



UNT

UNIVERSITY OF
NORTH TEXAS

Top 10 Recruitment and Retention Program in Texas

Multicultural Scholastic Award Program

Working to Close the Gaps in Texas Higher Education

Deadline: March 31, 2009

Scholarship Levels

Freshman

\$4000

(\$1000 annually, renewable up to 4 years)

Transfer

\$2000

(\$1000 annually, renewable up to 2 years)

UNT Undergraduate Continuing

\$1000 (1 year)

Masters/Doctoral

\$3000

(\$1500 annually, renewable up to 2 years)

Download the application at:
www.coci.unt.edu
(940) 369-7806



All applicants must have their UNT enrollment application submitted by March 31st to be considered for the scholarship.

Eligibility Requirements

The MSA Program recruits and encourages the persistence of traditionally underrepresented students by providing financial assistance and academic support needed for success in college and in transition into graduate school

Freshman Applicants

- A score of at least 1000 on the SAT (Critical Reading+Math) or 21 on the ACT
- Preferably should be in the top quarter of their class
- If transferring with 29 or fewer college credit hours, prior to Spring 2009, must meet entering freshman requirements and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 in their college work

Transfer Applicants

- Must have completed 30 college credit hours or more with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 prior to Spring 2009
- Must have completed the application for admission to UNT

UNT Undergraduate Continuing Applicants

- Must have completed 30 college credit hours or more with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 prior to Spring 2009
- Currently enrolled at UNT

Masters/Doctoral Applicants

- Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5
- Acceptance to the UNT Toulouse School of Graduate Studies

Multicultural Scholastic Award Program
Center for Outreach and Community Involvement

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Motivating Students to Achieve

CONDITIONS FOR RECEIPT OF AWARD

All applicants must agree to fulfill the following conditions:

- 1) Register for and remain enrolled for full-time credit each semester (Undergraduate -12 hrs, Graduate -9 hrs) for the fall and spring, maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 for Undergraduate students and a cumulative GPA of 3.5 for Graduate students.
- 2) Attend meetings, workshops and other events designed to help MSA recipients succeed at UNT.
- 3) Complete **25 hours per semester** of community service hours by actively participating in one or more of the following programs:
 - **MSA Volunteers** (On or off-campus community service – **25 hours per semester required.**) Volunteer opportunities exist to provide help and assistance on campus or away from the campus. Students are encouraged to seek volunteer opportunities with area agencies and community organizations.
 - **Champions of Outreach.** This group of UNT students speak to thousands of elementary school, middle school and high school students as they visit our campus to learn about applying for college and preparing for higher education. Champions also represent UNT Outreach at community events.
 - **UNT G-Force Organization.** An organization in which students volunteer to work at sponsored high schools in Denton, Dallas, and Ft. Worth areas. Sponsored by the Center for Outreach and Community Involvement.
 - **The Buddy System.** Peer Mentoring program. Sponsored by the Multicultural Center.
- 4) **Inform the Multicultural Scholastic Award Program Coordinator, in writing, of any change of status to your major, academic standing, number of hours enrolled, mailing address, Email address and/or academic needs and concerns. Failure to do so could result in the termination of your scholarship.**

INSTRUCTIONS for COMPLETING APPLICATION

NOTE: It is imperative that freshman applicants take the SAT or ACT test before or during the spring semester of their senior year in high school to have test scores available before the application deadline (March 31st of each year).

1. **Multicultural Scholastic Award Program Application** – Complete and submit attached application by March 31st. On-line application is available at www.coci.unt.edu.
2. **Academic Records / Transcripts**
 - **Freshman** : Submit **High School transcript** showing SAT or ACT score and rank in class. Freshman applicants transferring 29 or fewer college credit hours must include college transcript(s) showing cumulative GPA for all college work.
 - **Transfer, UNT Undergraduate Continuing and Masters/Doctoral**: Submit transcript(s) showing all college work, including cumulative GPA.
3. **Letters of Recommendation** - Submit **one** letter of recommendation. The letter must be from a teacher, professor or employer. Please use Letter of Recommendation Form.
4. **MSA Essay** - Submit an essay that incorporates the following 5 discussion items. Limit the essay to no more than 2 pages, single spaced.
 1. Brief autobiography describing your motivation for pursuing a college degree, your personal and academic achievements and include reason(s) for applying for the Multicultural Scholastic Award Program (MSA).
 2. Describe your educational and professional goals.
 3. Discuss your views concerning the challenges and benefits associated with living in a culturally diverse society. Give concrete examples of what you have done and what you plan to do to promote diversity in your school or community.
 4. Describe your philosophy regarding community service and highlight your involvement.
 5. Add other relevant information that will help the Selection Committee know you better.
 - **Submit complete MSA Program Application packet to:**

