THE MARY JOHN GOREE SCHOLARSHIP FOR LAS ANIMAS COUNTY STUDENTS AT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

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WHERE IS PRINCETON UNIVERSITY?

AN OVERVIEW OF PRINCETON

- Princeton has approximately 5,727 undergraduate students and 3,225 graduate students.
- Princeton combines the faculty and facilities of a world-class research institution with the intimacy and emphasis on liberal arts education of a small college.
- The Princeton faculty includes 32 Nobel Prize winners.
- All Princeton faculty members teach undergraduates. The student faculty ratio is 5 to 1.
- Princeton currently offers 36 majors and 70 minors and interdisciplinary certificate programs.

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AN OVERVIEW OF PRINCETON (CONT.)

- Princeton has a beautiful campus located in the small town of Princeton, NJ, halfway between Philadelphia and New York.
- Princeton is a residential university where virtually all students live on campus.
- Freshmen and sophomores live in one of seven residential colleges. Upperclass students have a variety of residential and dining options, including, among others, remaining in a residential college, living in a dormitory and eating at an eating club, joining a co-op or "going independent."

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IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF A PRINCETON EDUCATION

- **The Preceptorial System** A typical course will have two lectures and a precept each week. In a precept, 10-15 students meet with a professor or graduate student who promotes stimulating discussion and debate of the assigned readings and the lectures. In most science and engineering courses, a lab section takes the place of a precept.
- **Independent Work** Princeton students are required to do one-on-one independent work with a professor. This leads to two or more junior papers and a senior thesis, which all students must complete. The thesis is a substantial work of original scholarship.

PROSPECT HOUSE AND GARDEN

- At one time, the residence of Princeton's president, Prospect House is now the University's faculty club.

- Photo: Princeton University Office of Communication

GLOBAL LEARNING

- Princeton students can earn a year's or a semester's credit for study abroad from the spring term of their sophomore year through the fall term of their senior year. Princeton accepts credits from more than 100 programs in more than 40 countries.
- Princeton regularly offers instruction in more than 20 modern languages with opportunities for intensive summer instruction in the country where a language is spoken.
- Princeton also sponsors PIIRS Global Seminars. These are six-week summer seminars abroad designed and led by Princeton professors that take place in the locale that is at the heart of the seminar's subject matter.

HOLDER TOWER

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PRINCETON IN WINTER

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PRINCETON STUDENTS

- They are extremely talented inside and outside of the classroom.
- They come from a wide variety of places and backgrounds and have a great range of academic and non-academic interests.
- Every state and approximately 100 foreign countries are represented in the undergraduate student body.
- Princeton students are very friendly. Most Princeton alumni include fellow alumni among their closest friends.

HOW DO LAS ANIMAS COUNTY STUDENTS EXPERIENCE PRINCETON?

- Most Las Animas County students go through a period of significant adjustment, both academic and social, in their first and second years at Princeton. This is also true for many Princeton students from other places.
- Most Las Animas County students find that by sophomore year, they are much more confident in their ability to handle their academic work and have a circle of good friends.
- The Princeton experience will challenge and transform you.

SALLY JANE RUYBALID WINS SPIRIT OF PRINCETON AWARD!

MORE ABOUT SALLY JANE RUYBALID AND THE SPIRIT OF PRINCETON AWARD

- The award recognizes those who have demonstrated a strong commitment to the undergraduate experience through dedicated efforts in student organizations, athletics, community service, religious life, residential life and the arts.

- Sally Jane's citation reads: "Sally Jane Ruybalid, a senior from Trinidad, Colorado, concentrating in architecture and pursuing a certificate in urban studies. Ruybalid is a manager for the varsity women's basketball team and sings in the Princeton Chapel Choir. She is a leader in Butler College, serving as a peer academic adviser (PAA) and member of the Residential College Leadership Team (RCLT)."

THE MARY JOHN GOREE SCHOLARSHIP

KEY FACTS ABOUT THE GOREE SCHOLARSHIP

- It came into existence in 1962.
- 30 Las Animas County students have received degrees from Princeton.
- No Las Animas County student has ever left Princeton without receiving a degree.
- The Goree Scholarship is awarded automatically to any Las Animas County student admitted to Princeton through the regular admissions process.
- There is no separate procedure for applying for the Scholarship.
- There is no limit on the number of recipients in a particular year.
- The decision whether to admit a student is made exclusively by Princeton's admissions office.

FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF THE GOREE SCHOLARSHIP

- The Goree Scholarship provides a minimum award equal to full tuition and fees regardless of a family's financial circumstances.
- Depending upon their family's financial circumstances, a recipient may be eligible for an additional award based upon need up to the full cost of attending Princeton.

