COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT

Post High School Options

- Military
- Work
- Trade/Technical School
- 2 Year School
 - Basics then transfer
 - Two year degree
- 4 Year College or University

Education Income Level for 2016

- Professional Degree \$89,960
- Doctorate Degree \$84,396
- Master's Degree \$69,732
- Bachelor's Degree \$59,124
- Associate Degree \$41,496
- High School Diploma \$35,256
- No High School Diploma \$25,636

A college graduate can earn up to <u>\$1 million</u> <u>more</u> than a person with a high school diploma.

Education Unemployment Rate for 2016

- **Doctoral degree** 1.6%
- Professional degree 1.6%
- Master's degree 2.4%
- Bachelor's degree 2.7%
- Associate's degree 3.6%
- □ Some college, no degree 4.4%
- High school diploma 5.2%
- □ Less than a high school diploma 7.4%

Military

- ROTC
 - Scholarship based on ability and grades
 - College funding
 - Reserves
- Enlist
 - High school graduate
 - College assistance
- Reserves
 - Part-time military
 - College assistance

2 Year School

- <u>
 Community College
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 - Tuition and fees based on residency
 - Core classes
 - Associates degrees
 - Certifications
- Junior College
 - Athletic teams
 - Core Classes
 - Associates degrees
 - Certifications

- <u>Trade or Technical</u>
 <u>School</u>
 - Certifications
 - Focused Curriculum
 - Community/State School
 - Proprietary School

4 Year School

- Private
- Public
 - In State
 - Out of State
- Freshman admission
- Transfer admission
- Bachelors degree and higher

College/University Information

Where do I want to go?

How do I get in?

How do I pay for college?

Where Do I Want To Go?

- Location
 - Urban or Rural
- Distance
 - Transportation
- Size
 - Large, Medium, Small
- Public vs Private
 - Cost
 - Religious Affiliation

- Course of Study
 - Areas of interest
- Activities
 - Intramural Sports
 - Social Organizations
 - Cultural Events

Where Do I Want To Go?

- Attend college preview days
 - Every fall and spring
 - Saturdays
- □ Take a college day
 - 11th & 12th Grades

Where Do I Want To Go?

Develop a wish list

- Reach
 - Colleges where your chances of gaining admission are less than 50/50.
- Target
 - Colleges where the likelihood of your admission is within range.

Likely

 Colleges where you are confident that you will be admitted.

How Do I Get In?

Types of Admissions
 Required Testing
 Application Procedures
 Financial Aid/Scholarships

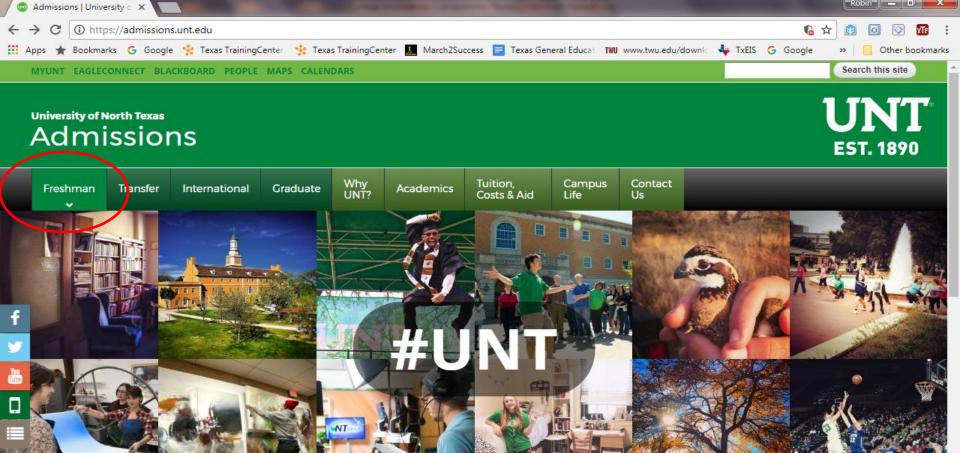
Types of Admissions

- Open Enrollment
 - 2 Year Schools
 - No entry test required
 - High School Graduate
- <u>Automatic Admit</u>
 - Top 10% of Graduating Class
- <u>Automatic Academic</u> <u>Admit</u>
 - Rank + Test Scores (SAT/ACT)

