

About CAMP



2010-2011 CAMP Students

The College Assistance Migrant Program at St. Edward's University helps first-year students from migrant and seasonal farmworker families develop the skills they need to succeed in college. Since its founding in 1972, the St. Edward's CAMP has given more than 2,700 students a solid academic foundation and helped them achieve their educational and career goals.

Our program is selective — with only 35 vacancies a year — and our approach is personal. During your freshman year at St. Edward's, you'll study in a highly supportive environment that includes academic and personal counseling, tutoring, and a full range of support services. CAMP Enrichment Week gives you a chance, before classes begin, to get to know fellow students, faculty and staff, and former CAMP students continuing their education at St. Edward's. We also invite parents to attend a one-day orientation.

Our CAMP students are an important part of the St. Edward's community, and many of our professors specifically ask for CAMP students in their classes. At St. Edward's you'll have the opportunity to participate fully in campus activities, including the student newspaper, student government, athletics, Campus Ministry and more. Our CAMP staff maintains an open-door policy, with opportunities for open conversation, support or counseling.

in their own words

The real CAMP story is told in the experiences and accomplishments of our students.



"CAMP gave me an opportunity to go to college and be away from home for the first time. I met great people who cared, classmates who understood where I was coming from, and a teacher who saw something in me and encouraged me to apply to graduate school. CAMP is not only your champion to getting into the university — it is the key to your success there. The program combines social support with financial, academic and administrative support to help you succeed with your education and in life. It will change your life forever."

*René Pérez Rosenbaum, CAMP 1974, Brownsville, Texas
BA Economics, Class of 1976
PhD in Economics, University of Notre Dame, Class of 1985
2011 Distinguished Alumni Award*



"Being part of the CAMP family is one of the best experiences I have had in college. CAMP is so much more than just a scholarship program — it's a support system and a family, and I feel honored to be a part of it. You will meet the most amazing people who truly care about your success and are willing to help if you need a hand. CAMP opened up a multitude of opportunities for me, and it gave me the tools and experiences to apply for and be accepted to the Fulbright Summer Institute."

*Leslie de la Rosa, CAMP 2008, Mission, Texas
BA Spanish, Class of 2012
McNair Scholars Program
Fulbright Summer Institute*



"I believe in rewarding hard work, equal opportunity and responsible citizenship. Without CAMP I would not have graduated from college and law school or been able to serve the President of the United States in the White House. CAMP gave me the tools to succeed at school and, more importantly, in life. The CAMP experience gave me the opportunity to excel like anybody else."

*Geronimo Rodriguez Jr., CAMP 1986, Alamo, Texas
BA Political Science, Class of 1990
UT School of Law, Class of 1996
2001 Alumni Achievement Award
SEU Student Body President, 1990*

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college assistance migrant program
prepares you to succeed



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who is eligible?

To qualify for CAMP, you must:

- meet the admission requirements of St. Edward's,
- be a U.S. citizen or legal resident, and
- demonstrate that migrant or seasonal farmwork is your family's primary source of income.

You must have a Certificate of Eligibility on file with your high school, or you, your parents or guardians must have engaged in migrant or seasonal farmwork for at least 75 days in the last 24 months before you apply.

Definitions for migrant and seasonal farmwork:

Migrant farmwork: Migrant farmworkers migrate from their hometown to other states or towns within the state for farmwork-related employment. Examples of farmwork include soil preparation, planting, harvesting fruits and vegetables, and plowing. Some ranch work, such as feeding livestock and shearing sheep, and some fishing activity also may be used for eligibility purposes.

Seasonal farmwork: Seasonal farmworkers perform the same type of work as described under migrant work but on a temporary basis.

If you have participated in a Chapter 1 Migrant Education Program or Workforce Investment Act, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Admission at 512-448-8502 or 800-555-0164.

it's easy to apply for financial aid.

For our CAMP students, financial aid covers the cost of tuition, fees, books, living expenses, transportation, health insurance and a modest stipend to offset lost wages. All you have to do is apply for CAMP admission and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid in the spring semester of your senior year.

Our financial aid package for CAMP students includes federal, state and institutional grants and scholarships. The package usually covers almost all expenses for the first year except \$2,000. You may choose to pay the \$2,000 by accepting a student loan given to you by the university. Many of our students also use outside scholarships to pay the remaining \$2,000. Outside scholarships larger than \$2,000 may also be applied to the cost of attendance.

Repayment of student loans normally does not begin until you have stopped attending school for more than six months. Repayment terms on most loans allow students to pay off their debts over 10 years.

our commitment of support goes beyond the first year.

While the basic mission of CAMP is completion of the first two semesters of college, our commitment continues through graduation. We not only guarantee four additional years of institutional grants if students maintain satisfactory progress toward a degree, but we also extend additional financial support to students who achieve a strong grade point average.

St. Edward's will pay tuition and provide \$500 per year toward the cost of on-campus housing for students who maintain between a 2.5 and a 2.99 GPA. For students who maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher, the university will pay tuition and provide \$1,000 per year toward on-campus housing.

We'll help you identify and apply for scholarships from corporations, foundations and other private sources to offset the cost of continuing your education.

here's how to apply.

We select our students based on their completed applications, academic records, high school counselor recommendations, extracurricular activities and personal essays. Our goal is to get to know more about you, so please share any information that will help us make a decision. Be sure to submit the following:

- A completed CAMP application
- SAT or ACT scores, with writing section score
- An official high school transcript, including your rank and GPA
- The employment verification form found in the application
- A Certificate of Eligibility from your high school, if one is available, or proof of recent migrant work
- A counselor recommendation form, found in the application
- A personal essay

don't miss the deadline!

Each year we accept 35 CAMP students, which means that selection is highly competitive. We give priority to students who submit all the required documents before Feb. 1 for the following fall semester. We do admit qualified students after Feb. 1 on a space-available basis.



About St. Edward's University

There's an energy at St. Edward's that few universities can match. It's positive and electric, and you'll feel it the first time you set foot on campus. As a student here, you'll learn to think in new ways — with humility, curiosity and integrity — but without limitations. You'll gain skills valued by employers and a broader understanding of the world. You'll leave us highly marketable, confident and prepared to succeed in today's global economy.

Our students are diverse, independent and motivated to participate. They come from 44 states, 34 countries, and all faiths and walks of life. If you want to be part of a close-knit academic community that will challenge you to excel — in one of the most exciting cities in the country — take time to visit St. Edward's.

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