

# What is ECHS?

The Early College High School (ECHS) initiative enables high school students to earn an associates degree and their high school diploma simultaneously upon graduation from an ECHS campus. The program supports student development and promotes access to higher education, and an opportunity to participate in a vigorous academic program.

# ECHS Responsibility

Our core responsibility is to serve as a point of contact and central resource for ECHS community members. We are committed to assisting ECHS students from before admission to after graduation as well as serving as a resource for ECHS counselors, faculty, and administration.



## EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER

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Success Center**  
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## Accelerated Scholarship

Under current Department of Education criteria, students who attend a higher education institution prior to graduation from high school are not eligible for federal based need financial aid.

Therefore, UTEP has made a commitment to provide scholarships for students who have:

- completed their associate's degree from EPCC prior to completing their high school diploma at a Region 19 ECHS and
- plan to continue their education at UTEP

## Benefits

The Accelerated Scholarship covers only the costs of tuition and mandatory lab and course fees for a maximum of **nine (9) credit hours**.

## Eligibility

- Be enrolled in an ECHS Program
- Must have earned an Associate of Arts or an Associate of Science degree and transfer a final cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above from EPCC
- Complete an application to UTEP through [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org) for both admissions and scholarships

## Keep in Mind

Students are responsible for all other costs such as transportation, books, etc. Fees such as late fees and add/drop fees are also not covered by this scholarship.

Students may take more than nine (9) credit hours but are responsible for **ALL** additional tuition and fees.

Students must pay a one-time \$10 Student General Property Deposit in their first semester at UTEP which can be refunded after graduation.

Scholarship will only be provided for **pre-approved academic credit-bearing courses** which meet degree requirements as per the student's degree plan.

## Renewal Requirements

- **Must earn a 3.0 GPA or greater** during the first semester
- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress for the enrolled courses