

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley™

# Counselor Update



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# Dara Newton

Associate Vice President for Strategic Enrollment

# Andrea Yen

Director of Undergraduate Recruitment

# Freshman Team- Hidalgo/Starr



**Jesus Buitron**

- Edinburg CISD
- Los Fresnos
- Math and Science Academy (MSA)



**Open**

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



**Valerie Reyes**

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



# Freshman Team- Cameron/ Willacy



**Pablo Granados**

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



**Noel Rangel**

- Brownsville ISD
- Brownsville
- Port Isabel

# Transfer Team- RGV



**Veronica Flores**

- Texas Southmost College
- Texas State Technical College- Harlingen



**Jaime Rios**

- South Texas College

# Regional Team



**Andi Scott**

- North Texas
- Out of State



**Mason Walker**

- Greater San Antonio
- South Central Texas



**Alejandro Mendivil  
Alcalde**

- Greater Houston
- Gulf Coast



**Karla Romero**

- Laredo
- Coastal Bend

# 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



# New Academic Programs

- Bachelor of Science in Integrated Health Science (BSIHS)
- Graphic Design (BFA)
- Second Degree Seeking Nursing

# Stay On Track

What is it?

- Per the United States Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) 34-Education, a school cannot award federal Title IV aid for credit hours/course work that will not count toward the completion of a student's degree program requirements.
- Students enrolling in courses that are not required to complete their degree could see their financial aid prorated and/or cancelled as required by the U.S. Department of Education.



# Stay On Track

What does this mean for students?

- Know Your Degree Plan
- Act Early
- Contact your Academic Advisor

stayontrack@utrgv.edu, 956-882-4026

# UTRGV Accomplishments

**#1 IN TEXAS AND #6 NATIONALLY FOR LOWEST NET PRICE OF ATTENDANCE (AFTER FINANCIAL AID)**

*by Washington Monthly (2020)*

**#1 IN TEXAS AND #5 NATIONALLY FOR PERFORMANCE OF PELL-ELIGIBLE STUDENTS**

*by Washington Monthly (2020)*

**#1 AMONG NATIONAL PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES FOR LEAST STUDENT DEBT**

*by U.S. News & World Report (2020)*

**#1 IN TEXAS AND #11 NATIONALLY FOR PERFORMANCE OF FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS**

*by Washington Monthly (2020)*

# Fall 2021 Events

## Counselor Update

- Counselor Update is held for partners in the RGV and out of area markets: Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston, and Laredo. This event provides important updates for the upcoming recruitment and admission cycle; highlights include new academic programs, brags and university accomplishments, admissions updates, and financial aid and scholarships.

## 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.

# Fall 2021 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.
- Brownsville, Edinburg, Virtual

## Financial Aid and Scholarship Night

- 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. Fall event will include scholarship information.
- Virtual



# Fall 2021 Events

## Honor's College Night

- This event is specifically designed to promote the UTRGV Honor's College and Early Assurance programs. The evening includes an Honors College, Vaqueros MD and PACT presentations, and student panel.
- Brownsville, Edinburg


## Vaquero Academic Excellence Day

- VAED is a specialized visit day for high achieving students. Day includes presentations from Recruitment, Scholarships and Honors College. Students can meet with their selected program of interest and attend a mock classroom experience. The day is formatted to provide a VIP experience for students.

# 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 daily at 11am.
- Group Tours are also available for groups of 20-125.

# Vaquero Connection

- [www.utrgv.edu/recruitment](http://www.utrgv.edu/recruitment)
  - Listserv and Newsletter
  - Counselor Portal
  - Find your Recruiter
  - Counselor Briefing Events and Materials
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# Fall 2021 Enrollment

Enrollment Holding Strong

30,000+

Freshman Class Strong

5300+



# TACRAO Day/Night Schedule

- Student Registration
    - <https://falltacrao.swoogo.com/Registration>
  - Virtual Fair Platform
    - FairStop
  - RGV Preview – September 24
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# Hilary Balli

Admissions Officer

# New Website for ApplyTexas

- Applications for Summer 1 2022 forward must be submitted through <http://goapplytexas.org>
- Applications for Spring 2022 still use the old site [applytexas.org](http://applytexas.org)
- Must select username and verify email before logging in. Personal email is recommended, no shared emails allowed.

