

Affordable, Accessible Education at UST

University of St. Thomas is committed to making a private, liberal arts education affordable for students and families of all income levels. This year, 92 percent of incoming freshmen received scholarships, grants or loan aid to attend the University. Available scholarships are both merit and need-based. Understanding the need for financial aid, St. Thomas has increased the scholarship amounts from last year with a current range of \$11,000 to \$15,500 per school year.

UST makes applying for assistance easy. The admission application serves as a scholarship application. There is no charge to apply for admission to the University. Students get an estimate of their possible financial aid package by using the Net Price Calculator at www.stthom.edu/calculator. It is that simple.

"At UST, we realize that affordability is a major consideration for students and their families when selecting a university," said Lynda McKendree,

Dean of Scholarships and Financial Aid. "We take the time to individually review every financial aid application and prepare an offer of financial assistance that may include scholarships, grants, loans and a flexible payment plan."

SAMPLE FINANCIAL AID OPTIONS	ESTIMATED AWARDS BASED ON ACADEMICS AND NEED
Basilian Distinguished Scholarship (Merit)	\$13,500
UST Grant (Need-based)	\$4,500
Pell Grant (Need-based)	\$5,500 (Maximum for fall and spring)
Texas Equalization Grant (Need-based)	\$5,500 (Average freshman grant)
Stafford Loan (Federal Loan)	\$5,500 (Maximum available to freshman)

For more information, contact the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid at 713-525-2170 or finaid@stthom.edu.

Freshman Admission Deadlines

Encourage your students to complete the admissions process early, and there is no charge to apply for admission.

For complete details go to www.stthom.edu/freshmandeadlines.

Dec. 1 – Early Action II (Non-Binding):

- Apply now to receive an Admissions reply by Jan. 15
- Scholarships available
- Apply for the Honors Program

Feb. 1 – Regular Admissions 1

- Apply now to receive an Admissions reply by March 15
- Scholarships available
- Apply for the Honors Program

April 1 – Regular Admissions 2

- Apply now to receive an Admission reply by May 1
- Scholarships available

May 1 – Admissions Deadline

- Apply by May 1 for admissions on a space-available basis
- Learn of admissions status within two weeks
- Scholarships available

The Admissions process is non-binding and is not complete until the Office of Admissions receives all required documents.

UST is now on Apply Texas at www.applytexas.org.



Campus Events



UST Overnight & Saturday Showcase
FEBRUARY 22-23

FEBRUARY 22
UST Overnight
5:30 p.m.
Guinan Hall
1303 Sul Ross

FEBRUARY 23
Showcase Saturday
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Jones Hall
3910 Yoakum

www.stthom.edu/admissions/RSVP

MARCH 16
College Connections
9 a.m. – noon
Jones Hall
3910 Yoakum

APRIL 6
UST Open House
9 a.m. – noon
Scanlan Room
Jerabeck Center
4000 Mt. Vernon



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Counselor to Counselor Newsletter

UST at a Glance

- Founded by the Basilian Fathers in 1947
- Houston's only Catholic University
- Located at the gateway to the Museum District
- 3,711 total enrollment
- Students from 40 states and 58 countries
- 1,625 undergraduate students
- Hispanic Serving Institution
- 53% of student population is Catholic
- Student faculty ratio is 11:1
- 1133 average SAT score (Critical Reading and Math)
- 38% of new freshmen live on campus
- 32 undergraduate and 10 graduate degree programs
- 92% of first-time freshmen receive scholarships or financial aid
- 84 student organizations
- Students receive \$34 million in financial aid, including more than \$11.6 million in institutional aid
- Tuition: undergraduate \$930 per credit hour; graduate \$990 per credit hour

Congratulations on the beginning of another great school year! The Admissions team at the University of St. Thomas is very excited about continuing to work with you and your students.

We pride ourselves on assisting families through the admissions process. Tours are offered Monday through Friday and we have conveniently scheduled our Open Houses on Saturdays. Seniors and juniors in high school can also sit in on a class to help them gain a better understanding of what being a UST student is all about.

We know how busy the life of a high school counselor is and appreciate your dedication to your students. You can always count on us to take care of your students applying to the University of St. Thomas.

Sincerely,

Arthur Ortiz
Assistant Vice President of Enrollment Management

Meet the Counselors...



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UST 'Shines' in New TV Ads, Microsite



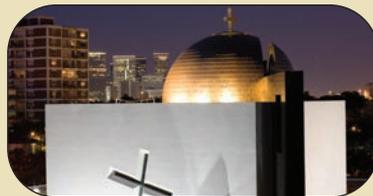
To raise awareness about the University of St. Thomas and its mission to educate leaders of faith and character, the University

launched the campaign, "Shine At UST." The campaign will feature TV spots, advertising on KUHF radio's NPR drive-time news programs, a photography contest and a new microsite with student and graduate success stories.

A series of three TV advertisements pair images of students and alumni: At the University of St. Thomas, we educate them here, so they shine in their professions. View the TV spots at: ShineAtUST.com.

Visit the UST Campus

The campus visit is often the deciding factor for most students when selecting the right college. The University of St. Thomas provides many opportunities for students to visit and learn about campus life and academics.



Daily Tours
Mon. – Thurs.
9 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m.
or by appointment
Fri.
9 a.m., 1 p.m., or by appointment
www.stthom.edu/VisitCampus

These programs give students the chance to meet with current students, faculty, and staff members, tour the campus, attend classes and even spend the night in our residence hall. We look forward to helping your students take a closer look at UST.

Join the UST Social Network

facebook

www.stthom.edu/facebook

You Tube

www.youtube.com/stthomashouston

twitter

www.twitter.com/stthomashouston



Kelsey Boor was one of two UST students who attended the National Conference on Ethics in America, an annual event hosted by the United States Military Academy at West Point.

"One of the many virtues of a liberal arts education is the ability it gives the student to think critically. The liberal arts education I have received at UST will enable me to employ this skill and many others as I engage in discussion and debate."

Kelsey Boor, philosophy major, junior

Honors Students Takes a Bite Out of Food Research



A cornerstone of the annual University of St. Thomas Research Symposium each spring is the presentation by Honors Program students in the Contemporary Problems Seminar. In April, honors students presented the fruits of their research, "Eating Away America," which examined the processes and distribution of food to find out why it is unhealthy and consider alternatives to producing food.

The Honors Program is a series of small, interdisciplinary seminar classes, most of them team-taught, which emphasize Socratic discussion of original classical texts. In addition to the research class, the Honors Program also includes a service project, with 100 hours of community service.

We invite your students to apply to the UST Honors Program. Interviews will be held on campus Dec. 8. Visit our website for admission criteria and scholarship deadlines: stthom.edu/honors.

UST Among Best Colleges

The University of St. Thomas was named a Best College in the West for 2012 by The Princeton Review in its annual college rankings.

For the 19th consecutive year, UST has been named to the top tier of the U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges" list of universities offering master's degrees in the Western region of the

United States. UST currently ranks 34th in 2013.

A prospective student's decision to select a university depends on many subjective factors. Combined with campus visits and interviews, the rankings provide a resource for parents and students contemplating one of life's most challenging financial decisions.



Freshmen Volunteers Most Productive Ever at Food Bank



As a part of Freshman Orientation and the Service-Learning Program, University of St. Thomas incoming freshmen volunteered at the Houston Food Bank on Aug. 18. With about 200 participants, the freshmen were the most productive group to volunteer in the Houston Food Bank's history, making 50,000 meals.

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