MSA Program
University of North Texas
Outreach and Community Involvement
P.O. Box 310649
Denton, TX 76203

OR

Drop off application to the MSA Program Office/
Outreach and Community Involvement
Eagle Student Services Center 141
(940) 369-7391 or (940) 369-7806
Fax: (940) 369-8681

REQUIREMENTS TO RENEW THE AWARD

- **Freshman/Transfer/Masters/Doctoral** - Students must earn at least full time credit hours per semester (Undergraduate - 12 hrs, Graduate - 9 hrs), maintaining at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA for Undergraduate students and a cumulative GPA of 3.5 for Graduate students. ***FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS OBLIGATION WILL RESULT IN CANCELLATION OF THE AWARD.***
Note: MSA Recipients will not need to reapply if all requirements are satisfactorily met except for continuing category. Students must complete the required 25 hours of community service as outlined by the MSA Coordinator.
- **UNT Undergraduate Continuing** - This is a one-year award so there is no provision to renew the scholarship for subsequent years. All applicants must **reapply each year** to be considered for the award.



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Outreach and Community Involvement Multicultural Scholastic Award Program Application Deadline: March 31st

Applicants must have UNT enrollment application submitted by March 31st

Please check the appropriate category (see cover page of application to review eligibility requirements)

- Freshman** (29 or less college credit hours)
 Transfer (30 or more college credit hours)
 UNT Continuing (30 or more college credit hours)
 Masters/Doctoral (Accepted to Toulouse Graduate School)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name _____
Last First Middle Initial

UNT ID No. _____

Mailing Address _____
Street Name and Number City State Zip Code

Telephone () _____ Alternative Phone () _____

E-mail address _____

High School _____
Name of School City State

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Gender: Male ____ Female ____

(Optional) Race / Ethnicity _____

Have you applied for admission to UNT? Yes ____ No ____

If "YES," have you already been accepted? Yes ____ No ____

Highest **grade/degree completed** by your mother:

GED ____ High School ____ Associate ____ Bachelor ____ Graduate/Professional ____ Other ____
Please specify

Highest **grade/degree completed** by your father:

GED ____ High School ____ Associate ____ Bachelor ____ Graduate/Professional ____ Other ____
Please specify

Have you applied for Financial Aid? Yes ____ No ____

List your Earned Family Contribution (EFC), if possible _____

Have you previously participated in any of the following UNT programs? If **YES**, check all that apply:

- Go Centers ____ Academic Kickoff ____ Talent Search ____ Tour of the UNT campus ____
 UNT Preview ____ Llaves del Exito ____ Athletic Event ____ Other ____
Please specify

What is your employment status? Hrs/Wk ____ Unemployed ____ Do you file your own Income Tax Return? Yes ____ No ____

Do you have dependents? Yes ____ No ____ If "YES," number of dependents _____

Number in household _____ Number of college students in household _____

Cut along dotted line and submit with full packet

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Freshman (29 or fewer college credit hours)

SAT Score _____ ACT Score _____ Class Size _____ Class Rank _____ High School Cumulative GPA _____
(Critical Reading+Math)

Major (Intended Field of Study) _____

Minor (Intended Field of Study) _____ Undecided _____

How did you find out about this scholarship? _____

TRANSFER, UNT CONTINUING & MASTERS/DOCTORAL STUDENTS

Your current college GPA _____

List all colleges you have previously attended and the number of hours accumulated or degrees earned at each one

Date of first enrollment at UNT _____ Current number of UNT hours accumulated _____

Current Graduate Status (if applicable) Post Baccalaureate _____ Masters _____ Doctorate _____

Major (Intended Field of Study) _____

Minor (Intended Field of Study) _____ Undecided _____

How did you find out about this scholarship? _____



I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further authorize Outreach and Community Involvement to receive copies of all my academic and financial aid records, including transcripts, grade reports, financial aid eligibility, federal student aid report and any other information pertaining to my application for the purpose of the Multicultural Scholastic Award Program.

Additionally, I have read and understand the Conditions for the Receipt of the Award and the Instructions for Completing Application for the Multicultural Scholastic Award Program. I understand that I must be enrolled as a full-time student in order to remain in the program.

Print Name _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

UNT ID # _____



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