

# The Eugene McDermott Scholars Program

The University of Texas at Dallas



## CALENDAR

### November 1, 2009

Priority Deadline for student application and counselor recommendation. This deadline ensures notification of semifinalist status by November 15th.

### December 7, 2009

Deadline for semifinalists' three additional recommendations. This deadline ensures notification of finalist status by January 15th.

### January 3, 2010

Regular Deadline for student application with four recommendations. This deadline ensures notification of finalist status by January 15th.

### February 12-14, 2010

Finalists' Weekend at The University of Texas at Dallas. To continue in the selection process, attendance is mandatory.

### February and March 2010

Program Director begins to make offers to join the McDermott Scholars Program.

### May 2010

2010 Scholars announced.

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## More Than Just a Scholarship...

The McDermott Scholars Program brings some of the nation's best and brightest young people to The University of Texas at Dallas, an institution with a proud tradition of student success, for an enriched college experience.

UT Dallas offers the resources of a nationally-recognized research university with the student experience of a liberal arts college. Over the last five years, the freshman class has averaged 1,100 members and a two-part SAT score of over 1240.

The McDermott Scholars Program selects sixteen to 20 scholars annually from the top few percent of the nation's high school seniors on the basis of their academic and extracurricular achievements. The Program blends classroom and independent study, leadership, service, cultural, travel, and pre-professional experiences, providing participants with unmatched personal development opportunities.

For up to 48 months, the award provides:

- \* UTD tuition & fees
- \* Book allowances
- \* Living stipends
- \* State-wide and national travel
- \* Cultural experiences

Additional funding for professional preparation and travel study is provided.

### Orientation

Before beginning their first fall semester, McDermott Scholars participate in a unique orientation program that includes both recreational and cultural activities that foster group cooperation and leadership skills.

### Public Service

Scholars make an extended commitment to public service throughout their time in the Program, serving in organizations that best fit their interests and abilities.

### Experiential Learning

Scholars pursue internship and research experiences that further their preparation for their futures, and interact regularly with a diverse array of leaders to gain insights into current economic, political, social, and cultural issues.



### Travel and Study Abroad

All Scholars will have an international travel study experience—take a look at current Scholars' undertakings at <http://mcdermottsabroad.blogspot.com>.

### Engagement with the Arts

The McDermott Scholars Program incorporates an intensive, ongoing involvement with the rich cultural environment of the Metroplex as well as centers of culture across the nation.



## QUALIFICATIONS

The 2009 Class of McDermott Scholars have a mean SAT/ACT equivalent of 2230. They are in the top 2% of their collective high school graduating class and are campus leaders, community volunteers, athletes, artists, scholars, scientists, and musicians.

Students who have the best chance of being invited to McDermott Finalists' Weekend will have:

- \* 1400 or higher on the two part SAT (verbal and math);
- \* 2100 or higher on the three part SAT;
- \* 32 or higher on the ACT;
- \* A class rank in the top five percent of their graduating class;
- \* Records of service and leadership in school and in the community;
- \* Broad interests ranging across academic disciplines; and
- \* Social skills to interact easily with adults as well as peers.

The Program welcomes all majors and intended careers.

Applications are accepted from across Texas, the U.S., and the world.

2010 McDermott Application  
**APPLY ONLINE**  
[www.utdallas.edu/mcdermott](http://www.utdallas.edu/mcdermott)

## Deadlines

November 1, 2009 - Priority  
 December 7, 2009 - Semifinalist  
 January 3, 2010 - Regular

## Scholars' Statistics

Year Entered	Number of Scholars
2006	13
2007	14
2008	20
2009	18

Private High Schools	Public High Schools
20%	80%

In-State	Out-of-State	International
74%	22%	4%

### Where are they from?

Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Canada, Colorado, Costa Rica, India, Indiana, Louisiana, Mexico, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

### Where have they studied abroad?

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, England, France, Galapagos Islands, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Honduras, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Peru, the Philippines, Russia, Scotland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Turkey, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia.

### Where do alumni go after graduation?

Harvard, Stanford, Yale, Princeton, University of Virginia, Cambridge, London School of Economics, UT Southwestern, UT Austin, Rice, Baylor, Texas A&M, University of North Texas, NYU, Georgia Tech, UC Irvine, George Washington University, Northwestern, Emory, University of Michigan, University of Pittsburgh, Washington University in St. Louis, University of Mississippi.

Professional School	Graduate School	Work
37%	49%	14%