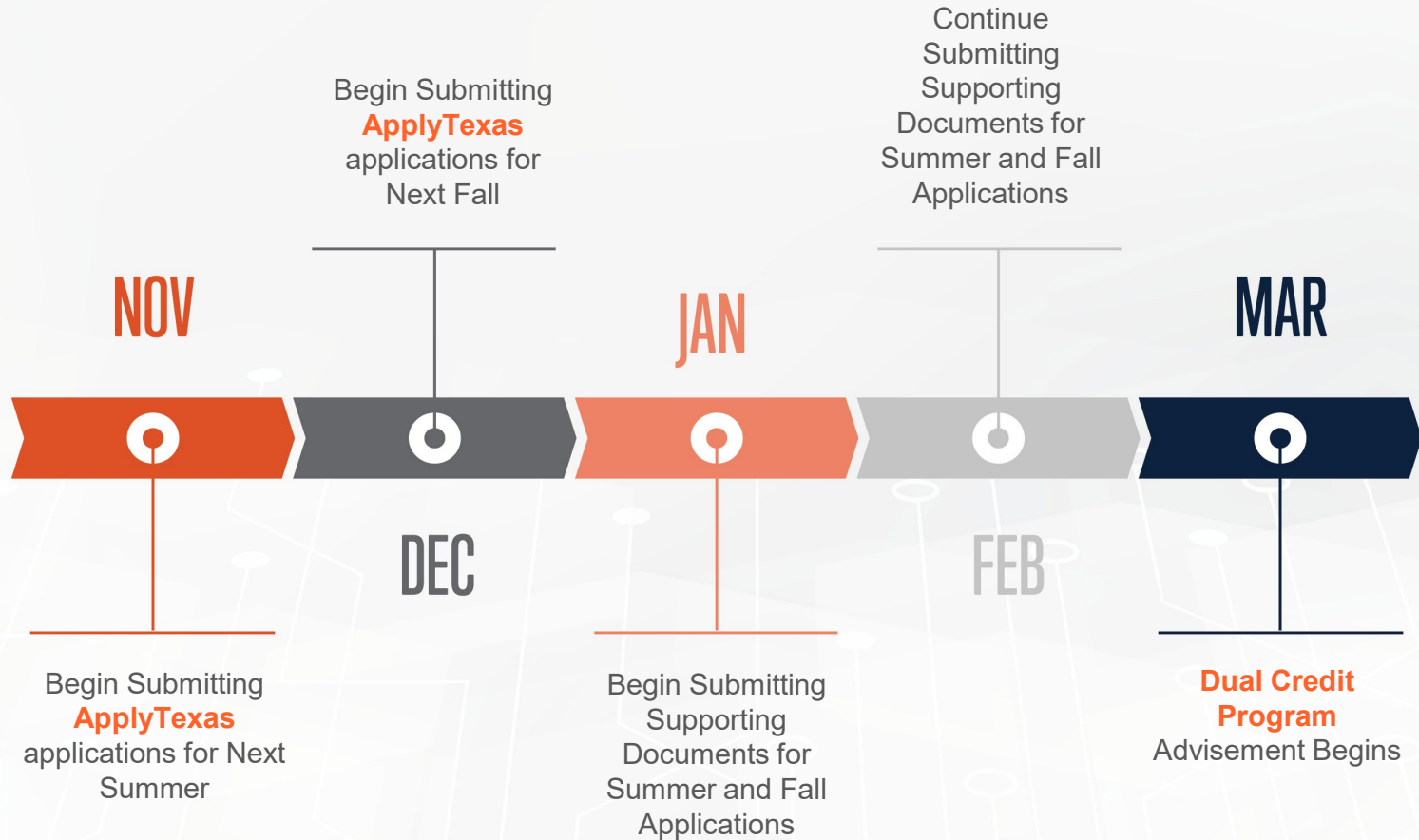
# Criteria to Enroll in DC Courses

- Once admitted to UTRGV, dual credit students must submit proof that they have tested in all sections of the TSI exam and have passed the section(s) required for enrollment in a course.
- As required by state law, students must demonstrate college readiness prior to enrolling in college-level coursework. (See TAC, Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter C, Rule 4.54)
- Different courses hold unique TSI/college readiness requirements. For students who have not taken the TSI, college readiness may be demonstrated through SAT, ACT, or STAAR (EOC) exam scores.
- Students may enroll in two courses (or 8 credit hours) per semester.

