



Greater Dallas
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of Commerce



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Who can apply for Stars on the Rise scholarships?
 - Students who attend a public high school in Dallas County are eligible to apply for a scholarship.

- Can undocumented students apply?
 - Yes

- What is the deadline to apply for a Stars on the Rise Scholarship?
 - Friday, April 6, 2018, 11:59 pm

- What are the criteria to be eligible for a Stars on the Rise scholarship?
 - **For students who will be enrolling in a 4-year university, they must meet at least 3 of the following requirements:**
 - SAT: Minimum score of 1050
 - ACT: Minimum score of 20
 - GPA: 3.0 or higher
 - Class Rank: Top 20%
 - Honors or Dual Credit Classes: Minimum of 5

 - **For students who will be enrolling in a local community college, they must meet the following requirements:**
 - GPA: 2.8 or higher
 - Class Rank: Top 25%

- **In-Kind Scholarships:** The majority of Stars on the Rise scholarships are in-kind. For students, in-kind scholarships mean that these are scholarships offered by the colleges and universities who are partners of the Stars on the Rise Scholarship program and offer scholarships to those students who want to attend their college or university. In-kind scholarships may be renewable if students continue to meet the criteria for renewal of the scholarship.

- An in-kind scholarship can **only** be used at the college or university awarding the in-kind scholarship through Stars on the Rise, so please note:
 - If you want to attend Texas A&M Commerce, for example, and are chosen for a scholarship from Texas A&M Commerce, you will not receive any funds from Stars on the Rise. When you enroll at Texas A&M Commerce, the scholarship funds will be applied to help pay your tuition and fees. The same is true for any college or university from which you receive an in-kind scholarship.
- **Cash Scholarships:** Stars on the Rise has a very limited amount of cash scholarships. Cash scholarships can be used at any college or university. If you are selected to receive a cash scholarship, you will receive a message to inform you of the process you must comply with for the cash scholarship to be awarded. Cash scholarships are not renewable; they are only for the year they are awarded.
- **College and University Offering In-Kind Scholarships:** The following is a list of the colleges and universities that offer in-kind scholarships through Stars on the Rise:
 - Austin College
 - Southern Methodist University – SMU
 - Tarleton State University – TSU
 - Texas A&M Commerce – TAMU
 - Texas Tech University – TTU
 - Texas Woman’s University – TWU
 - University of Texas at Dallas – UTD
 - Brookhaven College of DCCCD
 - Cedar Valley College of DCCCD
 - Eastfield College of DCCCD
 - El Centro College of DCCCD
 - Mountain View College of DCCCD
 - North Lake College of DCCCD
 - Richland College of DCCCD

- What if I have already been awarded a scholarship from one of the in-kind colleges or universities and then I receive an in-kind scholarship through Stars on the Rise from the same college or university – is that an additional scholarship I am receiving from that college or university?
 - No. If one of the above colleges or universities informs you that you have received a scholarship from them, and then you are informed by Stars on the Rise that you have received an in-kind scholarship from the same college or university, it is not an additional scholarship. Rather, because you applied to Stars on the Rise, you will be recognized at the Stars on the Scholarship Reception & Awards Ceremony as a Stars on the Rise Scholar of X College or X University. Through the partnership, this allows students a way to be recognized and celebrated for their accomplishment that they would otherwise not have opportunity for.