# New Website for ApplyTexas


- Students must create a profile before proceeding to create applications (10 pages):
  - Names
  - Background
  - Citizenship
  - Permanent Address
  - Physical Address
  - Phone Numbers
  - Emergency Contact
  - High School/Secondary School
  - College History
  - Texas Residency

- 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 2022  
U.S. Freshman (BS-Chemistry )  
Application ID: 2200139581  
Status: Saved, in progress ()  
Deadline: 08/22/2022 (Regular Deadline)

– Admissions application

! 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)

# New Website for ApplyTexas

- Students must complete the Custom questions and Essay portion before submitting the application.
- Once application is submitted, a confirmation page is displayed and confetti is displayed on the screen. A confirmation email is also sent from ApplyTexas.

# How to Apply

## Freshman Applicants

- ApplyTexas (Domestic/International)
- Essay (1 topic)
- ACT/SAT scores (optional)
- 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 – 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



# How to Apply

## Transfer Applicants

- ApplyTexas (Domestic/International)
- Official College Transcripts from all institutions attended

# Reminders

- Applications for Fall 2022 available since August 1st, 2021
- Priority Deadline for Fall 2022: February 1st, 2022
- Decision notifications will start going out mid-October.
- Encourage students with Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate scores to send them to UTRGV. Scores can be considered in holistic review.
- Encourage students who have Dual Credit to send official college transcript to UTRGV, credit can be considered in holistic review.



# Reminders

- High school transcript must contain GPA, ranking (if applicable), graduation plan, junior year completed.
- TRES transcripts preferred.
- 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 college transcript, if available.

# Reminders

- 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.

# Reminders

- 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.

## After admission, needed for registration:

- Proof of TSI assessment and proof of vaccination against bacterial meningitis or exemptions 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.




# 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)

# Michael Aldape

Director of Dual Credit Programs



# 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 graduating under the Foundation w/Endorsement or Distinguished Plan

Dual Credit Students typically meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Ranked in the Top 20% of their class;
- Have a 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)

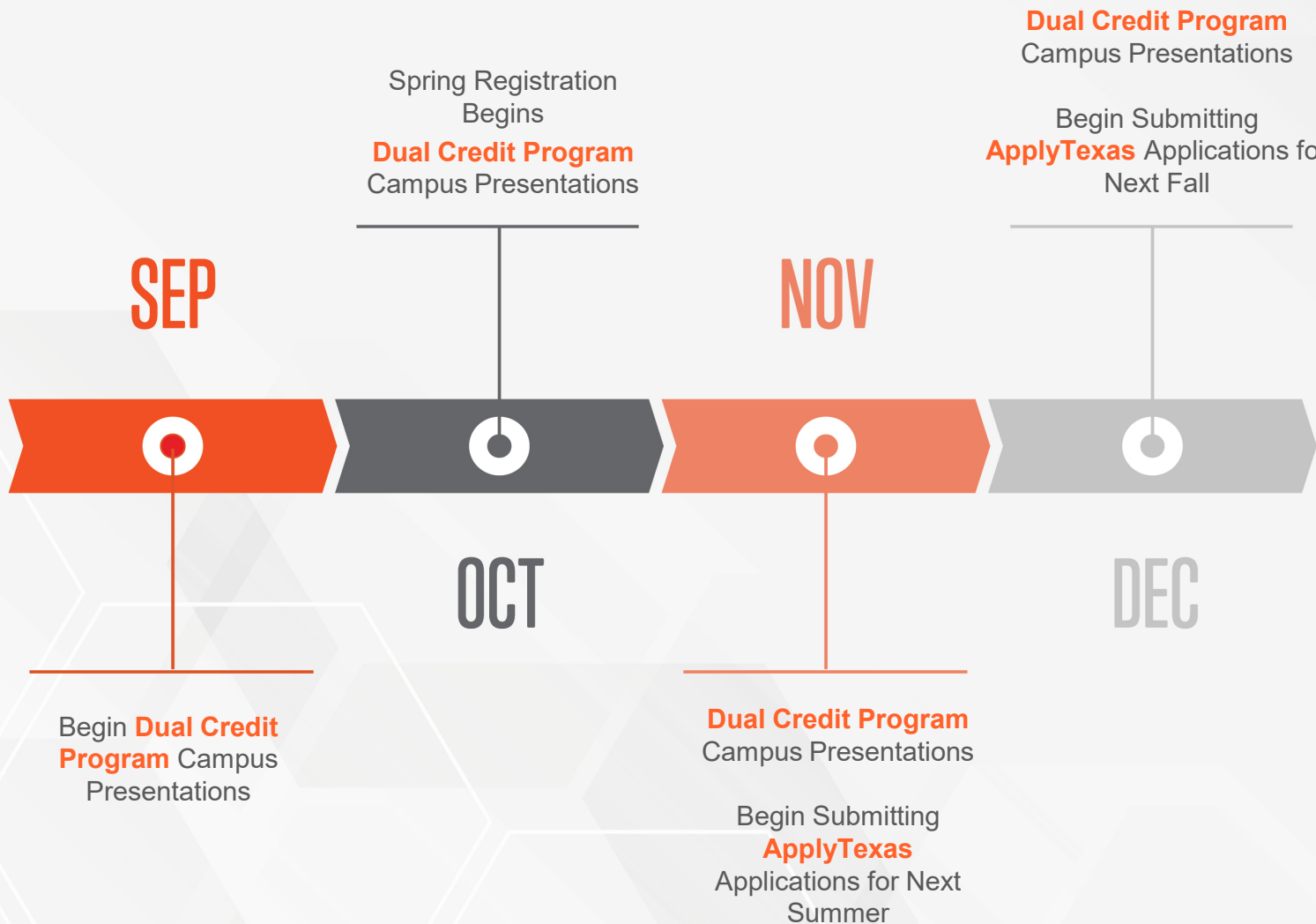
TSI Test Scores (Attempt both sections, at minimum)