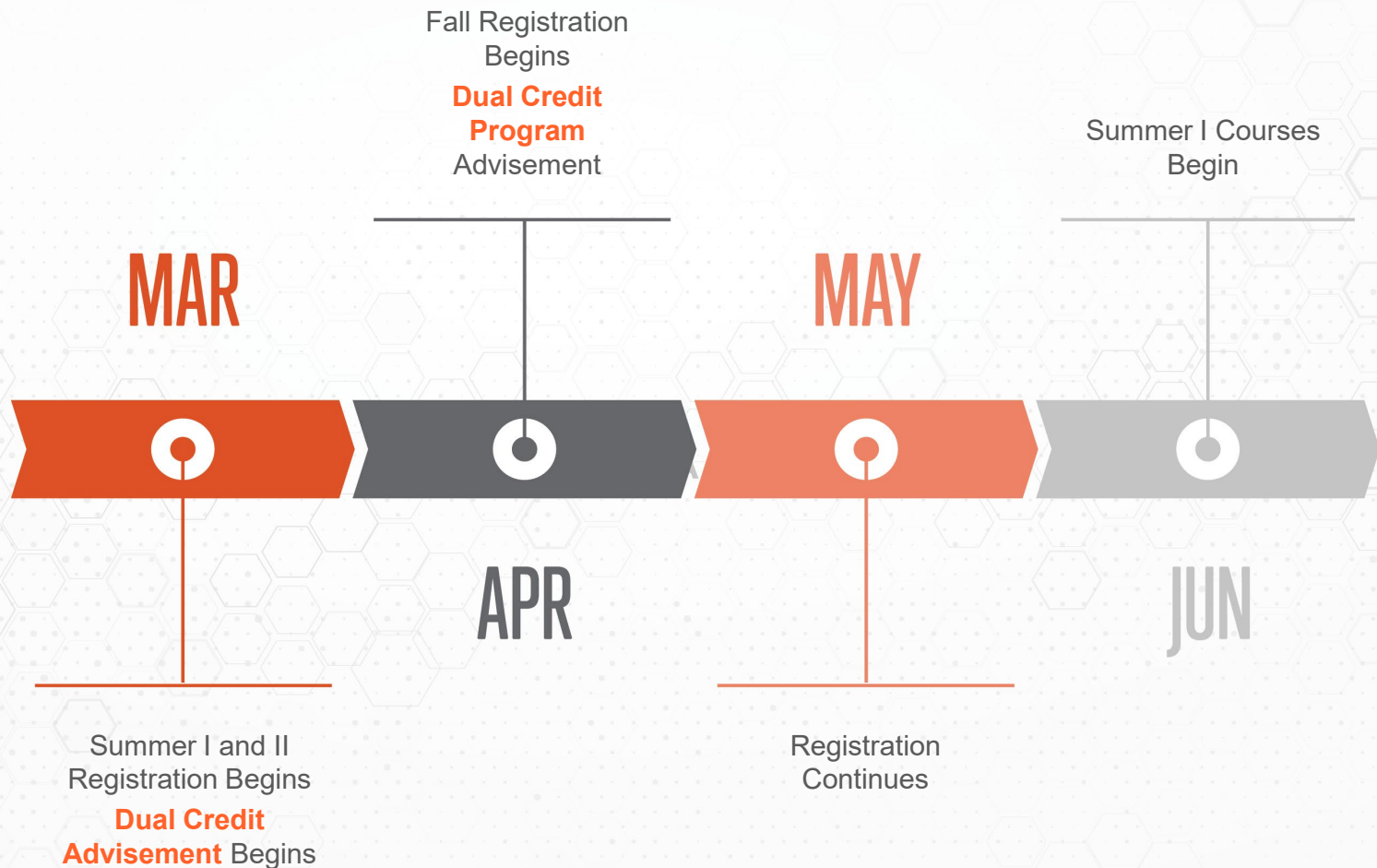
# PRESENTATION TIMELINE



# ADMISSIONS & APPLICATIONS TIMELINE




# REGISTRATION TIMELINE






# Presentation Requests

Presentations must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance using the electronic form.



