

Complete the Dream Scholarship

Fall and Spring Semesters

Application Deadline: May 16th

<http://www.unt.edu/dallas>

The *Complete the Dream Scholarship* initiative is offered to Dallas County Community College Rising Star participants in an effort to eliminate financial barriers they would have to continue their education. The *Complete the Dream Scholarship* like the Rising Star program promises Dallas County youth that if they graduate from high school and successfully complete their first two years of college as participants of the Rising Star Program, they will be guaranteed the *Complete the Dream Scholarship* to transfer to UNT Dallas in order to earn a four-year college degree.

The *Complete the Dream Scholarship* covers up to \$2,000 per semester for 12 or more credits (fall and spring only). The amount of the award is based on the number of hours students are enrolled in each semester at UNT Dallas for academic programs offered by UNT Dallas, and it is applied towards costs related to tuition and fees (table below).

<u>Hours Enrolled Per Semester</u>	<u>Amount of Award</u>
6 credit hours	\$1,000.00
9 credit hours	\$1,500.00
12 or more credit hours	\$2,000.00

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Have been certified by the Dallas County Community Colleges Rising Star program and be in good standing with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75.
- Have completed all of the DCCCD core requirements (Texas Common Core). **Note that students may have additional pre-requisites to complete at the community college, depending on their declared major.**
- Students must be enrolled within one year after completion of the DCCCD core.
- Be a U. S. citizen, permanent residents of the U. S. or meet the qualifications set for the Texas Senate Bill SB1528.
- Have been accepted by the UNT Dallas to pursue a bachelor's degree before the scholarship award is finalized.

Note: Students that have reached the 186 credit hour limit are not eligible to apply for the *Complete the Dream Scholarship*. Students may not receive Rising Star Program funds or other scholarships from UNT Dallas while receiving the *Complete the Dream Scholarship*.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Applicants submit their *Complete the Dream Scholarship* application to the Rising Star Coordinator at their DCCCD campus.
- Rising Star Coordinator reviews application (verifies accuracy and completeness), signs application, and submits it to the UNT Dallas Campus Student Financial Aid and Scholarship Office for awarding.

SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS:

All *Complete the Dream Scholarship* recipients must be in good standing at the University and agree to fulfill the conditions listed below.

- Enroll for at least (6) credit hours each semester in the fall and spring, and maintain a UNT cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- Notify the UNT Dallas Campus Financial Aid and Scholarship Office of changes in status or academic standing such as dropping below the number of hours required, withdrawal from the University or changing contact information (mailing address, telephone, e-mail address, etc.). Notification must be done in writing, as soon as the change occurs.
- Enroll for consecutive semesters in order to retain scholarship eligibility. Students who are not enrolled during consecutive semesters will forfeit their scholarship and must reapply for the next academic year.
- Successfully complete the majority of their attempted hours each semester with a cumulative GPA of 3.0. Students who do not meet one of these conditions will forfeit their scholarship for the next semester and must reapply for the next academic year. (See table below)

Total Registered Credit Hours:

6-9
12 or more credit hours

Minimum Hours required to be completed:

6
9

- Write a "Thank You" letter to the donors before the funds are applied to their student account in the first semester.
- Scholarship is only available for four semesters (fall/spring).

NOTE: *Complete the Dream Scholarship* recipients are not required to apply for financial aid; however, they are strongly advised to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) each year that they receive the *Complete the Dream Scholarship* award. These applications must be filled and submitted to the appropriate Financial Aid Office by the priority deadline. The UNT school code (#003594) must be entered.

Financial Aid Priority Dates: To receive first consideration for other financial aid awards, students must apply for financial aid as early as possible before the end of the academic year for which he/she is requesting assistance. Priority is given to the students who have the greatest need and who have submitted all required documentation to the UNT Dallas Campus Financial Aid Office by the specified priority dates. Processing of applications will continue after the priority dates. The processing and awarding of financial aid will cease TWO WEEKS prior to regular registration; however, the Financial Aid Office will continue to process applications after the completion of late registration.

SEMESTER APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

FALL

SPRING

SUMMER

Submit FAFSA by

March 31

August 15

February 15

**The Complete the Dream Scholarship is funded by
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Which DCCCD College are you attending?

- Brookhaven College Cedar Valley College El Centro College Eastfield College
 Mountain View College North Lake College Richland College Bill J. Priest Campus at ECC

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name _____ UNT EUID No. _____
Last First Middle Initial

Mailing Address

Street name and number _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Telephone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____ E-mail address _____
Include Area Code Include Area Code

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

University/Community College last attended other than UNT Dallas Campus _____ Year: _____ Cumulative GPA _____

Have you applied for admission to the UNT Dallas Campus? Yes _____ No _____ If "YES," have you been accepted? Yes _____ No _____

THEA/TASP Scores: Reading _____ Mathematics _____ Writing _____ Exempt _____

Have you applied for and been awarded financial aid? Yes _____ No _____. If "YES," what type are you receiving? Grant _____ Work-Study _____

Loan(s) _____ Amount per year _____ List scholarship(s) you are receiving, including the amount per year _____

Number of anticipated hours you plan to enroll: Fall 2011 _____ Spring 2012 _____

What is your employment status? Employed _____ Hrs/wk _____ Unemployed _____

Were you claimed as a dependent on someone's Income Tax Return in 2010? Yes _____ No _____

Number in household _____ Number of college students in household _____

Are you teaching in a public school in Southern Dallas or Northern Ellis Counties? Yes ___ No ___ If so, what school? _____

Are you pursuing a career in education or technology? Yes ___ No ___ If "YES", what major? _____

Highest grade/degree completed by father:

GED _____ High School _____ Associate _____ 4yr Col _____ Graduate/Professional _____ Other (please specify) _____

Highest grade/degree completed by mother:

GED _____ High School _____ Associate _____ 4yr Col _____ Graduate/Professional _____ Other (please specify) _____

Intended Major _____

Intended Minor _____ Undecided _____ Your current cumulative college GPA _____

List all college(s) you have previously attended, dates and number of hours accumulated at each one: _____

Date of first enrollment at the UNT Dallas Campus _____ Current number of UNT Dallas Campus hours accumulated _____

Projected graduation date and plans after graduation _____

Highest degree earned (if applicable) Associate _____ Bachelor _____ Master _____ Ph.D. _____ Ed.D. _____ Post Doctoral _____

Major: _____

Research Interest _____

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Services you might need from the Student Life Office at the UNT Dallas Campus. Check all that apply.

Financial Aid _____	Tutoring _____	Personal Counseling _____	Disability Accommodations _____
Career Counseling _____	Study Skills _____	Research Skills _____	Leadership Skills _____
Test-taking Skills _____	Mentoring _____	Academic Advising _____	Communication Skills _____

Other needs, please explain _____

How did you find out about this scholarship? _____

Have you been convicted of a felony or offense under Chapter 482? Yes _____ No _____ if so, please explain _____

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further authorize the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office to receive copies of all my academic and financial aid records, including transcripts, grade reports, financial aid eligibility, and any other information pertaining to my application for the Complete the Dream Scholarship.

THIS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE RISING STAR CAMPUS COORDINATOR AT YOUR DALLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Rising Star Student Signature: _____ Date _____

Rising Star Campus Coordinator Signature: _____ Date _____

Date scholarship application was received at UNT Dallas: _____

Return this form to your DCCCD College Rising Star Coordinator or to the address below:

Rising Star Program
Dallas County Community College District
1601 South Lamar Street
Dallas, TX 75215-1816