



# University of Michigan Alumni Club of Dallas Scholarship Information

## Background

The University of Michigan Alumni Club of Dallas (“the Club”), part of the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan, serves the Dallas-Fort Worth area as further detailed on our Dallas Club homepage at <http://alumni.umich.edu/clubs/dallas/>. The Club plans social, cultural, and philanthropic events for alumni, friends, students and prospective students of the University of Michigan.

## Purpose

The purpose of the scholarship program is to recognize the achievements of incoming and returning University of Michigan undergraduate students from the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The scholarship fund is also a vehicle for alumni and friends to “give back” by helping local students with financial need attend the University of Michigan.

## Scholarship program details

The Board of Directors of the Club solely determines the total dollar amount of scholarships, which may change from year to year. For the upcoming academic year, the Club plans to offer scholarships totaling \$14,000.

The scholarship committee, as selected by the Board of Directors, will review applications of eligible students, and notify selected recipients of their award, based on the Selection Criteria listed below. In the event a selected recipient does not matriculate at the University of Michigan or meet the requirements listed in the Distribution Procedures and Requirements section that follows, the scholarship committee may redistribute the funds to other recipients or other applicants and/or provide for unused funds to remain in the Club’s Scholarship Fund. The scholarship awards are for one year only and are paid in equal installments in the Fall and Winter semesters.

## Selection Criteria

The scholarship competition is only open to undergraduate students who (1) applied for financial aid for the upcoming school year and (2) had at least some financial need as determined by the Office of Financial Aid. **If you were determined to have “no need” or if you did not apply for financial aid, you are not eligible for this scholarship.**

From all eligible applicants, the recipients will be selected primarily based on academic excellence, involvement in extracurricular activities, and contributions to the community. The scholarship committee may also consider how meaningful the scholarship would be to the applicant. The scholarship committee will have discretion to determine the number of scholarships awarded and the amount offered to each recipient.

## Eligibility Requirements

1. If you are an incoming first-year student, you must anticipate receiving a diploma from an accredited high school within the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Returning students must be residents of the Dallas-Fort Worth area.
2. You must have lived within the Dallas-Fort Worth area for at least one year prior to the upcoming academic year.
3. You must have (a) applied for financial aid through the University of Michigan and (b) demonstrated through your application that you have at least some financial need. If you are not sure of your financial need status, email the Office of Financial Aid at [financial.aid@umich.edu](mailto:financial.aid@umich.edu) (734.763.6600). **The Club is not involved in determining your level of financial need.**

## Distribution Procedures and Requirements

Funds are distributed by the University of Michigan on behalf of the Club. The award is distributed in halves during the Fall and Winter semesters provided that you meet the following requirements at the time of distribution:

1. You must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student at the University of Michigan (any Ann Arbor campus) claiming Texas as your state of residency.
2. You must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (this requirement is waived during the first semester for as first-year students do not yet have an established GPA).

Please note that if you refuse the scholarship awarded or fail to qualify for any portion of a scholarship distribution, the unused funds remain in the Club's Scholarship Fund for use as the Club's Board of Directors sees fit.

## Application Requirements

1. You must complete the attached application.
2. You (and your legal guardian if you are 17 or under) must sign and return the attached "Acknowledgement, Authorization and Waiver".
3. The scholarship committee must receive all application materials by May 15.
4. If selected as one of the winners, please note that you give the Club permission to use your designated essay answers to publicize its scholarship program and agree to provide a digital photo of yourself for the same purpose.

## No Preference / Nondiscrimination

No preference is given to "legacy" students (students whose parents / family attended the U of M), nor to applicants who are related to or known by University of Michigan graduates, members of the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan, or members of the Club. Scholarship applications will be evaluated in accordance with the University of Michigan's nondiscrimination policy, which states: "The University of Michigan is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination and equal opportunity for all persons regardless of race, sex, color, religion, creed, national origin or ancestry, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, or Vietnam-era veteran status in employment, educational programs and activities, and admissions."



