HUNT LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS

ELIGIBILITY
• Extraordinary leadership in high school
• Rank in the top 25 percent of graduating class
• Composite SAT 1290 on math and critical reading or ACT 29
• Completion of strong college prep curriculum featuring elements such as AP courses, IB courses and honors classes

ACADEMIC PROFILE
From an extraordinarily talented group of young leaders, about 25 first-year students receive the Hunt Leadership Scholarship each year. Here is the academic profile of this year’s entering scholars.

1300 - 1420
Middle 50% SAT

30 - 32
Middle 50% ACT

TOP 25%
Typically rank in top 25% of graduating class, if attending a ranking school

3.711
Average GPA on 4.0 scale

LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP IN ACTION
THE NANCY ANN AND RAY L. HUNT LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS PROGRAM draws outstanding students who have an impressive mix of high academic achievement and proven leadership capabilities. The program combines intellectual rigor and unique opportunities to nurture leadership and learning. Selected students immediately become part of a close-knit community of peers and faculty committed to excellence, leadership and academic development. These exceptional student leaders from all walks of life apply their leadership skills to enrich the SMU campus and beyond, becoming tomorrow’s visionaries with a global perspective.

THE AWARD
The Hunt Leadership Scholarship provides full SMU tuition and fees, less the amount of resident tuition and fees at the leading public school of the student’s state of residency.
• If eligible, a student can be awarded need-based aid in addition to the Hunt Scholarship.
• The award also underwrites tuition and transportation to one of SMU’s study abroad programs.

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP
The SMU community is large and diverse enough to offer hundreds of organizations with different missions and small enough to permit students to assume meaningful leadership roles from the start. During each year of their SMU education, Hunt Leadership Scholars engage actively in the SMU community, honing their leadership skills and assuming leadership positions with increasing responsibility.
BECOME A HUNT SCHOLAR

HOW TO APPLY

- In addition to submitting an application for admission to SMU, submit an online Hunt Leadership Scholarship application, including an essay and a YouTube statement, by January 15 of your senior year. Visit smu.edu/huntapply to submit the online application and supporting materials.
- Submitting a YouTube statement enables the selection committee to gain deeper understanding of your personality and the qualities that make you an effective leader. Focus on the content of your response, not on the quality of the video. We care about what you say—not the appearance of the video!
- The selection committee will have access to your full application for admission, including letters of recommendation. If you believe that your existing letters of recommendation do not address your leadership skills and abilities, you may submit an additional letter from an individual with whom you have worked directly while serving in a leadership capacity.

TIMELINE AND SELECTION PROCESS

- The program attracts hundreds of applicants.
- Approximately 60 finalists are invited to interview at SMU in March.
- Each year about 25 first-year students are selected as Hunt Leadership Scholars.
- Scholarship recipients are notified during the first week of April.

HUNT SCHOLARS
The 2014-15 Hunt Leadership Scholars, first year through senior, cut a wide swath through the country, with 100 students coming from more than 60 high schools nationwide. They:
- are strong and effective leaders in SMU campus governing bodies and student organizations
- engage actively in the SMU and Dallas community
- learn from some of the best professors in the nation
- meet and interact with national and international leaders
- refine skills that allow them to compete successfully in a rapidly changing world
- apply their intellectual abilities to leadership and community participation
- cross the globe through SMU’s study abroad programs and SMU’s affiliation with the George W. Bush Presidential Center

BUILDING A STRONG COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS AND LEADERS
Hunt Leadership Scholars have access to a variety of opportunities that help build connections across campus.
- Annual retreat at SMU-in-Taos, SMU’s 423-acre campus in Taos, New Mexico
- Annual dinner and Tate lecture with Mr. and Mrs. Hunt
- Orientation to resources available on campus
- Dinners and other social gatherings with program mentors
- Leadership lectures and service projects to nurture personal development and skill-building

MEET A FEW OF OUR HUNT LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS

CHRIS CARRILLO is a senior majoring in environmental engineering and is currently serving as president of Engineers Without Borders. EWB is an interdisciplinary organization that implements sustainable engineering projects in Dallas and countries such as Rwanda, Bolivia and Mexico. “The people within the Hunt Leadership Scholars Program have challenged me to transform EWB into an organization that inspires the people we meet, both internationally and locally, to serve anyone we encounter.”

MONICA FINNEGAN is a senior double majoring in accounting and communication studies. She is vice-president of the Student Body, working on the Student Senate Executive team for the past two years as speaker and chief of staff. She cares deeply about student-led movements that develop through the legislative process. She has worked with multiple committees and various task forces during her time on Senate. “Right from the start, the Hunt Leadership Scholars Program has connected me with the top leaders around campus who have inspired me to seek my highest potential and devote my time to the greater community.”

TYRELL RUSSELL is a junior majoring in biological sciences. During summer 2013, Tyrell traveled to Zambia with the Bush Institute to explore the impact of cervical cancer on the lives of Zambian women. While in Zambia, the group restored a cervical cancer clinic, spoke with women about being screened for cervical cancer and blogged to raise awareness and advocate for the mission to help fight cervical cancer. “The Hunt Leadership Scholars Program encourages me to always lend a hand in making someone else’s life better.”

READY TO APPLY?
APPLY NOW to SMU and submit the Hunt Leadership Scholars application. Apply online at smu.edu/apply and complete the additional items at smu.edu/huntapply.