



Class of 2017

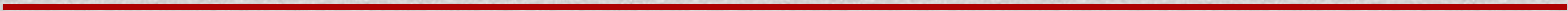
Sophomore Class Meeting – SAT/ACT/PSAT

December 16, 2014

Let's talk college and money.

The following numbers are for 4 years. What if you do not graduate in 4 years?

What school do you want to attend?





Baylor, TCU, SMU, Rice \$200,000 or more.

UT, A&M \$100,000 or more.

Tech, UNT \$80,000 or more.

UTA living at home \$30,000 - \$40,000 or more.

Can your family afford this? If not, you are going to have to help with scholarship money.



You need these scores to guarantee qualification of scholarship opportunities.

SAT – 1800 or above out of 2400

ACT – 28 or above out of 36

National Merit Scholars can pick their college and most colleges offer them to attend their college for free.




Can you get into the college of your choice? Probably,
but can you get scholarship opportunities also? YES

Let's look at UTA's acceptance and scholarship
information.

Rank	SAT	ACT
Top Quarter	No Minimum	No Minimum
Second Quarter	1050	22
Third Quarter	Individual Rev.	Individual Rev.
Fourth Quarter	Individual Rev.	Individual Rev.
	(highest Reading and highest Math)	

2014 - 2015 ENTERING FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIP	SELECTION CRITERIA	SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
President's Charter	1300 SAT/29 ACT AND High School Top 10% or 3.5 GPA	\$8,000 per year
Outstanding Freshman	1200 SAT/26 ACT AND High School Top 10% or 3.2 GPA	\$6,000 per year
Freshman Honors	1100 SAT/24 ACT AND High School Top 20%	\$4,000 per year
Freshman Recognition Scholarship	1200 SAT/26 ACT AND Graduation in the Top 50% of a Texas public high school	\$4,000 per year
Top 10% Award	Graduation in the Top 10% of a Texas public high school	\$2,000 per year
National Merit Scholarship	Present National Merit Finalist Certificate of Merit and College Choice Form (indicating UT Arlington as your first choice) to the Scholarship Office by February 15, 2013	Full tuition, fees, and residence hall costs up to \$20,000 per year



How do I help myself with college finances:

Take AP and/or Dual Credit classes to receive college credit. If you receive college credit then you will not have to take these classes in college. This will help you save money and graduate early. Talk with your teacher and/or counselor to sign up for these classes.

Every year in October, MISD pays for all sophomores and juniors to take the PSAT. In your junior year, the PSAT can qualify you for National Merit Scholar Qualifier. You will have to research your college to see what they offer a National Merit Scholar, but many offer scholarships including a full ride. MISD and Legacy offer preparation classes. MISD offers a June or July two week preparation class. Legacy offers a fall and spring semester class for a local ½ credit.

You can make a high score on the SAT or ACT test for college entrance. These tests are different including testing sections, types of questions and strategies. The preparation for National Merit Scholar will also prepare you for the SAT and ACT tests. MISD also offers SAT and ACT practice exams throughout the year.

- **Research**
- Google: Freshman, college name, admissions
- Entrance Score
- Scholarship Score
- Honor College Requirements
 - Dorm
- **What colleges look for:**
- High School Rigor
- Entrance Essays
- Portfolio – Make sure that you are a member of an organization. Examples: Key Club, Band, Sports, Journalism, church group
- Schools look for leaders so become an officer of an organization
- Reference Letters

Pick Your Top 4 Colleges



Question for the panel:

If you received a scholarship: what kind of scholarship did you receive, do you want to share the financial amount, and do you have to maintain a certain GPA to keep your scholarship?

Differences between SAT and ACT

	SAT	ACT
When is it administered?	Seven times per year	Six times per year
Test structure	Ten-sections: Three critical reading, three math, two writing, essay and one experimental.	Four-sections: English, Math, Reading, and Science Reasoning. Optional Essay, but you will need it.
Test content	<p>Math: Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2</p> <p>Reading: sentence completions, short and long critical reading passages, reading comprehension.</p> <p>Writing: an essay, and questions testing grammar, usage, and word choice.</p>	<p>Math: Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, and 4 Trigonometry problems.</p> <p>Science: charts, graphs, and experiments</p> <p>Reading : four passages, one each of Prose Fiction, Social Science, Humanities, and Natural Science.</p> <p>English: stresses grammar; essay</p>

	SAT	ACT
Penalty for wrong answer?	+1 correct answer -1/4 wrong answer +0 skipped answer +0 wrong grid answer	No penalty for wrong answer. Always answer all questions.
Calculator allowed	Up to TI-89	Up to TI-84
Can I choose which scores to send?	Yes	Yes
Should I guess?	Only after eliminating some of the answer choices else skip. Answer all grid-ins.	Yes. Answer all questions.
How are tests scored?	200-800 per section, added together for a combined score. A 2400 is the highest possible combined score.	1-36 for each subject, averaged for a composite score. A 36 is the highest possible composite score.