Proof of Immunization for Bacterial Meningitis

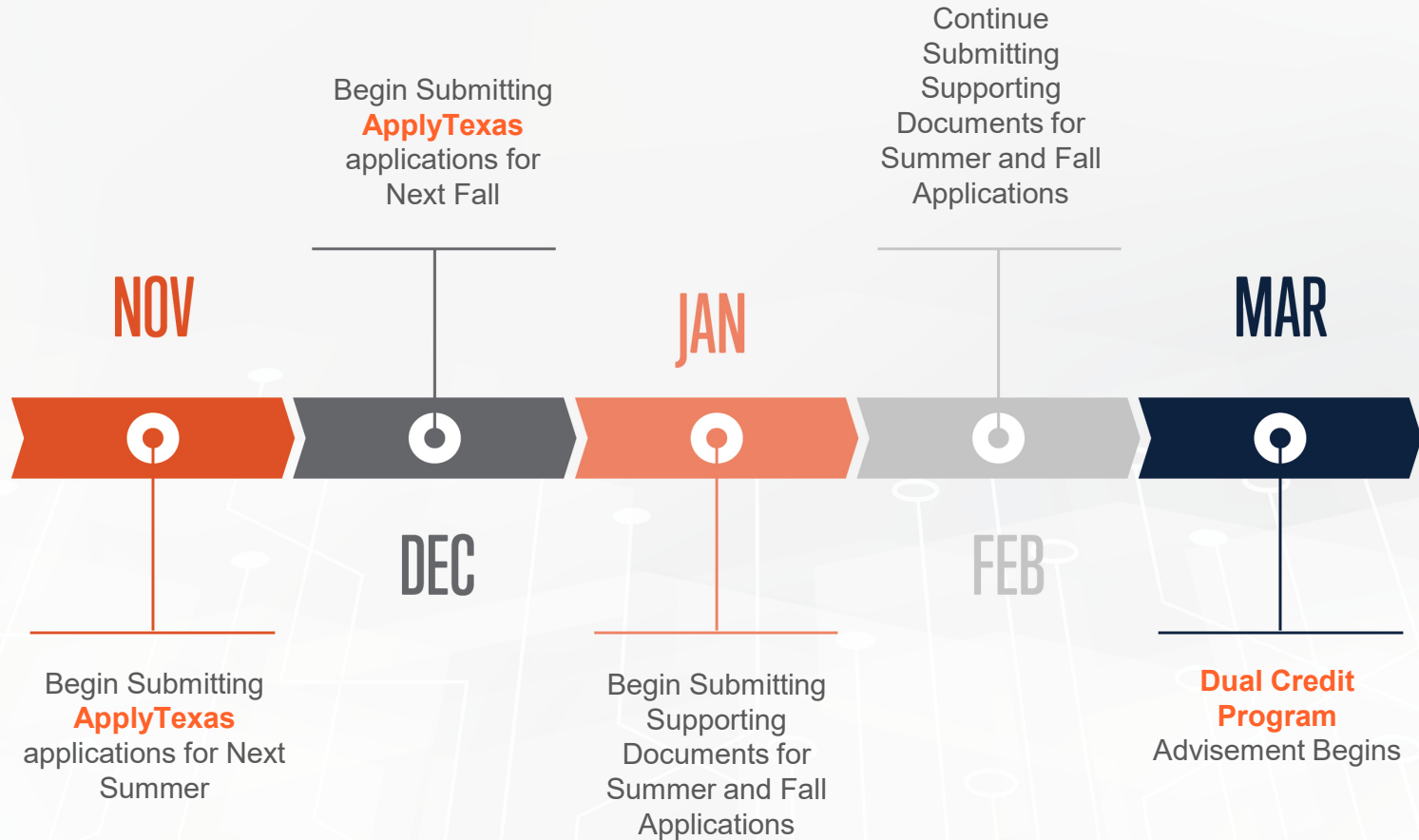
# Criteria to Enroll in DC Courses

- 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.

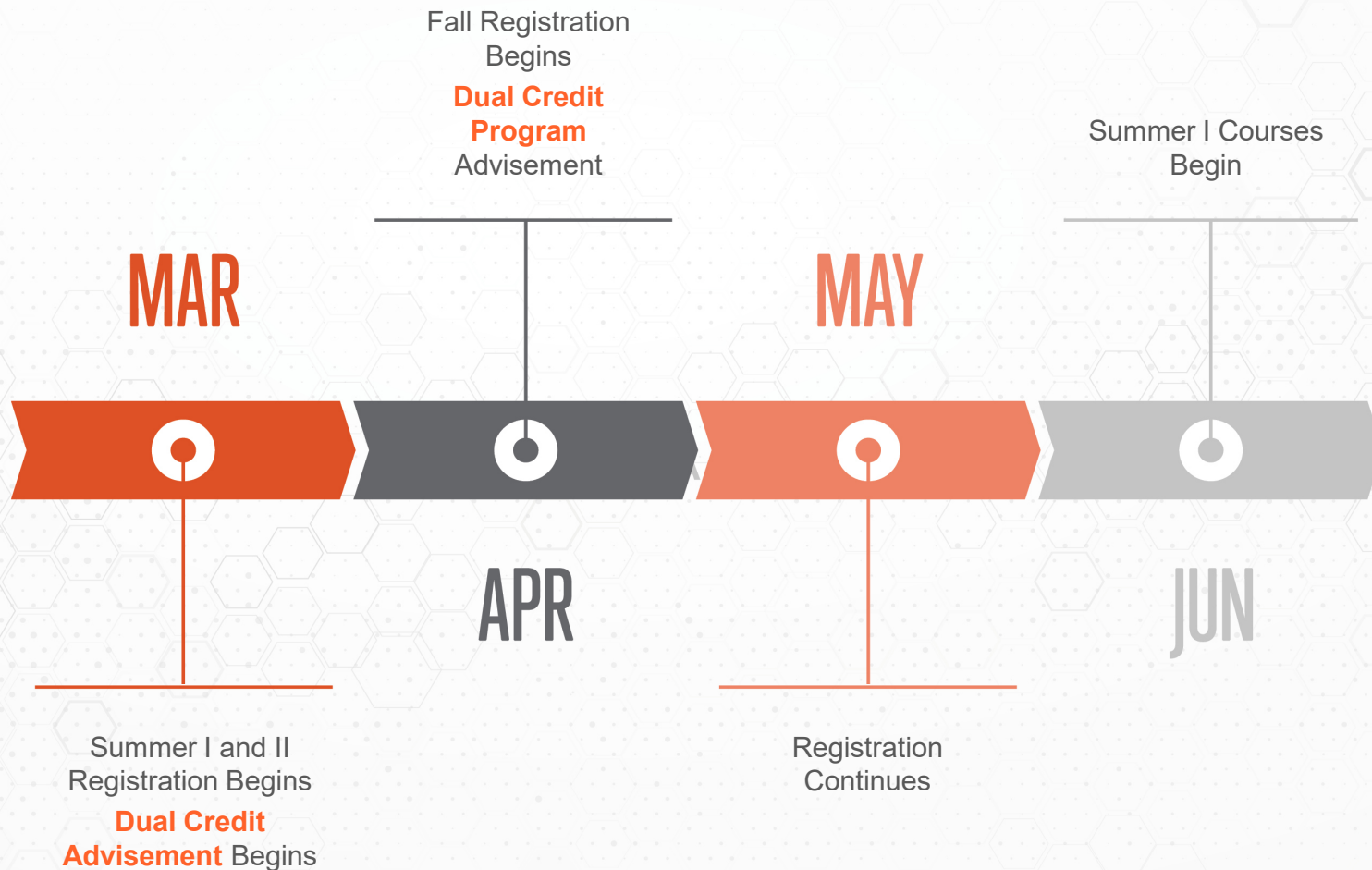
# PRESENTATION TIMELINE



# ADMISSIONS & APPLICATIONS TIMELINE



# REGISTRATION TIMELINE



# Contact Us

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

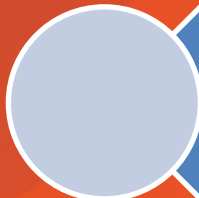
Transcript Request Form: <https://www.utrgv.edu/ucentral/grades-and-transcripts/transcript-request/index.htm>



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# Break

Next session starts at 11:20

# Kimberly Garcia

Program Coordinator Office of Student Success



FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

# Courses, Programs, & Peer Support

STUDENT SUCCESS 2021



## JumpStart

Is a supportive program that prepares students for the Texas College Readiness standards.

## First Year Experience Courses

We offer a variety of courses tailored to meet your students' needs

## Vaquero Innovators Program

Is designed to be a unique first-year learning experience based on student engagement, innovative teaching, and design thinking.

## Peer Support

Our EPIC Mentors and Success Gurus are here to help all of our first-year students transition into UTRGV



# JUMPSTART SUMMER BRIDGE

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“I met a lot of new people. It made me more confident, and have a little bit better feeling that college wouldn’t be too difficult,” said Velez, a pre-med biology major. “Here at UTRGV, I feel like they believe in me – which makes me believe more in myself.”



# \*Why Jumpstart?

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## QUALITY FACULTY

Curriculum designed and delivered by top-notch faculty

## COURSE DESIGN

Based on proven innovative approaches to developmental education

## PEER SUPPORT

All Jumpstart Courses have Embedded Tutors along with Peer Mentors

## SCHOLARSHIPS

All JumpStart Scholars will receive a scholarship to cover full tuition costs