Requests are confirmed only when a confirmation email has been received by the counselor



Audio/Visual equipment must be set up prior to presentation

# QR Code for Event Request Form



# Contact Us

Check out our website at: [www.utrgv.edu/dualcredit](http://www.utrgv.edu/dualcredit)

Transcript Request Form: <https://www.utrgv.edu/ucentral/grades-and-transcripts/transcript-request/index.htm>



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# Lunch

**Hispanic Women's Network of Texas-** Dr. Jennifer  
Mendoza Culbertson



# Financial Aid Office

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# Tuition Advantage

- The Tuition Advantage will cover a gap in tuition and fee expenses per semester for the regular academic year (fall and spring) that is not being covered by other forms of gift aid (grants or scholarships), including Federal, State, private, and institutional aid.
- Have a family income of \$125,000 or less and demonstrate financial need as reported on the FAFSA/TASFA.
- Be classified as a Texas Resident
- Be enrolled for 15 hours or more per semester
- Be enrolled as an undergraduate in a degree-seeking program towards a first Bachelors' degree.
- Entering Freshman with an ACT composite of 19, SAT composite of a 990 or be in the top 10% of graduating class
- Complete the FAFSA/TASFA and be admitted by March 1st

# FAFSA/TASFA

- FAFSA: Federal student aid is only available to U.S citizens or legal permanent residents (alien registration number from permanent resident card required).
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- The TASFA is available for students applying at Texas public schools that are not U.S citizens or permanent residents, but that may be classified as Texas residents under SB 1528 law. Residency is determined by Admissions Office.
- **\*\*Important\*\*** Students under Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and meet the SB 1528 Law criteria should use the TASFA if applying for school accepting TASFA. Not a FAFSA. TASFA has a list of schools accepting TASFA.

# Who is considered a parent for FAFSA/TASFA

For FAFSA/TASFA purposes parent refers to:

- Biological parents
- Adoptive parents
- Step-parents-who is currently married to a living biological parent

For FAFSA/TASFA purposes a parent is not:

- Foster parents
- Legal guardians
- Any family member who has not adopted the minor
- A step-parent that is no longer married to biological parent or who is a widower of the biological parent



# Special Circumstances

- The information provided on the FAFSA or TASFA doesn't always reflect accurately the family's or student's situation.
- The family has unusually large medical bills or nursing home expenses that are not covered by insurance
- The student or a parent lost his or her job or there has been a significant reduction in hours
- The student has no contact with the parents and thus cannot provide parental information
- The best thing you can do to help a student who has special circumstances is to help them fill out the FAFSA/TASFA as best as possible and have student call 956-882-4026 to schedule an appointment with a financial aid advisor.

# FAFSA Demo Site

- The 2023-2024 Web Demonstration site will be available at <https://fafsademotest.ed.gov> on September 30, 2022. The demonstration site can be used as a training tool for new staff.
- You can access the demonstration site using **eddemo** as the Username and **fafsatest** as the Password.
- The test site provides information and FSA IDs for test students.
- Do not use real information on this site

# Conflicting Information

- Conflicting information exists when a student/parent discloses or submits any document to any university office that is different than what is reflected on the FAFSA. When a UTRGV staff member becomes aware of conflicting information, it MUST be resolved for FAFSA to be considered complete.
- Most often as a result of submitted verification documents or student/parent disclosures. However, it can also result from conflicts with the Admissions application.
- Common items that produce conflicting information
  - Student's Name on FAFSA/TASFA vs. Admissions application
  - Student's citizenship status on FAFSA/TASFA vs. Admissions application
  - Student and/or parent marital status and/or marital status date
  - Student indicating that he/she supports child or dependent but has no income
  - Parent/student marital status and filing status
  - Number of household members
- The best way to avoid conflicting information is by reviewing information submitted in FAFSA before submitting any verification documents!

