National Merit Scholarship

The National Merit Scholarship is for exceptional incoming high school students who have been selected as National Merit Finalists.* This scholarship provides \$32,500 per year an may be renewed for up to three additional years, (up to \$130,000 total over four years).**

To receive this scholarship a student needs to submit their **National Merit Finalist certificate** and **proof of UTA as College of First Choice** to the Scholarships Office, either on-campus or by email at **schol@uta.edu**. (When you are selected as a finalist you can choose UTA as your College of First Choice with the National Merit Scholarship Corporation and they will provide a letter/certificate to confirm.)

This scholarship includes a non-resident waiver for students who are not residents of Texas.

This will reduce tuition and fees to the level paid by in-state residents for as long as the student has the National Merit Scholarship

Renewal Requirements:

- Full-time UTA enrollment in Fall and Spring (12+ credit hours)
- Complete 30 UTA credit hours per academic year
- Cumulative UTA GPA of 3.00 or higher



- * To apply, speak to your high school counselor at the beginning of the school year to make arrangements to take the PSAT/NMSQT, usually as a high school junior. Homeschooled students are also eligible. More information is available at: https://www.nationalmerit.org/nmsp
- ** Based on meeting renewal requirements every year.

Distinguished Freshman Award

The Distinguished Freshman Award is for exceptional incoming high school students who were selected for designations through the College Board National Recognition Programs for their first year at UTA. For details on eligibility criteria, please visit the websites for **College Board, National Honor Society**, or **Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership**.*

Salutatorians must send the official, final transcript from high school to the UTA Admissions Office. Please send an email to include your name and UTA student ID number to schol@uta.edu, advising of your status once the final transcript has been submitted.

Eligible students will need to forward the official notification of their National Recognition Program status directly from the College Board, or provide their certificate from HOBY, or provide an email from a high school counselor verifying their role as an officer in NHS. **Please forward this confirmation of recognition to schol@uta.edu to be awarded.**

This scholarship provides up to \$2,000 for one year. It does not include a non-resident waiver for students who are not residents of Texas. To receive it, all admissions documents must be received by the Admissions Office by September 7, 2022.

National Recognition Programs:

- Hispanic Recognition Program
- African American Recognition Program
- Rural & Small Town Recognition Program
- Indigenous Recognition Program
- National Merit Semifinalists
- National Honor Society (NHS) Officers
- Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Alumnus
- Salutatorians





Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership:https://www.hoby.org/



National Honor Society: https://www.nhs.us/

 $\textbf{*College Board:}\ https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/scholarships-and-recognition/recognition-programs$