

SMART Questions & Answers

What is the SMART scholarship program?

Sponsored by Texas Instruments, the Science, Math, Advanced Research and Technology (SMART) initiative provides college scholarships to Collin County Community College District (“Collin”) for selected PISD students interested in science, math, engineering or technology careers. The objective is to create a pipeline of professionals beginning in the Plano Independent School District and extending on to Collin County Community College and The University of Texas at Dallas for undergraduate degrees.

How much are these scholarships and who can get them?

Qualified Collin freshman and sophomores intending to major in math, science, computer science or engineering can receive up to \$2,500 per year for tuition and books. Scholarships of up to \$400 will also be available to high school juniors and seniors in the Plano Independent School District participating in the dual enrollment program.

What type of college courses can be taken?

Students majoring in math, science, computer science and engineering have a variety of college courses from which to choose within their area. Examples:

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| Algebra | C++ | Engineering Circuits |
| Calculus | Java | Engineering Mechanics |

Students also have a number of courses to complete within the core that includes English, history, sociology and economics.

How much does a class cost? How much does it cost for a whole semester?

A class is roughly \$120. Tuition and fees for Collin County residents is \$37 per credit hour. A full-time student would pay \$446 for 12 hours and \$557 for 15 hours.

How much do books cost?

It depends upon the course, but the average cost is about \$100 per class.

When can students take these classes?

Classes are held throughout the day and evening, so students can select the time that best fits their schedules.

What is the relationship with the University of Texas at Dallas?

SMART is aimed at students who intend to transfer to the University of Texas at Dallas to complete an undergraduate degree in an engineering or engineering-related field. The credits earned at Collin will, however, transfer to virtually any university.

Where/how can someone apply?

Simply contact Wayne Jones at wjones@cccdd.edu or 972.377.1715 for applications and selection process information. Information is also available at www.cccdd.edu/smart.