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## First Year Experience (FYE) Courses

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FYE 2021

## **UNIV 1301: LEARNING FRAMEWORK**

The purpose of the course is to provide an opportunity for students to understand the psychology of learning and its application to their own university experience and to their chosen major/profession.

## **UNIV 1101: SELF- DISCOVERY FOR ACADEMIC AND CAREER SUCCESS**

The purpose of this course is to connect students to University resources as they navigate their first year at UTRGV while also helping them identify and develop a plan to achieve their academic and professional goals.

## **UNIV 1001/1300: LIVING AND WORKING BY DESIGN**

This course introduces design thinking principles to first year students as a way of helping them create the pathway of their choice while also connecting them to the university resources that will help them make their pathway a reality.





VIP

VAQUERO INNOVATORS PROGRAM

VAQUERO INNOVATORS PROGRAM

# HIGHLIGHTS



## RESERVED SEATS

Students will be enrolled for courses during their 1st year




## LIVING & WORKING BY DESIGN

Introduces design thinking principles to create the pathway of their choice



## PEER COLLABORATION

Students will be paired with an EPIC mentor



"A strong team can take any crazy vision and turn it into reality." -John Carmack

First Year Experience

# \*Mentor Roles

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## CORE PILLARS

E.P.I.C. focuses on three core pillars of university success: academics, personal growth, and involvement.

## PEER SUPPORT

Students are paired with an experienced UTRGV student who will provide them with the resources they need for a successful year.

## EXCLUSIVE EVENTS

Students are invited to exclusive campus activities reserved for our E.P.I.C. proteges and their mentors.



