



Application for Collin County Community College District Students for Pre-Admission to Southern Methodist University

I have read the **SMU/Collin Pre-Admission Information** included and verify that I qualify to apply for this program.

Application deadline: August 1 for fall applicants and December 1 for spring applicants.

See time line on page 2 of the application for more details.

Personal Information

Legal Name _____
Last First Middle Suffix (Jr., III, etc.)

Preferred Name _____ Gender Male Female

Social Security Number ____ - ____ - ____ Date of Birth _____
Month/Day/Year Citizenship US

Permanent Phone ____ / ____ Cell Phone ____ / ____
 Permanent Resident
 Other _____
Country

Permanent Address _____
Number and Street City State Zip Code

Current Phone ____ / ____ E-Mail Address _____

Current Address _____
Number and Street City State Zip Code

Anticipated term and year to enter SMU (check one) Academic Major: _____

Summer I ____ Fall ____ Spring ____
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1st Choice 2nd Choice

(SMU does not accept new students for Summer II) For an SMU major list: www.smu.edu/admission/academics_majorsminors.asp

List schools attended 9-12 in chronological order. Applicants must include official high school transcript(s) with the application packet.

High Schools attended (list most recent first)	City/State	Grade Level	Dates Attended		Did you graduate?
			From	To	
			Month/Year	Month/Year	

Received GED.
Year: _____

List all colleges/ universities you have attended in chronological order, including Collin. All must be listed, even if you did not actually earn any credit or receive a course grade. (Attach additional page if necessary.) Applicants must request an official transcript in a sealed envelope from each college attended to include in their application packet (Collin's will be provided.)

Colleges/Universities attended (list most recent first)	City/State	Grade Level	Dates Attended		Full-time/ Part-time	Did you graduate? List degree if any.
			From	To		
			Month/Year	Month/Year		

Which Collin campus are you attending at this time: CPC, PRC, SCC

Collin Official Use
Only

Two Short Essays (required)

Please attach your essays, including your name.

The two main reasons for the essays are to get to know you and evaluate your writing skills. In reviewing your essays, the selection committee will consider the quality of thought and clarity of your writing.

1. What sets you apart from everyone else? (academics, extra-curricular activities, leadership, personal and volunteer activities.)
2. How did you hear about the Collin College/SMU Pre-Admission Agreement and what convinced you to apply?

Please keep your essays to a maximum of two pages.

Letter of Recommendation (required)

Please attach a letter of recommendation from a faculty member.

Application Packet Checklist

- Application
- High school transcript
- Official Advanced Placement (AP) scores (if applicable)
- All official college transcript(s) (Collin transcript will be provided)
- Essay 1
- Essay 2
- Letter of recommendation
- Copy of the application for you to keep for yourself

Student Signature

Date

Complete this form and return completed packet to:
Collin County Community College District
 Attn: Stephanie Meinhardt, Dean of Student Development
 9700 Wade Boulevard, Frisco, TX 75035
 972-881-5847 (Phone) 972-377-1718 (FAX)

Collin/SMU Pre-Admission Applicant Process Time-Line		
DATE	ACTION	NOTES
Fall Applicants		
August 1	Application Packet Deadline	Submit to Collin Registrar
Upon Collin Summer Session II grade posting	Collin submits application packets to SMU	Only completed packets will be submitted
Mid August	Applicant Interviews	Held at Spring Creek Campus
Within a week after interviews	Notification by phone	
Late September/Early October	Reception for selected students	Held at Spring Creek Campus
Spring Applicants		
December 1	Application Packet Deadline	Submit to Collin Registrar
Upon Collin fall semester grade posting	Collin submits application packets to SMU	Only completed packets will be submitted
Early January	Applicant Interviews	Held at Spring Creek Campus
Within a week after interviews	Notification by phone	
Late September/Early October	Students selected for spring will be invited to following fall reception	Held at Spring Creek Campus

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The application process is developed jointly by Collin and SMU. Annually, the two institutions will share data related to the enrollment, scholastic progress, and academic performance of former and active Pre-Admission Students in order to trace the success of this Program.

SMU/Collin Pre-Admission Information

The purpose of the pre-admission program is to early identify Collin students who have the potential to be successful at SMU and provide opportunity while attending Collin to reduce time to graduation. The pre-admission program is designed for exceptional, goal-oriented Collin County Community College District students who intend to transfer to Southern Methodist University after completing two or more semesters at Collin. A maximum of twenty students will be accepted into the program each academic year.

For optimal benefit of the program, students should attend Collin for approximately two years as this allows for more time to prepare for the SMU academic major, as well as position for scholarship opportunities. Because SMU requires a minimum of 60 hours be earned in residence for the undergraduate degree and most SMU degrees require a minimum of 122 credits, it is best if students transfer with no more than 62 transferable hours. In addition, to be eligible for transfer scholarships, students must have a minimum of 50 transferable hours. For more details of the issues that affect the timing of transferring, go to http://www.smu.edu/admission/apply_transfer_timing.asp.

