The University of Texas at Austin

THE FORTY ACRES SCHOLARS PROGRAM
BRINGING THE BEST TO TEXAS
The Texas Exes Scholarship Foundation awards millions of dollars in scholarships to hundreds of students each year. The scholarships have been established by individual alumni and groups, including Texas Exes Chapters.

Now the Texas Exes is vastly expanding its scholarship effort with the creation of the Forty Acres Scholars Program, the largest and most comprehensive merit scholarship program UT Austin has ever seen.

The goal of the Forty Acres Scholars Program is to bring the best students to Texas. The Texas Exes is building an endowment of $150 million to support 300 students (75 per class). It will be one of the country’s largest merit-based scholarship programs and the first of its kind at UT, enabling the University to compete with the nation’s finest institutions for top students.

The Forty Acres Scholars Program is of the highest priority for the Texas Exes and The University of Texas at Austin. It will attract the nation’s best undergraduate students to Texas by offering them both a financial bonus and opportunities that will make their college experiences intellectually exciting and personally fulfilling. Exclusive program features will include:

- Four years of tuition, room, board, and books
- A service learning project, a study abroad experience, and an internship or research opportunity
- Leadership training and cultivation
- Writing and public-speaking training
- Interaction with distinguished alumni
- Access to top faculty and resources
- The personal attention and care that only the Texas Exes staff can provide

Through these experiences — and through sharing them with a diverse group of fellow recipients — these elite Forty Acres Scholars will come away transformed. They will be truly well educated. They will have developed mentors and meaningful connections. And they will be ideally positioned to commence their careers or further their studies as leaders with outstanding potential.

"To be the leading public university in America, UT must be able to offer competitive scholarship packages that will attract the very best students to the Forty Acres. The Forty Acres Scholars Program will do just that, and it will give UT an important competitive edge. This support will allow these bright students to enrich their lives — and to go on to change the world."

— William Powers Jr., President, The University of Texas at Austin
The Student Experience

ACADEMICS
Extremely high-achieving incoming freshmen in 2011 will be the first students eligible to apply. Top candidates will exhibit the following characteristics:

- National Merit Scholars recognition
- Ranking in the top 5 percent of their high school graduating classes
- Leadership experience
- Demonstrated initiative and perseverance
- Good citizenship
- Social skills to interact easily with adults as well as peers
- A score of 1400 or higher on the two-part SAT or 32 on the ACT

ENRICHMENT
Forty Acres Scholars will receive individually tailored service learning experiences, study abroad opportunities, and internships. Each opportunity will broaden the students’ commitment to citizenship and public service.

Richly varied alumni, including former Distinguished Alumnus Award winners and Outstanding Young Texas Exes recipients, will mentor scholars as they begin building a professional network.

Together the enrichment experiences afforded by the Forty Acres Scholars Program will give talented young people confidence in themselves and the difference they can make. They will develop into the future leaders of our state, nation, and world.

Our Name
When established in 1883, The University of Texas was set on a 40-acre tract of land known as College Hill. Today’s campus, though now spanning nearly 400 acres with classic buildings and cutting-edge facilities, is still referred to as the Forty Acres. Home to a spirited, diverse community of Longhorns who come to Texas from around the world, the Forty Acres is a special place to study and grow.

“There’s no way that I would be able to be as involved on campus and serve in the positions I have held without this scholarship. It’s given me so many opportunities, and it has prepared me for life after college. It’s one of my life goals to be able to endow a scholarship like this one day.”

– Andrew Charles Solomon, Texas Exes Scholar, BA in Plan II Honors
Forty Acres Scholars will be changed forever and will change the world.

TOGETHER WE CAN BRING THE BEST TO TEXAS

The Forty Acres Scholars Program will fill critical contemporary needs for its student recipients, for The University of Texas, and for the state of Texas. The program will prepare its highly gifted recipients to become societal leaders, scholars, and catalysts for change. A merit scholarship program of this scope will ensure continued excellence, competitiveness, and national prominence for the University. Advancing research while recruiting and retaining the best talent will bring tremendous economic benefit to the entire state of Texas.

The Longhorns always aim to get the top recruits in sports — it’s time to do the same in academics. Together we can help The University of Texas reach its goal of becoming the nation’s top public university.

Donate now:
To make a gift to the Forty Acres Scholars Program, visit www.TexasExes.org/form/donate40.asp

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“Some things are simple. Texas can’t be a great state if UT Austin isn’t a great university, and we can’t be a great university without a branded merit scholarship like Forty Acres.” – Paul Hobby