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## **What Is a Success Guru?**

Our Success Gurus are experienced UTRGV students responsible for providing guidance, resources, and support to our first-year students. Think of us as your UTRGV Siri!



# GET SOCIAL WITH US

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**FACEBOOK**

[facebook.com/UTRCVFYE](https://facebook.com/UTRCVFYE)



**TWITTER**

[twitter.com/UTRCVFYE](https://twitter.com/UTRCVFYE)



**INSTAGRAM**

[instagram.com/utrgvfye](https://instagram.com/utrgvfye)

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First Year Experience 2021

# Lunch

Location on Lunch Ticket

See Check-In if you need assistance

See you back here at 1pm

# Jael Perez

Associate Director Financial Aid



# 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 \$100,000 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

# Application Deadlines

- FAFSA priority deadline: January 15\*
- TASFA state application deadline: January 15\*
- Summer notification priority deadline: February 15
- FAFSA deadline for the current year: June 30, 2022

\*Both FAFSA and TASFA become available on October 1, 2021 for the 2022-2023 year. FAFSA at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) and TASFA at [www.utrgv.edu/finaid](http://www.utrgv.edu/finaid) under Forms section.

# 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 2022-2023 Web Demonstration site will be available at <https://fafsademotest.ed.gov> on September 30, 2021. 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

# Verification Changes

- Selective Service Registration no longer required for FAFSA and/or federal aid but still required for TASFA and/or state aid
- Proof of HS completion not required for 22-23 year for V4, or V5 verification

# 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!



# Antonio Alvarez

Scholarship Coordinator

# Scholarship Team

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- Graduate Scholarships

**Antonio Alvarez** [antonio.alvarez02@utrgv.edu](mailto:antonio.alvarez02@utrgv.edu)

- New Student Point of Contact

# Online Application

- Types of Scholarships via this application
- UTRGV Excellence Scholarship Application
- Deadline: **December 1, 2021**
- VAMOS/UTRGV Endowed Scholarship
- 4 year renewable, valued up to \$10,000
- Deadline: **February 15, 2022**
- Students must be admitted to be considered

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

## UTRGV Scholarships

Through this scholarship application, you may apply for a variety of scholarships funded by generous donors and foundations. To be considered for these scholarships, you must submit a completed application by the corresponding deadline. If this is your first time applying, Sign Up now.

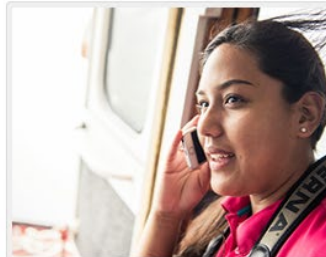
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Scholarships Office, ESSBL 1.197 1201 West University Drive Edinburg, TX 78539 | **Phone:** 956-665-2935 **Email:** [scholarships@utrgv.edu](mailto:scholarships@utrgv.edu)

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# Scholarship Application

## UTRGV Scholarship Application

2021-2022

Student Profile | Scholarship Result

Save Profile

Notifications

Recommendation Request  
0 Received

Thank You Letter Submittal

**Student Profile Created on**  
11/09/2020

**Profile Last Modified**  
11/09/2020

**Recommendation Code**  
10-6793

**Student Profile Status**  
**NOT COMPLETE**

An incomplete student profile does not generate scholarships results.

UTRGV Student ID: \*   Check if you do not have a UTRGV ID number

First Name: \*  Last Name: \*  MI:

Birthday: \*  Email:

Address: \*

Address2:

City: \*  State: \*

Zip: \*  Phone:

County: \*  Country: \*

**Demographics Information**

Texas Resident: \*  Reside in Rio Grande Valley: \*

Citizenship: \*  College Generation: \*

**High School Information**

High School: \*

# Scholarship Application cont.

The four sections below are **OPTIONAL**, however not completing them reduces the possibility of being considered and/or selected for scholarships (overall minimum length recommended 250 words).

**NOTE: PLEASE SAVE YOUR WORK OFTEN AS IT WILL TIME OUT AND IT WON'T BE SAVED! PLEASE AVOID USING CERTAIN SPECIAL CHARACTERS AS THEY MAY CAUSE ERROR TO YOUR APPLICATION.**

Are you a member of any student organization(s)? If so, please explain your role in each.