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Your total application is worth up to 100 points, with each item weighted designated below. Incomplete applications will not be considered. **The application deadline is May 15.**

1. (Resume – 35 pts) Submit a resume (one page maximum) that highlights your qualifications for this scholarship. Your resume should include the following sections:

- Current contact information (address, phone, email address, etc.)
- ACT / SAT test scores (required)
- Education
  - High school where you expect to earn your diploma, including cumulative GPA (indicate scale if not 4.0)
  - Study abroad programs (if applicable)
  - Academic awards (if applicable)
- Extracurricular Activities
  - Include dates, awards and key accomplishments if applicable
- Work / Volunteer / Community / Internship Experience
  - Include company /organization names, locations and dates
  - Specify your title / role

Your score will be based primarily on your accomplishments and credentials. Overall effectiveness of your resume (organization / spelling / grammar) will also be considered.

2. (Thank-you note – 35 pts.) Imagine you're the scholarship winner and the Club has asked you to write a "thank you" note to the alumni whose donations funded your scholarship. What would you write? One goal of your brief (2-3 paragraphs) note should be to illustrate how the scholarship fund helps actual students pursue their educational / career / life goals. As such, you might choose to touch on your summer employment or post-graduation plans. Your note will be judged on how well it helps alumni connect with your personal story and feel good about their past / future support of the scholarship fund. **If you are selected as a recipient, the Club may use your note to announce your selection and to promote the scholarship program.**

3. (Photo essay– 30 pts.) It's said a picture is worth a thousand words. Please submit 1-3 digital photographs that tell the scholarship committee more about you. For each picture, write a brief (75-150 word) explanation of what you want the committee to know about the photo. You might include a photo that captures you enjoying a favorite activity, a team / family photo, or a photo of something you've created. There is no requirement that the photograph(s) be of you, however. The purpose of the photo essay is to provide a creative opportunity to elaborate on your qualifications for this scholarship. You could also choose to highlight other information you believe would be helpful to the Board in understanding you better and evaluating your application – for example, your reason for choosing Michigan or what you hope to accomplish as a Michigan student. **If you're selected as a recipient, the Club may use your photographs to announce your selection and to promote the scholarship program.**

## Submission checklist

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ALL MATERIALS IS MAY 15

- Submit your photographs in JPEG or similar digital format using the following naming convention: First Name + Last Name + Photo # (e.g., "Jane Doe Photo 1.jpg").
- Number your photo captions to match the Photo #.
- Submit your resume, essay answers and photo captions in either Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat PDF format.
- Email all electronic documents including the attached "Acknowledgement, Authorization and Waiver" pdf, which you can fill in directly, to [UofMDallasClub@gmail.com](mailto:UofMDallasClub@gmail.com) with "Application from [Your Name]" in the subject line.

The recipients of scholarship awards will be notified as soon as practicable on or around May 31 and will be announced publicly at our annual meeting in June. You need not be present to receive the scholarship.

If the recipient of an award chooses not to matriculate at the University of Michigan, the award may be redistributed instead to the other recipients or other applicants, as deemed by the scholarship committee.

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, AUTHORIZATION, AND WAIVER

I certify that for at least one year immediately prior to my anticipated date of enrollment at the University of Michigan, I lived at the following address in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. I further certify that I anticipate receiving a diploma from the following high school in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Address:

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City / State / ZIP:

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High School (City / State):

I attest that the information I have provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. In the event I am selected as the recipient, I authorize the scholarship committee to verify the information I have provided, including academic credentials and employment history. I understand that falsifying information is grounds for revocation of my scholarship.

I acknowledge that my eligibility for receiving funds is contingent upon me being a full-time student at the University of Michigan, claiming Texas as my state of residency and having a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 at the time of distribution. I understand that the scholarship is for incoming freshman and is not renewable, although I may apply for other scholarships for which I am eligible.

I authorize the Club to use my name and essay answers to publicize its scholarship program, as well as my photograph, which I agree to provide in the event I am selected as a scholarship recipient.

Finally, I understand that all decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final, and I waive any right to object to those decisions, or to bring any claim or cause of action against the Club or any of its members as a result of any action taken by the Committee or its members.

Student Printed Name  
(First, Middle, Last):

Student signature:

Date:

Guardian signature:  
(if student is 17 or under):

Date: