SMU

Hunt *Leadership* Scholars Program

The Nancy Ann and Ray L. Hunt Leadership Scholars Program identifies and supports exceptional students with proven leadership abilities and high academic achievement. The program combines intellectual rigor with unique opportunities to nurture leadership and learning. Scholarship recipients become part of a tight-knit community of peers, faculty, and staff, enriching the SMU campus. With a global perspective, these remarkable young leaders are poised to make a difference not only on the Hilltop but the world beyond.

Exceptional Leadership

The Hunt Leadership Scholarship is awarded to roughly 20-25 first-year students, selected each year from an exceptionally talented group of applicants. Hunt Scholars have exhibited extraordinary leadership in high school and demonstrate potential to engage as student leaders on SMU's campus. This high school leadership takes many forms - from student government or publications to out-of-school extracurriculars like scouting organizations or community engagement. Hunt Scholars are expected to have a history of both leadership and academic excellence.

$53,218 **per academic year**
for a total of $212,872 over four years*

** class of 2030*

Hunt Scholars may be eligible for additional scholarships or need-based aid for a total scholarship package equaling the value of tuition/fees. Will replace and supersede any other centrally administered merit aid.

How to Apply

In addition to applying for admission to SMU, submit a Hunt Leadership Scholars application and supporting materials by **January 15 of senior year**. This includes:

- Online application
- Essay
- YouTube video statement

YouTube statements enable the selection committee to gain a deeper understanding of your personality and leadership qualities. Focus on the content of your response, not the quality of the video.

The selection committee reviews complete admission applications, including letters of recommendation. If you believe your existing letters of recommendation do not address your leadership skills, you may submit an additional letter from an individual with whom you have worked directly while serving in a leadership capacity.

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Program Features

Cohort-Based Programming

- First-year leadership seminar
- Sophomore course & travel experience
- Junior alumni mentorship program
- Annual fall retreat for all scholars

Exclusive Opportunities

- Networking receptions
- Social gatherings with program advisors & sponsors
- Annual dinner & Tate lecture with Mr. & Mrs. Hunt

Professional & Career Development

- Lectures & service projects to foster skill-building
- One-on-one career counseling
- Exclusive access to employer events

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