McDermott Scholars Frequently Asked Questions

Eligibility

• Does applying for other scholarships or financial aid through UT Dallas affect my McDermott application?
• Is the award need based?
• Do I have to be nominated for the award?
• What are the requirements for applying?
• Do I have to be from Texas to apply?
• Is the McDermott Program major specific?
• When should I apply for the McDermott Program?
• What if I want to take a gap year after graduating high school?
• Is it possible to defer the McDermott Award?
• Can I participate in NCAA athletics while being a McDermott Scholar?

Application

• Is the McDermott Application separate from UTD’s application?
• Where should I send my standardized test scores?
• Do I have to apply to UTD before or after I submit my McDermott Scholars application?
• Do you super score the SAT or ACT?
• How do I update my SAT/ACT score after I’ve already submitted my McDermott application?
• I’m having technical issues with the online application, what do I do?
• Who should my recommenders be?
• What can a recommender expect?
• What if my counselor cannot upload my high school transcript?
• What steps should I take after submitting my application?
• Can I visit the McDermott office?

Selection

• How will my application be evaluated?
• How many applications does the McDermott Program receive?
• To be selected as a McDermott Scholar, am I required to attend Finalists’ Weekend?
• How many McDermott Scholars are accepted each year?
• When will you announce the 2019 class of McDermott Scholars?

Requirements & Expectations

• What are the conditions I have to meet in order to remain in good standing with the McDermott Scholars Program?
• Are Scholars allowed to change their major during the four years in the Program?
• Do I have to live on campus while I’m a McDermott Scholar?
• Do Scholars live together in Honors Housing or do some live in Living Learning Communities (LLC)?
• How long is the McDermott Program?
• Do Scholars have any personal time?
• What are the McDermott cohort trips?
• What happens if, once selected, a Scholar decides they want to focus solely on one aspect of the Program (academics, extracurricular activities, professional development, service, or culture)?
• What if I want to work part-time while a McDermott Scholar?
• What if I want to work, get married, or have a family while I am a Scholar?
• Is study abroad an expectation of the Program?