If a Collin student has attended other colleges or universities, keep in mind that ALL college work is considered in admission and scholarship selection.

Scholarship opportunities are the same for pre-admission students as for students from other community colleges, who meet the SMU transfer scholarship criteria. However, pre-admission students are advantaged by early preparation.

Collin students may apply for the pre-admission program at the beginning of their first year of study at Collin. However, if less than 30 transferable hours have been earned at the time of application, pre-admission will be based on high school performance as well as college performance.

When transferred, Collin academic credits appearing on a student's Collin transcript will appear on the student's SMU transcript along with all other college credit. Although a student's Collin grades will not be used to compute a student's GPA at SMU, it will be used (along with all other college work) to determine honors for graduation at SMU.

This program is NOT:

- For students who wish to transfer to SMU within a semester. There would be no time to benefit from this program. If this is the case, simply apply to SMU as a transfer student.
- A dual *enrollment* program. Students in the program are not taking classes at SMU.
- An optional avenue to gain admission to SMU if you have already been denied admission to SMU.
- For students who avoid mathematics (minimum College Algebra).

Benefits of Pre-Admission Program

- Early SMU student experience while attending Collin. Students will have access to:
 - Library services
 - Special lecture events tickets
 - Discounted software at *SMU Computer Corner*
 - Discounted *Meadows School of the Arts* performance tickets
 - Discounted *DART* Pass (\$5 one time fee, free thereafter)
- Close contact with SMU transfer admission staff who will verify:
 - Admission requirements
 - Transferability of courses
 - Financial Aid/Scholarship information
- Waived SMU application fee (\$60.00)

Responsibilities of the Student While in the Program

- Maintain the appropriate SMU admission GPA standards.
- Follow the program of study as recommended by the SMU Transfer Staff and as outlined in the *SMU Transfer Equivalencies/Collin County Community College*.
- Follow SMU student conduct guidelines according to SMU Handbook.
- Attend on counseling session per semester with SMU Transfer Admission Representative.
- Notify the SMU Transfer Office of any change in intended major.
- If a student withdraws from the SMU/Collin Pre-Admission Program, he/she must:
 - Notify the Collin and SMU Admission and Records offices

The Application and Selection Process

The application and supporting materials are initially processed by Collin representatives. The application packet must include:

- Official transcripts from all previously attended colleges or universities. Collin's will be provided.
- High school transcript
- Official AP scores (if applicable)
- SAT/ACT scores (if applicable—see below) Scores reported on HS transcript are acceptable.
- Essays (see application for details)
- Letter of recommendation (from a faculty member)

Interviews

Each applicant will be interviewed by a two person committee (SMU/Collin representatives). Interviews will be scheduled via telephone/e-mail and will take place on the Collin Spring Creek Campus.

Selection Criteria

Academic Performance

The SMU/Collin Pre-Admission Committee weighs overall academic performance. Recent improvement is considered favorable however, it is important to also show evidence of an *established pattern* of improvement. If a student has courses that are ten years old, they should check to see if they qualify for *Academic Forgiveness*. See SMU's policy at http://www.smu.edu/admission/apply_transfer_require.asp.

For some applicants the high school performance is also a factor. SAT and ACT results are required when less than 30 transferable hours have been earned. SAT or ACT results will not be required of students for whom five or more years have lapsed since high school or high school equivalent.

Math Readiness

Another critical consideration is math readiness and foreign language. For regular transfer admission to SMU, students must have a minimum of college algebra or a high school sequence of algebra I, algebra II, and plane geometry (completed within the past three years) to be considered for admission. Because of this requirement, the Pre-Admission Committee will evaluate the math skills to be sure the student is on-track for regular admission to SMU.

Foreign Language

Students who have not completed a two-year sequence of a single foreign language in high school, and have not completed a one-year sequence of a single foreign language at the college level, will be required to take two terms of a single foreign language upon matriculation at SMU, regardless of intended major. The Pre-Admission Committee will consider this requirement when evaluating the academic progress towards the major.

Preparation for the Major

Each major at SMU has a required subset of courses. The committee will consider any progress that has or has not been made. Information about subsets will soon be on the SMU website at http://www.smu.edu/admission/apply_transfer.asp.

Transferring to SMU

Students selected into the program will automatically have their pre-admission application serve as their regular transfer application for admission. The \$60.00 application fee will be waived.

Students are encouraged to notify SMU with any changes in address or plans as soon as possible. Keeping a copy of the application submitted is helpful so students will know what information they last submitted to SMU.

Students seeking scholarships are required to submit an extra curricular and personal resume and updated letters of recommendation by the application deadline for their entry term to SMU. It is recommended that students also include a more recent essay.