

# Southwestern University 2012 Scholarship Program

## Scholarships, Awards, Grants & Distinctions

### Brown Scholar Awards

*Full Tuition, Room and Board*

Brown Scholar candidates must submit an admission application by November 15, 2011, and interview with a member of the admission staff no later than February 1, 2012. Applicants also should rank minimally in the top 5% of their high school class (*or if high school does not rank, have the equivalent of a 3.8 GPA on a 4.0 scale*). In addition, students must score at least a 1400 on the SAT (CR+M) or 31 on the ACT.

Candidates will be considered using information provided in the admission application. The following criteria will be used to evaluate each candidate: quality/rigor of the high school academic record, performance on the SAT or ACT, level of extracurricular involvement, quality of the written essay, interview with a member of the admission staff and content of recommendation letters.

Finalists will be invited to campus for competitive interviews March 2 & 3, 2012. This award is highly competitive—typically, more than 100 students meet the minimum guidelines for consideration.

### Dixon Scholar Awards

*Full Tuition or \$7,500 per year*

The Texas Methodist Foundation, in partnership with Southwestern, administers a scholarship program to benefit high-achieving African-American, Hispanic and Native American students. This program provides scholarships named in honor of a leading advocate of higher education—the late United Methodist Bishop Ernest T. Dixon, Jr. Dixon Scholar candidates must submit an admission application by November 15, 2011. Applicants also should rank minimally in the top 10% of their high school class (*or if high school does not rank, have the equivalent of a 3.7 GPA on a 4.0 scale*). There is no testing minimum.

Candidates will be considered using information provided in the admission application—quality/rigor of academic record, performance on the SAT or ACT, extracurricular involvement, quality of the written essay, personal interview with an admission staff member (*optional*) and content of recommendation letters.

Finalists will be invited to campus to compete for awards March 2 & 3, 2012, at which time, competitive interviews with the Dixon Scholar Selection Committee will determine scholarship levels.

### Cody, Mood, Ruter and President's Scholar Awards

*\$7,000 to \$22,000 per year*

Candidates must submit an admission application by the November 15, 2011, priority deadline, or by February 1, 2012. Applicants also must rank minimally in the top 35 percent of their high school class (*or if high school does not rank, have the equivalent of at least a 3.2 GPA on a 4.0 scale*) and must score at least 1150 on the SAT (CR+M) or 25 on the ACT. Use the grid to match your class rank (*left column*) with your SAT or ACT score (*top row*). Students may take the highest combination of their critical reading and math scores from separate test dates when calculating SAT scores.

Example: If your class rank is top 10 percent and your SAT is a 1370 (CR+M), your award is \$16,000 (Mood Scholar).

	1150/25	1200/26	1250/28	1300/29	1350/30	1400/31	1450/32	1500/33	1550/34
#1 or #2 in class	\$14,000	\$15,000	\$16,000	\$17,000	\$18,000	\$19,000	\$20,000	\$21,000	\$22,000
5% (3.8 if no rank)	\$13,000	\$14,000	\$15,000	\$16,000	\$17,000	\$18,000	\$19,000	\$20,000	\$21,000
10% (3.7 if no rank)	\$12,000	\$13,000	\$14,000	\$15,000	\$16,000	\$17,000	\$18,000	\$19,000	\$20,000
15% (3.6 if no rank)	\$11,000	\$12,000	\$13,000	\$14,000	\$15,000	\$16,000	\$17,000	\$18,000	\$19,000
20% (3.5 if no rank)	\$10,000	\$11,000	\$12,000	\$13,000	\$14,000	\$15,000	\$16,000	\$17,000	\$18,000
25% (3.4 if no rank)	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$11,000	\$12,000	\$13,000	\$14,000	\$15,000	\$16,000	\$17,000
30% (3.3 if no rank)	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$11,000	\$12,000	\$13,000	\$14,000	\$15,000	\$16,000
35% (3.2 if no rank)	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$11,000	\$12,000	\$13,000	\$14,000	\$15,000

*Cody Scholar \$19,000 to \$22,000*

*Mood Scholar \$15,000 to \$18,000*

*Ruter Scholar \$11,000 to \$14,000*

*President's Scholar \$7,000 to \$10,000*

### Pirate Awards

*Up to \$12,000 per year*

Students not meeting the requirements for Brown, Cody, Mood, Ruter and President's Scholar Awards may be considered for a Pirate Award. Southwestern makes Pirate Awards available to applicants with strong academic backgrounds, sustained achievement, well-rounded extracurricular profiles and outstanding personal qualities, with potential for continued academic success.

## Distinction Awards

*Up to \$5,000 per year*

The Southwestern Admission Staff offers Distinction Awards based on the competitiveness of each student's overall application. Areas of distinction may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Leadership and co-curricular activities, strength and depth of writing samples, SAT and/or ACT writing scores, Legacy connection, National Achievement Finalist or National Hispanic Scholar recognition, National Merit Commended Scholar recognition, participation in a National Hispanic Institute program (*YLC, LDZ or CWS*), rigor of high school academic curriculum, i.e., Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate coursework, and the total number of course credit earned in the areas of English, mathematics, lab science, social science/history and foreign languages (*please refer to Coursework Requirements for eligible courses*).

