Scholarships

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The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) offers a variety of academic scholarships to attract and retain the best and brightest students. These competitive scholarships are awarded based on academic merit and are intended to recognize outstanding academic accomplishments. Scholarships are made possible by generous alumni, foundations, corporations and community groups.

Academic Scholarship Requirements

High school students are considered for awards based on high school cumulative grade point average (GPA), class rank, SAT or ACT scores and, to a lesser degree, extracurricular achievements. Most scholarships require a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA and full-time enrollment. As a first-year or transfer student, an academic transcript must also be submitted with your admissions application.

Scholarship Priority Dates

All high school senior students need to submit an Admissions application, which is used to award institutional scholarships. Students need to be admitted to UTEP by the dates below:

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Academic Scholarship Programs

The following programs include the University’s most prestigious awards. Most are reserved for first-year students with outstanding academic credentials.

**Presidential Scholarship**

Total award $32,000

- $8,000 per year, for four (4) years
- Presented to the top ranked #1 student at the end of their junior year

**Excellence Scholarship**

Total award $24,000

- $6,000 per year, for four (4) years
- Presented to the top ranked #2 student at the end of their junior year

**Andalusite Scholarship**

Total award $12,000

- $3,000 per year, for four (4) years
- Overall high school GPA of at least 96
- Ranked in top 3% of graduating class
- Meet test score requirement:
  - SAT – 1220
  - ACT – 27
  - PAA – 1472

**Tanzanite Scholarship**

Total award $8,000

- $2,000 per year, for four (4) years
- Overall high school GPA of at least 93
• Ranked in top 10% of graduating class
• Meet test score requirement:
  • SAT – 1130
  • ACT – 25
  • PAA – 1335

**Jaspilite Scholarship**

Total award $4,000

• $1,000 per year, for four (4) years
• Overall high school GPA of at least 90
• Ranked in the top 10% of graduating class
• Meet test score requirement:
  • SAT – 1090
  • ACT – 24
  • PAA – 1291

**General Scholarships**

There are additional UTEP scholarships available with specific requirements such as classification, financial need, major, or residency. These scholarships are awarded based on availability of funds. Scholarships may also be awarded based on departmental recommendation if required by the donor. Students are allowed to receive one UTEP academic scholarship.

**Athletes Awarded Academic Scholarships**

If a student is awarded an athletic scholarship, the student must comply with NCAA governing rules. Please contact the Athletics Compliance Office at (915) 747-8607 for additional information.

**Non-Resident Waivers**

Non-resident students awarded a competitive scholarship of $1,000 or more per year, may qualify for resident tuition rates for each semester in which the scholarship is awarded. To qualify for the waiver, a student must have competed with Texas residents for the scholarship and the award must be administered by the Office of Scholarships.

**Renewal Information**

All Academic Scholarships are renewable as long as the student continues to meet renewal criteria; which in general is full-time enrollment and a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA. Notification letters informing students of their scholarship renewal eligibility are mailed in June after spring grades are posted. If the student has met all renewal criteria, the scholarship award will be applied towards tuition and fees at the beginning of the following school year.

For other scholarships that are renewable, notification letters informing students of their scholarship renewal eligibility are mailed in June after spring grades are posted. If all renewal eligibility requirements are met, the scholarship award will be applied towards tuition and fees at the beginning of the following year.

**Appeal Process**

If scholarship requirements are not met, a student may submit an appeal to the Office of Scholarships if there were extenuating circumstances which prevented the student from being academically successful. The appeal form and supporting documents must be submitted to the Office of Scholarships within 30 days of notification of scholarship ineligibility. Students may only appeal once.

**Graduate Scholarship Information**

Graduate scholarships are merit-based awards available from the UTEP Graduate School, academic departments, and external sources. Graduate students are encouraged to search for scholarship and fellowship opportunities available on the Office of Scholarships website (https://www.utep.edu/student-affairs/scholarships/). For more information, contact the Graduate School Office at (915) 747-5491.

**External Scholarship Opportunities**

Additional scholarship resources are offered through civic groups, employers, religious affiliations, private companies and organizations. A listing of these scholarships is available on the Office of Scholarships website (https://www.utep.edu/student-affairs/scholarships/). Check this listing regularly and apply!