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The Top Scholar program is the first scholar program at UTSA that combines a merit-based scholarship with personalized signature experiences in academics, leadership, and community service. The Top Scholar Program is an essential building block of UTSA’s effort to be a Tier One university by proactively recruiting the very best and brightest first-time freshmen students in the greater San Antonio area and throughout Texas.

**Scholarship & Programming**

Four year (eight regular semesters) scholarship includes tuition, fees, books, and room & board. Each scholar is offered specialized leadership and professional development, thus providing the opportunity for a true individualized experience. Top Scholars are involved in campus-wide activities and are auto-enrolled into the Honors College where they receive priority registration, one-on-one advising, smaller classes, Honors floor housing, and access to research opportunities. Scholars receive support for internships, study abroad, and are offered exclusive interaction and engagement opportunities with senior university and community leaders.

**Requirements**

Scholars must maintain a UTSA GPA of at least 3.0, are required to live on campus for the first two years, complete 30 hours each academic year, complete at least one community service and leadership development project each semester, and actively participate in all aspects of the program.

**Selection Process**

Selection will be based on a holistic scholar review process including a written application. The most promising candidates will be invited to UTSA for an interview to determine final cohort selection.

**Eligibility**

Students who have the best chance of being invited to UTSA for a selection interview will be first time college freshman and have:

- 1400 or higher on the two part SAT (critical reading and math)
- 2100 or higher on the three part SAT
- 32 or higher on the ACT
- Class rank in the top five percent of their graduating class
- Record of community volunteerism and leadership in school
- Texas residency

Top Scholar program welcomes all majors. AP, IB, CLEP, and Dual-Credit acceptable. Those from the greater San Antonio area are strongly encouraged to apply, but applications will be accepted from across Texas.

A small pilot will be implemented in fall 2013 with full program roll out in fall 2014.