# PROVERIFIER+

- If the FAFSA application is selected for verification the student will complete the verification process through ProVerifier+, a UTRGV email address is required. Once activated in ProVerifier+ an introductory email from ProVerifier+ will be sent to the student's UTRGV email address
- There is a link to the ProVerifier+ Student Portal in the students' my.utrgv.edu ASSIST account or they can visit <https://utrgv.proed.org>
- From their ASSIST account:
  - 1. Financial Aid
  - 2. Financial Aid Status
  - 3. Aid Year- 2023-2024
  - 4. Submit
  - 5. Review Requirements

# PROVERIFIER+ AND PARENTS

1. The parent should click on REVIEW DOCUMENT in the email they receive

2. They will need to

- a. Agree to terms and conditions
- b. Review/update form
- c. Sign form

# STUDENTS NOT ON PROVERIFIER+

## (IN HOUSE VERIFICATION)

There are certain scenarios of verification students that cannot be processed via ProVerifier+. These students will see their required forms and documents via their ASSIST account. Some examples may be:

- Citizenship
- Selective Service
- Dependency Issues

From their ASSIST account:

- 1.Financial Aid
- 2.Financial Aid Status
- 3.Aid Year = 2023-2024
- 4.Submit
- 5.Review Requirements

Documents can be submitted via Document Central

# CONTACT US!

Webpage: [www.utrgv.edu/finaid](http://www.utrgv.edu/finaid)

Email: [FinAid@utrgv.edu](mailto:FinAid@utrgv.edu)

Phone: (956)882-4026

## Edinburg Location:

1st Floor Student Services Building (SSBL)  
1201 West University Drive  
Edinburg, Texas 78539

## Brownsville Location:

The Tower, Main 1.100  
1 West University Boulevard  
Brownsville, Texas 78520

## Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8-5  
Tuesday 8-6  
Thursday 9-5

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Scholarship Coordinator



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- Graduate Scholarships

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- New Student Point of Contact

# Online Application

- Types of Scholarships via this application
- UTRGV Excellence Scholarships Application
- Deadline: **December 1, 2022**
- VAMOS/UTRGV Endowed Scholarship
- 4 year renewable, valued up to \$10,000
- Deadline: **February 15, 2023**
- Students must be admitted to be considered

[www.utrgv.edu/applyscholarships](http://www.utrgv.edu/applyscholarships)

**New Online Application!**

**More information to  
come in the near future!**

# Merit Based Scholarships

- Merit-based scholarships are awarded competitively and do not require the submission of a scholarship application.
- To be considered, students must be admitted to UTRGV by **December 1st.**
- Dual Enrollment students are required to submit their college transcript prior **December 1st** in order to be considered for these scholarships.

**Awards are offered on a competitive basis**

# UTRGV Gateway Scholarship

## Description:

- One-time award
- Award varies from \$1,000 to \$3,000
- Students must be admitted by December 1st, 2022
- No application is needed, students will be selected on a competitive basis

# Top 10% Scholarship

## Description:

- Be in the Top 10% of class rank
- One-time award for students who did not receive another UTRGV Scholarship
- Award \$1,000
- Students must be admitted by **December 1st, 2022**
- No application is needed, students will be selected on a competitive basis

# UTRGV Housing Scholarship

## Description:

- 4-year renewable scholarship offered to new entering freshmen
- Valued up to \$16,000 (\$4,000 per academic year)
- Does NOT cover application fees and meal plans
- No application is needed, students will be selected on a competitive basis
- Priority is given to students outside of the Rio Grande Valley
- Students must be admitted by **December 1st, 2022**

# UTRGV Scholars Program

## Description:

- 4-year renewable scholarship offered to new entering freshmen
- No application is needed, students will be selected on a competitive basis
- Students must be admitted by December 1st, 2022
  
