

Before You Begin the College of Science (COS) Scholarship Application

The College of Science utilizes its own Scholarship Portal, combining COS-level and department-level scholarships into a single dynamic application. This allows students to apply once and be considered for all eligible opportunities. For UNT scholarships, not specific to COS, you can visit **UNT's Eagle Scholarship Portal**.

COS students receive primary consideration, with limited eligibility available to students from other colleges, for select scholarships. Recipients of a COS scholarship must attend UNT in Denton.

COS Timeline:

- **September** – Scholarship Portal opens. Students can begin the application process.
- **February** – Scholarship Portal closes. Completed applications, including required documents and recommendations, must be submitted by the posted deadline. See the website for exact dates.
- **March** – Selection committees meet.
- **April** (late month) – Student Award Offer Packets are offered directly to students who are selected; usually via UNT student email.
- **May** – A message is posted on the COS Scholarship website once all scholarships have been awarded.

What You'll Need for Your Application

☐ You need **an 8-digit UNT ID and UNT email (EUID + EagleConnect) to apply**; Applicants must be admitted to UNT Denton.

☐ **Tips for Answering the Form Questions**

- Make your responses to questions concise and intentional. Include key details but let your writing stay crisp and direct. A well-focused answer shows confidence and leaves a strong impression. Ideas to pull together before applying:
- Your career goals and your plans after graduation.
 - Share how a scholarship would support your career goals and help you advance after graduation.
 - Do you have any internships or real-world experience that relate to your goals?
- Be ready to include your extracurricular and volunteer activities, especially those connected to your degree and career goals. Highlight how they shaped your growth and interests.
- **Optional Disclosures:** If you've experienced hardships or obstacles in your education, you may share those experiences. You may also choose to mention if you are a first-generation college student and what inspired you to pursue college. **These details are completely optional and are not required.**

- ☐ **Recommendations** – You will need recommenders to provide you with their preferred email address.

Before you start your application, choose who you will ask for recommendations. Two recommenders are required, and one AERI research-focused scholarship requires a third. Recommenders do not have to be faculty, but you should choose individuals who can speak to your strengths, reliability, work ethic, character, or academic potential. Reach out early to request a recommender's support because their schedules are busy and availability is not guaranteed.

Suggested recommenders:

- Instructors: full-time, adjunct, or lab; recent high-school graduates may use teachers or administrators.
- Academic advisors: graduate teaching assistants who taught or supervised you.
- Supervisors from jobs, internships, or volunteer roles; community leaders familiar with your work.
- Research mentors, lab managers, coaches, or program coordinators.

Recommender Submissions: Recommenders receive a link to upload their materials once you submit your application. If they choose to enter your email in their submission form, you may receive a notification when their upload is complete. Reminder emails may be sent to you and your recommenders until recommendations are received or the application closes.

- ☐ **Financial Aid**

While not all UNT scholarships require a FAFSA or TASFA, having one on file is strongly recommended for need-based aid consideration.

- **FAFSA** - *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* - <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.
- **TASFA** – *Texas Application for State Financial Aid* - <https://financialaid.unt.edu/texas-application-state-financial-aid.html>. For Texas residents who are not eligible for FAFSA.

- ☐ **Curriculum Vitae (CV)**

For Chemistry graduate students only. Chemistry does request an uploaded CV from graduate students. Check out UNT's resource: "[Market Your Research Experience](#)" (CV guide).

We hope this guide supports you as you prepare your COS scholarship materials, and we wish you the best. For any questions, please contact COS@unt.edu.