Have you participated in volunteer work, an internship or a job that has profoundly impacted you? If so, please explain the organization you worked for, your duties and how the experience positively affected you.

Tell us about a personal experience that inspired you to pursue a higher education degree and why you chose your major.

What are your goals for the next 5-10 years?

# Scholarship Results Tab

View/Edit Applicant's Data

2021-2022

[Student Profile](#) [UTRGV Information](#) **[Scholarship Result](#)** [Recommendation](#)

IMPORTANT: The Scholarships listed below are being displayed based on information provided in the Student Profile section. These scholarships might have additional criteria that would need to be met in order to be eligible. Selection for scholarships will be done using information from our student system. For example: major, classification, GPA, test scores, residency, high school GPA, high school ranking, etc.

Name	Click the number to answer Extra Questions	Award Amount	# of Awardee	Application Deadline	Status
AT&T Endowed Scholarship				02/01/2021	Verify
Benazir Bhutto Scholarship Endowment				02/01/2021	Verify
Bobby & Robin Farris Endowed Scholarship				02/01/2021	Verify
Bobby and Sandra Duffey President's Scholar Endowment				02/01/2021	Verify
Carlos A. & Virginia G. Estrada Scholarship Fund Endowment				02/01/2021	Verify
Cayetano Cavazos Memorial Endowed Scholarship				02/01/2021	Verify
Chelsea Marie Lapka Memorial Endowed Scholarship				02/01/2021	Verify
Cochran Endowed Scholarship				02/01/2021	Verify
Darrell B. Hester Scholarship Endowment	1			02/01/2021	Verify
Delta Kappa Gamma Society International of Women Educators, RHO Chapter - Ella Mae Tompkins Endowed				02/01/2021	Verify

# 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, 2021
- 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, 2021**
- No application is needed, students will be selected on a competitive basis

# 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, 2021
  
- 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

<<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

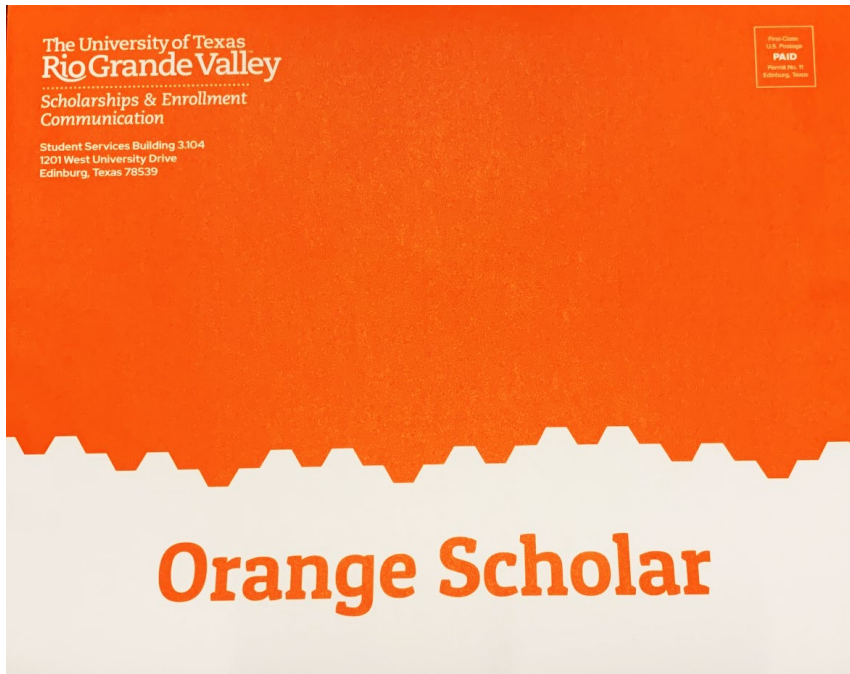
As a UTRGV Scholar, I understand that this scholarship is subject to the following provisions:

- 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 Scholars Program





# 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](http://www.starsscholarship.org)

- Scholarship Criteria
- 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.

## Eligibility Criteria

- Have graduated or will graduate from high school by the end of the 2021-2022 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 2023;
- 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

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## Optional Sessions

**Housing:** ESTUN Theater

**International Students:** Bronc Room