In the fall of 2000, Dallas philanthropist Margaret McDermott, wife of the late Texas Instruments co-founder Eugene McDermott, endowed The University of Texas at Dallas with $32 million. Among the components of this generous donation was the Carl J. "Tommy" Thomsen Fund for Student Enrichment, named for the McDermotts' longtime family friend and TI colleague.

The Thomsen Fund provides free tickets for UT Dallas students to attend performances and fine arts events in the Dallas area. Tickets include, but are not limited to: Dallas Symphony, Dallas Opera, Dallas Theater Center, ITAS Music and Dance Series, Texas Ballet Theater.

Thomsen Fund Ticket Distribution

Students may only pick up tickets in person. Tickets are generally distributed on the second Wednesday of each month, beginning at 8:15 a.m. in the Green Center Atrium. A line begins forming in the atrium before 8:15 a.m.

Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. You must be currently enrolled in at least one class at UT Dallas. Be sure to bring your Comet Card. Students may receive one pair of event tickets in any 30-day period.

Important Note

If you have Thomsen Fund tickets and cannot make it to the performance, please return them to the Thomsen Fund office so that another student may attend.

Ticket availability

The list of events is located on the Thomsen Fund Events page.