- UTRGV Presidential Scholarship – **Valued up to \$32,000**
  - \$8,000 per academic year
- UTRGV Meritorious Scholarship – **Valued up to \$20,000**
  - \$5,000 per academic year
- UTRGV Distinguished Scholarship – **Valued up to \$40,000**
  - \$8,000 per academic year
  - \$4,000 per academic year (Housing)



<<FRISTNAME>>

**You are a UTRGV Scholar! You are the FUTURE OF TEXAS!**

Congratulations on being awarded the Presidential Scholarship, a **\$32,000 scholarship**. This scholarship places you among the elite, **as a member of the UTRGV Scholars Class**. The Presidential Scholarship is designated to cover your annual tuition and fees of \$8000 per year and is renewable up to four years.

UTRGV provides students like you the opportunity to explore and experience life in the Rio Grande Valley, from a new perspective. The UTRGV Scholars Program provides you opportunities from living on campus to getting involved with an organization or cause, to experiencing our classrooms or research labs associated with land, space, and sea exploration, to being taught by world class educators dedicated to your academic achievements. All of this and much more is at your fingertips, all you need do is accept the offer. As a **UTRGV Scholar** your achievements and actions place you at the top of a vibrant and thriving student body that is creating the **Future of Texas**, a future that will pave the way | for generations to come.

We know that your family is proud of your accomplishments. We know that you are proud of your accomplishments. We want you to know, we are proud of your accomplishments. Accept your scholarship award by **March 22, 2022, to avoid cancellation**. Acceptance of the award certifies that you have read and understand the enclosed UTRGV Program Provisions.

Your discipline, zeal for learning and academic success are reasons why we extend this offer to you and welcome you to be part of our UTRGV community. If you have any questions, please contact us at (956) 665-2935 or [scholarships@utrgv.edu](mailto:scholarships@utrgv.edu).

Sincerely,

Griselda C. Castilla  
Associate Vice President for Strategic Enrollment  
Enclosure

*The UTRGV Scholars Program awards scholarships to students admitted directly to UTRGV. Students participating in UT CAP or other special admission programs are not eligible for merit-based scholarships. Students admitted to UTRGV first but opt to participate in a non-UTRGV Admission program will not be eligible for the scholarship award. If you are interested in discussing scholarship options, please contact your Outreach Representative or connect with us via the phone number or email above. For additional information, visit [www.utrgv.edu/scholarships](http://www.utrgv.edu/scholarships)*

# UTRGV Scholar Program Provisions

As a UTRGV Scholar, I understand that this scholarship is subject to the following provisions:

- Attend a New Student Orientation and register by **June 1, 2022**; otherwise, the award will be canceled.
- Enroll each fall and spring semester in a **minimum of 15 hours** leading to the completion of a baccalaureate degree.
- Complete a **minimum of 30 hours per academic year**. *To retain this scholarship, you must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours in each of the fall and spring semesters.* Courses must be taken at UTRGV; transfer work or CLEP exams are not accepted.
- Maintain a **3.0 Cumulative Institutional Grade Point Average (GPA)**. GPA is based on all grades received in college-level courses, including those taken while in high school. The cumulative GPA is recalculated and reviewed at the end of each semester after grades have posted. If the Institutional Cumulative GPA prevents a student from receiving the scholarship in any particular semester, the scholarship will be renewed when the GPA returns to the required level.
- Scholarship may be **retained for 4 years of undergraduate study or until graduation**, whichever occurs first. This scholarship terminates upon transfer to another institution or upon non-enrollment at UTRGV for any fall or spring semester. In exceptional circumstances, prior approval for an absence from a fall or spring semester may be authorized, but you must first notify and get approval from the Scholarship Coordinator.

If you have any questions, please contact the Scholarships and Enrollment Communication Office at (956) 665-2935 or [scholarships@utrgv.edu](mailto:scholarships@utrgv.edu)

NOTICE: It is UTRGV's policy not to award institutional scholarships to students who have received aid (including institutional, state, federal and private sources) in excess of their cost of attendance. If your cost of attendance is exceeded, any UTRGV institutional scholarship(s) may be reduced or canceled. In addition, the Scholarship and Enrollment Communications Office may substitute a scholarship if a more favorable funding source is identified.