- <u>Selective/Holistic</u>
 - No specific required test scores or rank
 - What can you bring to the campus
- <u>Review</u>
 - Did not meet Academic Admit
 - What can you bring to the campus
 - Special Circumstances

Examples of College Choices

		Likely	Target	Reach
Student A	1000 Rdg/Math SAT 2nd Quarter 3.4 GPA Some Activities	SFA		Texas A&M or Univ. of Texas
Student B		Texas A&M or Texas Tech	or	Vanderbilt or Rice



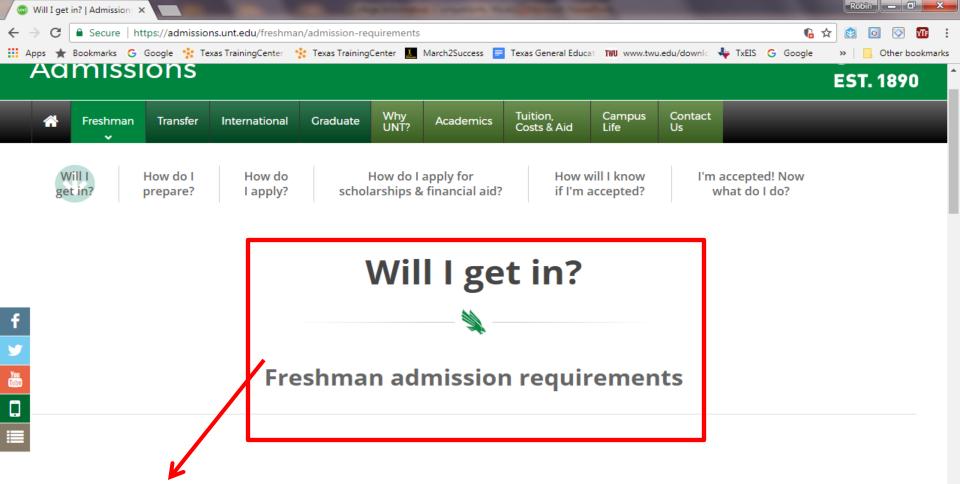
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Guaranteed admission requirements

You are guaranteed admission to UNT if you:

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- Rank in the top 10% of your high school class and submit SAT or ACT scores
- Rank in the next 15% and have a minimum 950 SAT/1030 New SAT* (combined Critical Reading/Verbal + Math) or 20 ACT
- Rank in the 2nd quarter and have a minimum 1050 SAT/1130 New SAT* (combined Critical Reading/Verbal + Math) or 23 ACT
- Rank in the 3rd quarter and have a minimum 1180 SAT/1250 New SAT* (combined Critical Reading/Verbal + Math) or 26 ACT
- Are a registered participant in UNT's Eagle Advantage program

Testing

• <u>SAT</u>

- Critical Reading
- Math
- Writing (optional)
- <u>ACT</u>
 - Critical Reading
 - Math
 - Science
 - Writing (optional)
- <u>ASVAB</u>
 - Interests
 - Areas of strength

- <u>TSI Compliance</u>
 - Before the 9th hour of classes
 - TSI Exempt
 - PSAT, SAT or ACT Score

SAT & ACT

- Create an account
 - www.collegeboard.org
 - www.actstudent.org
- Register on-line
- Request a fee waiver
 - 2 fee waivers per test
- When registering send scores to the university for free
- Photo ID required

TEST BY SPRING OF 11th GRADE TO MEET **APPLICATION DEADLINES!!!**

The Application Process

- Determine which application
 - Apply Texas
 OCreate an account @ www.applytexas.org
 OSelect the college/university
 OComplete required application
 - Essays
 - Complete optional sections if you are not an automatic admit
 - <u>ALWAYS check for a scholarship application/link</u>
 - No recommendation letters required
 - Institution's Application

