

Sara Hamlin

Sara is a 21 year old, life science major at UTM. She is a third year student who lives at home with her parents and two brothers. Her brothers are in the final year of high school and will be joining her at UTM for their undergrad next year. Sara has two other minors, one in environmental and the other in history. She is the president of the student union and organizes and coordinates various school events such as clubs, free breakfast, student services in the student centre as well as pub nights with special guests.

Due to the variety in her subject areas, she often has to buy various textbooks for her courses. On top of textbook costs, she also has to buy lab equipment such as a lab coat, safety goggles and gloves for her life science courses. All these expenses add up making it difficult for her to afford new textbooks. She prefers using physical copies of textbook rather than online versions and thus needs to find used copies to save some money.

Despite being heavily involved in school events and affairs, she does not have any social media as she finds them distracting and unnecessary. Though this does limit her ability to find used textbook significantly as most of them are sold on Facebook pages for specific courses. She needs a way to communicate with the entire school for her presidency related activities and announcements and also with students in specific courses that might sell her their old textbooks.