## Preministerial Scholarships

*\$10,000 per year*

Southwestern offers scholarships to students interested in careers in full-time ministry. Candidates for this scholarship must submit a Pre-Ministerial Scholarship Application by February 1, 2012. Contact the Office of Admission for application information.

## Beneficiary Grants

*\$6,000 per year*

As a United Methodist-related institution, Southwestern has restricted funds to assist dependents of United Methodist clergy. Candidates for this grant must submit a Beneficiary Grant Application by February 1, 2012. Contact the Office of Admission for application information.

## National Merit Scholar Recognition

*\$2,000 per year*

Southwestern sponsors awards for named scholars in the National Merit Scholarship program. Students must name Southwestern as their first choice university by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation's published deadline date.

## Southwestern Grants

*Amounts Vary*

Awarded by Southwestern to students demonstrating financial need, Southwestern Grant funding is made possible by generous gifts from alumni and friends. Consideration for a Southwestern Grant requires completion and submission of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (*FAFSA*) as early as possible after January 1, 2012, but no later than March 1, 2012. FAFSA information can be found at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). The Southwestern University code is 003620.

## Fine Arts Scholarships & Awards

*\$2,500 to \$12,000 per year*

Students choosing to major in the fine arts are eligible for scholarships in vocal and instrumental music, theatre (*acting and design*) or studio art. Performance awards in music are available for non-majors. Scholarships are renewable annually for up to eight semesters. Auditions, interviews or portfolio reviews are required. Contact Southwestern University's Sarofim School of Fine Arts at 512-863-1504 or visit [www.southwestern.edu/sarofim](http://www.southwestern.edu/sarofim) for information on program specific requirements.

## The Fine Print *(please read as quickly as possible in your best chipmunk voice)*

**Qualifying for Scholarships:** This scholarship program is intended for first-year students. Southwestern's transfer student scholarship program can be found online at [www.southwestern.edu](http://www.southwestern.edu). All admitted students are automatically considered for all applicable scholarship programs. All scholarships are awarded regardless of financial need and are renewable annually for up to eight semesters if a minimum GPA, as stated in the award letter, is maintained. When demonstrated financial need is greater than the scholarship value, the scholarship will become part of the overall need-based award. Students may take the highest combination of their critical reading and math scores from separate test dates when calculating SAT scores. When an official class rank is provided by the high school, it will be used to determine scholarship eligibility regardless of grade point average. When a high school has a no-rank policy, other factors will be used to determine scholarship eligibility including, but not limited to, grade distribution information for that specific school and/or grade point averages. In all cases, Southwestern reserves the right to recalculate a student's eligibility for scholarships using a consistent, uniform, internal calculation that may exclude non-academic coursework. When a high school ranks specific segments of their graduating class—such as only ranking the top 10 percent—it will be assumed that an unranked student does not fall into that category for scholarship consideration regardless of grade point average.

**Important Dates:** November 15, 2011 – Application deadline for Brown and Dixon Scholar Awards. February 1, 2012 – Application priority deadline for all other scholarships and interview deadline for Brown Scholar and Dixon Scholar (*optional*) Awards. March 1, 2012 – Deadline for any new information pertaining to scholarship consideration (*improved class rank or standardized testing results, for example*).

**Coursework Requirements:** To be a competitive candidate for scholarship consideration, students must be offered admission, meet the criteria of the scholarship program, and complete 18 secondary school academic units, with at least 16 academic units occurring in grades 9-12 (*Mathematics through Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry required*). Examples of acceptable course work (*by subject*): English – English I, English II, English III, English IV; Mathematics – Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics; Lab Science – Biology I & II, Chemistry I & II, Physics I & II, Anatomy & Physiology, Environmental Science; Social Science/History – Geography, World History, US History, Government/ Economics (*Macro or Micro*), Psychology/ Sociology, European History; Foreign Language – French, German, Spanish, Latin, Japanese, Chinese and American Sign Language (*other languages may be considered*); One year of an additional academic unit from areas above or Computer Science I & II (*Not including Microcomputer Applications, Computer Math, or BCIS*).

**Southwestern University Scholarship Stacking Policy:** Students may receive no more than three (3) Southwestern merit or need-based scholarships, awards, grants, recognitions and/or distinctions. With the exception of the Brown Scholar Award, Southwestern-based awards cannot exceed the cost of tuition and fees.

**Availability of Funds Disclosure:** All scholarships are awarded based on the availability of funds. It's advisable to apply well in advance of posted deadlines.

**NCAA Division III Student Athlete Statement:** Southwestern adheres to all NCAA Division III policies, regulations and guidelines that prohibit the awarding of merit scholarships and financial assistance to student athletes on the basis of athletic participation or performance. All student athletes will be evaluated under the same programs and procedures as the general student body in all merit scholarship and financial assistance reviews.

**Statement of Nondiscrimination:** Southwestern University's recruiting of students, awarding of financial assistance and operation of programs and facilities are without regard to sex, race, color, religion, age, disability, national or ethnic origin, or any other impermissible factor. Southwestern University's commitment to equal opportunity includes nondiscrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.