LET'S LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

- It now costs about $90,718 to attend Princeton. That figure includes tuition, fees, room, board, books and personal expenses (but not travel).
- Unlike virtually every other scholarship at Princeton, the Goree Scholarship is not strictly need-based.
- The Goree Scholarship guarantees the award of tuition and fees ($65,210 of $90,718 in 2025-2026) **regardless** of the financial circumstances of the student and their family. In other words, the family contribution cannot be more than $25,508.
- Students can apply for additional need-based financial aid up to the full cost of attending Princeton ($90,718 plus travel, in 2025-2026).
- Families whose annual gross income is less than $150,000 will have minimal, if any, contributions.
- All awards are made in the form of outright grants -- NO LOANS!!!

HOW PRINCETON DETERMINES FINANCIAL AID

- Princeton uses a questionnaire that asks about 20 questions concerning the financial circumstances of the student and their family.
- Answers to these questions are put into a formula that comes up with a figure for the required family contribution.
- Princeton has a website where you can enter your family information and get an estimate of what your award would be. Go to www.princeton.edu/aid.
- Remember that regardless of what figure the estimator gives you for your family contribution, the special rules applicable to the Goree Scholarship limit your family and student contribution to the difference between tuition and total cost, $25,508, in 2025-2026

GETTING IN: ADMISSIONS AT PRINCETON

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HOW PRINCETON MEASURES ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AND POTENTIAL

- In a student's application, transcript, test scores (if submitted) and recommendations, Princeton looks for evidence of academic ability, intellectual curiosity and energy.
- Princeton looks carefully at a student's academic program. While Princeton encourages applicants, where possible, to challenge themselves with the most rigorous courses possible, Princeton recognizes that not all high schools offer the same academic opportunities, and, therefore, Princeton focuses on how thoroughly a student has taken advantage of those opportunities that are available to the student.

HOW PRINCETON MEASURES ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND POTENTIAL (CONT.)

- Princeton also looks at standardized test scores. However, for 2025-2026, Princeton is not requiring applicants to submit any standardized test scores. Applications that do not contain test scores will be considered complete and will not be at a disadvantage.
- When multiple scores are submitted, Princeton will look at the highest individual section score on the SAT and the highest composite score on the ACT, so it makes sense to take standardized tests EARLY and OFTEN.
- Princeton requires two teacher recommendations. The teachers must be from different academic areas and should be teachers who taught you in upper-level courses.
- Princeton requires a graded writing sample, preferably in English or history from the final 3 years in high school.

LOOKING FORWARD: ADVICE FOR UNDERCLASS STUDENTS

- Take the strongest possible curriculum you can in the core subjects:
  - English (4 Years)
  - Mathematics (4 years)
  - Science (at least 2 years of a laboratory science)
  - History (at least 2 years, including that of a country or an area outside of the United States)
  - Foreign Language (4 years of one foreign language, if higher-level courses are available)
- Students intending to major in a physical science or engineering should take calculus, one year of math-based or higher-level physics and one year of chemistry.
- Where possible, take honors, AP. and TSC courses in the core subjects.
- Be familiar with the standardized tests Princeton accepts and take those tests early and often, even if you aren't sure whether you're going to submit your scores.

WHAT PRINCETON LOOKS FOR OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM

- Special talents including, but not limited to, athletics, music, art, drama and speech and debate.
- Evidence of commitment and leadership in any number of possible settings including, but not limited to, extracurricular activities at school, student government, community service and/or community of worship.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- Princeton offers students the choice of early action and regular admission programs.
- Early action, deadline November 1, requires student to commit to not applying to an early program of any other private college or university.
- Students who apply early action can expect a decision from Princeton by mid-December. That decision may be admit, deny, or defer to regular admission.
- The deadline for applying under regular admission is January 1 and students applying under regular admission will receive a decision by the end of March.
- Under both early action and regular admission, admitted students have until May 1 to accept Princeton's offer.

SENIOR INTERVIEWS

- As part of its normal admissions process, Princeton offers all applicants the opportunity of an alumni interview. If you accept the offer of an alumni interview, your alumni interview will be with me. The alumni interview is not a major part of the admissions process. It's simply an opportunity for Princeton to learn a little bit more about the applicant and to help put information on the application in context and an opportunity for the student to learn more about Princeton. After you interview with me, I write up a report that becomes part of your file.
- When seniors submit their applications, they should be careful NOT to opt out of the alumni interview. Princeton will then send me their contact information, and I will set up the interview.

WATCH OUR VIDEO!!!

- Please watch our promotional video. Filmed at a 2016 reunion of Princeton Goree Scholars, the video features interviews of Princeton alumni from different decades who have pursued a variety of different career paths discussing how Princeton has affected their lives.
- Even if you're not sure that you're interested in Princeton, you and your family may enjoy watching the video. Not only does it feature beautiful footage of Las Animas County, but your parents may also see Goree Scholars that they remember from when they were growing up in Las Animas County.
- The video may be found on the home page of the web site of the Mary John Goree Las Animas County Scholarship Foundation, www.goreescholarship.org.