# UTRGV Luminary Scholars

Fall 2022 Initial Cohort of 24 students

- Approximately 600 Applicants
- 40 selected for Interview
  - 12 Vals/Sals, 17 ranked among Top 10 of class, Avg. ACT 28



# UTRGV Luminary Scholars

## Step 1 - Apply for Admission

Complete the Freshmen ApplyTexas admission application and be admitted by **December 1** at [goapplytexas.org](https://goapplytexas.org)

## Step 2 - Apply for Scholarship

Complete the UTRGV Excellence Scholarship Application by **December 1** at [utrgv.edu/applyscholarships](https://utrgv.edu/applyscholarships)

- Submit two letters of recommendation (one must be from a high school teacher, counselor, or school administrator)
- Luminary Scholar Essay
- Resume (extracurricular activities, leadership positions, community service, work experience, etc.)

**Program Website: [UTRGV.edu/Luminary](https://utrgv.edu/Luminary)**

**Very competitive!!**

Encourage students to submit all documents test scores/dual enrollment transcript before **December 1st, 2022**

# AWARD AMOUNTS



## Luminary Undergraduate – Graduate Program Scholar

Tuition & Mandatory Fees	Years 1 – 4	\$10,000 x 4	\$40,000
Room & Board	Years 1 & 2	\$8,500 x 2	\$17,000
Graduate Tuition & Mandatory Fees	Years 5 & 6	\$9,000 x 2	\$18,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$75,000</b>

## Luminary Undergraduate – School of Medicine Scholar

Tuition & Mandatory Fees	Years 1 – 4	\$10,000 x 4	\$40,000
Room & Board	Years 1 & 2	\$8,500 x 2	\$17,000
School of Medicine	Years 5 – 8	\$20,000 x 4	\$80,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$137,000</b>





## Program Provisions

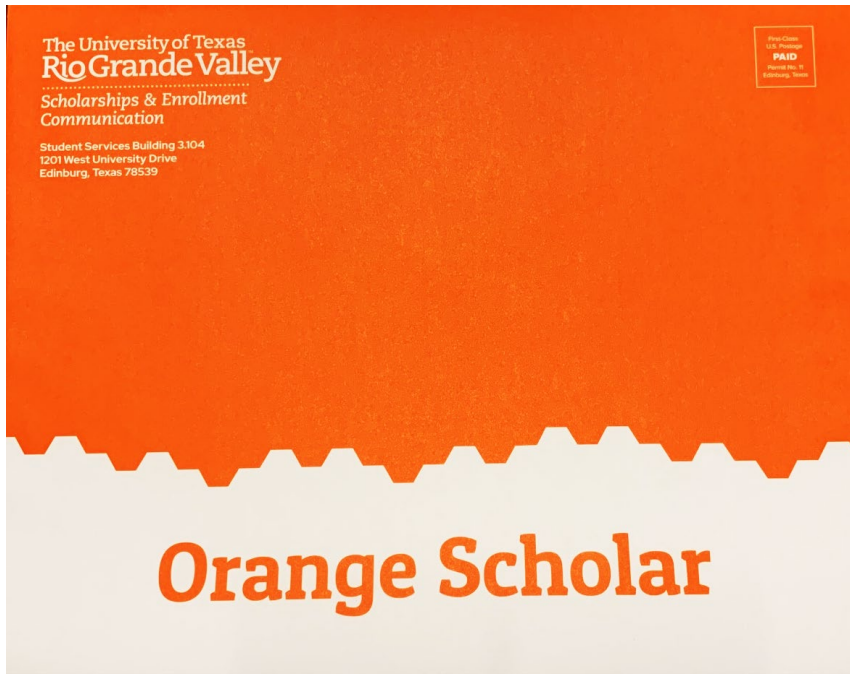
As a UTRGV Luminary Scholar, I understand that this scholarship is subject to the following provisions:

- Participate in a Luminary Pledge Signing Event, attend New Student Orientation and register for classes by **June 1, 2022**. To learn more about orientation visit [www.utrgv.edu/orientation](http://www.utrgv.edu/orientation).
- Enroll each fall and spring semester in a **minimum of 15 hours** leading to the completion of a baccalaureate degree.
- Complete a **minimum of 30 hours per academic year**. *To retain this scholarship, you must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours in each of the fall and spring semesters.* Courses must be taken at UTRGV; transfer work or CLEP exams are not accepted.
- Maintain a **3.0 Cumulative Institutional Grade Point Average (GPA)**. GPA is based on all grades received in college-level courses, including those taken while in high school. The cumulative GPA is recalculated and reviewed at the end of each semester after grades have posted. If the Institutional Cumulative GPA prevents a student from receiving the scholarship in any particular semester, the scholarship will be renewed when the GPA returns to the required level.
- Scholarship may be **retained for 4 years of undergraduate study or until graduation**, whichever occurs first. This scholarship terminates upon transfer to another institution or upon non-enrollment at UTRGV for any fall or spring semester. In exceptional circumstances, prior approval for an absence from a fall or spring semester may be authorized, but you must first notify and get approval from the Scholarship Coordinator.
- Scholarship award will continue for an additional 2 consecutive years if pursuing a UTRGV Graduate program or 4 consecutive years if admitted to UTRGV's School of Medicine.

UTRGV awards scholarships to students admitted directly to UTRGV. Students participating in UT CAP or other special admission programs are not eligible for merit-based scholarships

NOTICE: It is a federal financial aid policy not to award students in excess of their need or overall cost of attendance (COA). Students who have received aid (including institutional, state, federal and private sources) in excess of their need or COA will have any UTRGV institutional scholarship(s) reduced or cancelled. In addition, the Scholarship and Enrollment Communications Office may substitute a scholarship if a more favorable funding source is identified.

# Scholarship Packages



# UTRGV Scholars Recipients



Eduardo Lemus PSJA North ECHS



Ammy Sanchez Hidalgo ECHS



# UTRGV Scholars Recipients



Erika Casares Weslaco East HS



Carelly Vela La Joya Early College HS



# www.starsscholarship.org

- Scholarship Criteria
- Application Period: January 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>
- Be a U.S. citizen or a legal permanent resident with a permanent resident card or passport stamped I-551.
- Be a permanent resident (5 or more consecutive years) of and have a permanent South or West Texas address in one of our 30 counties.
- Have earned/completed at least 12 undergraduate credit hours at a U.S. accredited college or university before applying for the scholarship.
- Have a minimum college cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale.
- Have completed a high school diploma or its equivalent prior to the Fall of the new academic year.
- Are enrolled in a U.S. accredited 2 yr. community college (enrolled part-time or full-time) in a degree-seeking program, or a 4yr. university undergraduate program (enrolled full-time) seeking a Bachelor's Degree, or a university graduate program (enrolled full-time) seeking a Master's, Law or Doctorate degree

# www.TheDream.US

Application must be submitted online. If selected, student will need to renew each year.

Valued up to \$37,000 for tuition and fees and stipend.

Application will open November 1, 2022

## Eligibility Criteria

- Have graduated or will graduate from high school by the end of the 2022-2023 academic year with a GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale;
- Are not enrolled in college at any time in the 2021-22 academic year (excluding enrollment in a high school pre-college or dual enrollment program);
- Intend to enroll full-time in an associate's or bachelor's degree program at one of TheDream.US Partner Colleges no later than the Spring of 2024;
- Are eligible for in-state tuition at the Partner College they wish to attend;
- Have DACA or TPS or certify that you meet the immigration eligibility criteria set forth below;
- You came to the United States before reaching their 16th birthday; and
- Have significant unmet financial need.

# Questions:

For more information

Call us: 956.665.2935

Or email: [scholarships@utrgv.edu](mailto:scholarships@utrgv.edu)

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