



About the University of St. Thomas

The University of St. Thomas, founded in 1885 by Archbishop John Ireland, is a coed, Catholic university, whose mission is to provide a values-based, liberal arts education to help you prepare not only for a career, but also for life. With more than 10,000 students, St. Thomas is the largest private institution of higher education in Minnesota.

St. Thomas welcomes students of all ages and religions, and from a broad range of racial and financial backgrounds. Undergraduates can choose from more than 90 majors and the student-faculty ratio is 15 to 1.

St. Thomas' main campus is located in a quiet, residential neighborhood of St. Paul, Minnesota, where historic Summit Avenue meets the Mississippi River. The campus is just minutes from both downtown St. Paul and downtown Minneapolis. The university also has campuses in Minneapolis and Owatonna, and offers classes at sites in Anoka, Chaska, and the Mall of America in Bloomington.

The University of St. Thomas admits students of any race, color, creed and national or ethnic origin.



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What is the Recognition Scholarship Program for Community College Students?

At the University of St. Thomas, it is our goal to recognize and award the academic achievements of all students entering the university. That is why we have developed a special scholarship program exclusively for community college students. This scholarship's specific intent is to honor and reward outstanding community college students who transfer to St. Thomas.

What award amounts are available?

St. Thomas will award six Recognition Scholarships of \$4,000 each to new 2009-2010 transfer applicants.

Who should apply?

Students who have earned at least 56 semester credits or the quarter credit equivalent at a community college and have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher are encouraged to apply. (PSEO students are not eligible to apply.) Preferential consideration will be given to members of Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society for community college students, as recognition of membership.

How is the scholarship awarded?

These scholarships are awarded to applicants as determined by the Transfer Scholarship Committee. Students eligible for other need-based aid are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and meet with a counselor in the Financial Aid Office. Award recipients will be notified by June 5, 2009.

Can I renew the scholarship?

Recipients will be eligible to renew their scholarship one time by completing at least 28 semester credits during the 2009-2010 academic year with a St. Thomas GPA of 3.0 or higher.



How do I apply?

To be considered, the applicant must:

- Submit a complete application for admission to St. Thomas, including academic transcripts. Applications must be postmarked by May 15, 2009. To receive the award, you will need to enroll on a full-time basis at the University of St. Thomas.
- Secure a minimum of two letters of recommendation from faculty or staff at your community college who can speak of your academic merit. We recommend that you choose references carefully and advise them of the May 15, 2009 deadline.
- Complete and return the Recognition Scholarship application by May 15, 2009. Attach a one-page personal statement in which you describe why you think you should be considered for this scholarship. You should include references to campus activities in which you have participated, community involvement and special circumstances.

Who can I contact for more information?

For more information about ...

The Recognition Scholarship Program, the admissions process or transfer of credits:

Call Karen Koivisto, transfer admissions counselor, at (651) 962-6528; (800) 328-6819, Ext. 2-6528; or karen.koivisto@stthomas.edu.

The financial aid process:

Call the Financial Aid Office at (651) 962-6550; (800) 328-6819, Ext. 2-6550; or financialaid@stthomas.edu.