Common & Coalition Applications

- National applications
- Requirements
 - Transcript uploaded
 - Application
 - Application fee or waiver
 - Essays
 - Counselor recommendation letter
 - Teacher recommendation letters

The Application Process

- Complete application <u>by deadline</u>
- Submit payment or waiver
 - fee waivers available for those eligible
- Send test scores from testing agency (SAT and/or ACT)
- Request transcript(s)
 - High school
 - TJC
- Contact all schools to make sure all documents have been received

Recommendations

- Ask for 3 recommendations
 - Teacher
 - Counselor/Administrator
 - Personal (non-family)
- Common Application recommendation must be emailed to the recommender
- Please give 2 weeks notice for all letters and forms

Financial Aid

 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
 Scholarships
 University, Local, State and National

NEVER pay a fee to receive help with financial aid applications!!!

Financial Aid

• <u>Grants</u>

- Free money
- Based on family income, size and number of student's in college
- First generation college student

• <u>Scholarships</u>

- Free money
- Based on academia, ability, student need and institutional need

• Work Study

- Work on campus
- Money goes to tuition and fees first

- Must be repaid
- Subsidized
- Unsubsidized



- FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID
 - www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Apply starting October 1, 2017
 - Requires 2016 tax information
- Submit application to all schools
- Apply even if you think your parents make too much money
- FAFSA Night October 30th in HS Library

TASFA

- Texas Application for State Financial Aid
- House Bill 1403/Senate Bill 1528
 - Foreign-born and immigrant student
 - Resident tuition rate
 - Eligible for state funded financial aid

Scholarships

One time award

- Local
- Usually \$5,000 and under
- Four year award
 - Divided equally per semester
 - With stipulations
 - Must meet an academic GPA
 - Must participate in honors program/housing

- Enroll in a scholarship search engine
 - www.fastweb.com
 - www.zinch.com
 - www.collegeboard.org
 PSAT My Plan
- Apply for college and university scholarships
 - Ask financial aid office for applications and procedures

Scholarships

- Student driven
 - Involvement in extra-curricular and community activities
 - Academic
 - Athletic
 - Fine Arts
- Parent/Relative driven
 - Organizations and experiences
 - Employer
- First Generation student
- Hardship



- Tell your story
 - Be honest
 - Be memorable
- Plan ahead
 - Write an essay now
- Have 2+ people edit your essay
- Tell new information
 - Provide details not in the application

Essay Topics

- Essay Topic A Describe a setting in which you have interacted with people whose experiences and/or beliefs differ from yours.
 - Are you a well-rounded person?
 - Can you handle new experiences?
- Essay Topic B Describe a circumstance, obstacle or conflict in your life, and the skills and resources you used to resolve it. Did it change you? If so, how?
 - Your story
- Essay Topic C Considering your lifetime goals, discuss how your current and future academic and extra-curricular activities might help you achieve your goals.
 - What can you bring to the campus?
 - Are you going to do whatever it takes to reach your goals?

What's Next

- Contact the college financial aid and admissions office to make sure your information has been received
- Compare acceptance letters, financial aid and scholarship offers
- Choose an accepting college
- Apply for housing

What's Next

- Notify school of decision and pay deposit for housing
- Contact other colleges to decline offer
- Have school send a final transcript to college of choice
- Participate in summer orientation programs for incoming freshman

Helpful Information

- Keep all websites, log-ins and passwords in a safe place
- Keep all documents
- Keep all social media and electronic communication clean and professional
- Think about your future!

Helpful Information

- Texas Common Course Numbering System
 - Compare courses at 2 schools
 - www.tccns.org/matrix.aspx
 - Does not take the place of meeting with an advisor
- Textbook Rental
 - www.chegg.com

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Thank you for coming!