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- La Joya
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- McAllen
- Mission
- Sharyland
- Starr County

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- Donna
- Edcouch Elsa
- Mercedes
- PSJA
- Progresso
- Weslaco

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- Harlingen
- La Feria
- Lasara
- Lyford
- Raymondville
- San Benito
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• Brownsville
• Port Isabel

Jamie Rios
• South Texas
• Laredo
• Coastal Bend
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- Texas Southmost College
- Texas State Technical College - Harlingen

Aissa Rodriguez
- South Texas College
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• 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
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)
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
## Top Texas Public Universities

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## Best Bang for the Buck: Southern Public Universities

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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
- 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%
TACRAO Day/Night Schedule

Student Registration
– https://falltacrao.swoogo.com/Registration

Don’t forget barcodes: Save/ Print/ Screenshot

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.
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.
How to Apply

Transfer Applicants

• ApplyTexas (Domestic/International)

• Official college transcripts from all institutions attended
Appeals

- Appeal process available through 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.
Advanced Placement scores

• Scores must be received directly from College Board or on high school transcript

• Equivalency chart available: 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
Contact Us

• For general questions:
  Admissions@utrgv.edu

• To submit documents:
  Application@utrgv.edu
Break

Next session starts at 11:30
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

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

SEP

Begin Submitting ApplyTexas Applications for Next Summer

OCT

Begin Dual Credit Program Campus Presentations

NOV

Spring Registration Begins Dual Credit Program Campus Presentations

DEC

Begin Submitting ApplyTexas Applications for Next Fall

UTRGV Dual Credit Program
Begin Submitting ApplyTexas applications for Next Summer

Begin Submitting Supporting Documents for Summer and Fall Applications

Continue Submitting Supporting Documents for Summer and Fall Applications

Dual Credit Program Advisement Begins
REGISTRATION TIMELINE

- **MAR**
  - Summer I and II Registration Begins
  - Dual Credit Advisement Begins

- **APR**
  - Dual Credit Program Advisement Begins

- **MAY**
  - Fall Registration Begins
  - Dual Credit Program Advisement

- **JUN**
  - Summer I Courses Begin
  - Registration Continues
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

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
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).

• 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://fafsademo.test.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!
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
Email: FinAid@utrgv.edu
Phone: (956)882-4026

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

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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
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)
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.

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, 2023**: 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

**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

Step 2 - Apply for Scholarship
Complete the UTRGV Excellence Scholarship Application by December 1 at 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

Very competitive!!
Encourage students to submit all documents test scores/dual enrollment transcript before December 1st, 2022
# AWARD AMOUNTS

## Luminary Undergraduate – Graduate Program Scholar

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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.

- 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

Orange Scholar
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
Scholarship Criteria

Application Period: January 1st – March 31st

- 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
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

Visit our website:
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