

# Merit Scholarship Opportunities

AT VANDERBILT



# Signature Merit Scholarships

Each year, Vanderbilt awards merit scholarships to entering first-year students who have assembled exceptional academic records and who are leaders both in their intellectual and social communities. Three signature scholarships comprise the majority of Vanderbilt's merit scholarships. Recipients of these scholarships are guaranteed full-tuition awards, plus summer stipends for study abroad, research, service projects, and/or an immersive experience:

- **The Ingram Scholarship Program** recognizes students who plan to combine a professional or business career with an exceptional commitment to community service. The program supports students who are committed to developing their personal roles in the solution to societal problems and who have the maturity and initiative to lead positive social change.
- **The Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship**, Vanderbilt's largest academic merit scholarship program, recognizes students who combine outstanding academic achievement with strong leadership and contributions outside the classroom. Each of the four undergraduate schools awards a number of Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarships proportionate to the school's enrollment.
- **The Chancellor's Scholarship** honors students with outstanding academic records who have worked to build strong high school communities by bridging gaps among economically, socially, and racially diverse groups. Chancellor's Scholars also will have demonstrated significant interest in issues of diversity education, tolerance, and social justice.

All merit-based scholarship awards are renewable through four years (eight semesters) of undergraduate study as long as the recipient maintains satisfactory academic performance. The application decision plan a student selects (Early or Regular Decision) is neither an advantage nor a disadvantage in the merit-based scholarship selection process. Financial need is not a factor unless otherwise indicated.

# Ingram

SCHOLARS IN  
SERVICE TO THE  
COMMUNITY

## Scholarship Program



## Mission and History

E. Bronson Ingram, chairman of the Vanderbilt University Board of Trust from 1991 until his death in 1995, conceived the Ingram Scholarship Program in 1993 as a way to encourage Vanderbilt students to combine a professional or business career with a lifelong commitment to community service. Ingram's own life exemplified volunteerism and an untiring commitment to mobilizing resources of the business community to assist nonprofit community groups. His endeavors are being continued by his family, including his wife, Martha Ingram, chairman emerita of the Vanderbilt University Board of Trust.

## Scholarship Benefits

Ingram Scholars receive full-tuition support each year plus stipends for special summer service projects. Vanderbilt will provide additional need-based financial aid to those Ingram Scholarship recipients whose demonstrated financial need exceeds the amount of full tuition. Scholarships are renewable annually through the senior year contingent on the maintenance of a 3.0 minimum GPA and fulfillment of service-related requirements. Throughout their years as an Ingram Scholar, students are required to maintain a twenty-hour monthly service commitment and to complete at least one summer service project.

Additional summer support is available for students who work closely with a faculty member on a research/service project. Ingram Scholars meet weekly in large and small groups to discuss individual and collective progress, and to reflect on the personal meaning and

societal implications of service. The Ingram Scholarship Program is coordinated by a faculty director who oversees scholar activities associated with the Ingram Scholarship Program.

## Application and Selection

**The Ingram Scholarship Program application is strongly encouraged; preference is given to those who apply. The application will be available via your MyAppVU portal after you apply for admission.**

Ingram Scholars are selected on the basis of commitment to community engagement, strength of personal character, and leadership potential. In evaluating candidates, the selection committee reviews the Ingram scholarship application along with the entire application for first-year admission. Ingram Scholar finalists are also required to interview with the selection committee. Find more information about the Ingram Scholarship Program at [vanderbilt.edu/ingram](http://vanderbilt.edu/ingram).



# Cornelius Vanderbilt

## SCHOLARSHIP

*Exceptional Promise & Infinite Possibilities*

### Mission and History

The Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship began in 2007 with a gift from the Sartain Lanier Family Foundation of Atlanta designated to unite and strengthen Vanderbilt's existing full-tuition academic merit scholarships under the umbrella of a coordinated and cohesive scholarship.

The Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship honors the vision of Vanderbilt University's founder, Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, who endowed the university in 1873 with a gift of \$1 million to "contribute to strengthening the ties which should exist between all sections of our common country." Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholars continue that mission, bringing intellectual and community leadership to the Vanderbilt campus. They forge interdisciplinary and interpersonal connections that unite people and ideas across the world.

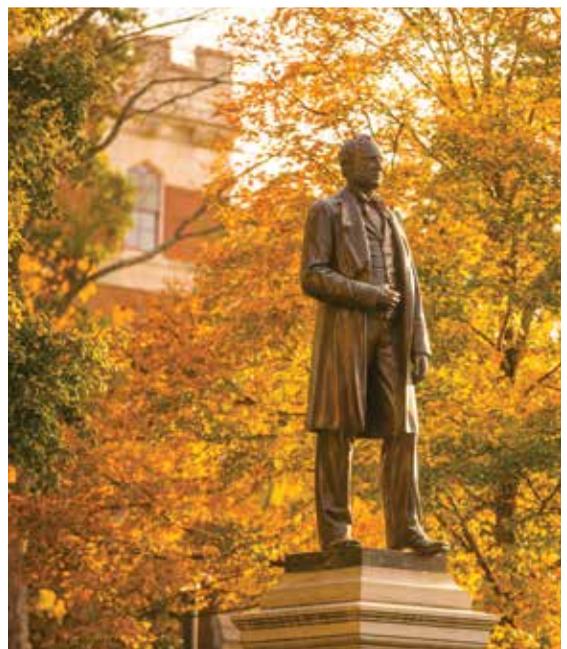
### Scholarship Benefits

Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholars receive full tuition plus a one-time summer stipend for study abroad, a research or service project, and/or an immersive experience following the sophomore or junior year. Vanderbilt will provide additional need-based financial aid to those Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship recipients whose demonstrated financial need exceeds the amount of full tuition. Scholarships are renewed each year as long as the recipient maintains at least a 3.0 GPA.

### Application and Selection

**The Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship application is required; you must apply to be considered. The application will be available via your MyAppVU portal after you apply for admission.**

Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholars are selected on the basis of academic achievement, intellectual promise, and leadership and contribution outside the classroom. In evaluating candidates, the selection committees review the Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship application along with the entire application for first-year admission. Audition scores are a factor in merit scholarship selection for Blair School of Music recipients.





SCHOLARSHIP | DIVERSITY

# CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARS

LEADERSHIP | CITIZENSHIP

## Mission and History

Chancellor Joe B. Wyatt initiated Chancellor's Scholars in 1985 to recognize students with outstanding leadership skills, strength of character, academic achievement, and a deep-seated commitment to diversity and social justice. Chancellor's Scholars have worked to build strong communities in their high schools by bridging gaps among economically, socially, and racially diverse groups, and they have demonstrated significant interest in issues of diversity education, tolerance, and social justice. Chancellor's Scholars are expected to build upon these earlier commitments through continued active engagement in academic and leadership opportunities at Vanderbilt. The scholarship is funded with gifts from alumni, faculty, staff, students, corporations, and friends of the university.

## Scholarship Benefits

Chancellor's Scholars receive full tuition plus a one-time summer stipend for study abroad, a research or service project, and/or an immersive experience following the sophomore or junior year. Vanderbilt will provide additional need-based financial aid to those Chancellor's Scholarship recipients whose demonstrated financial need exceeds the amount of full tuition. Scholarships are renewed each year as long as the recipient maintains at least a 3.0 GPA.

## Application and Selection

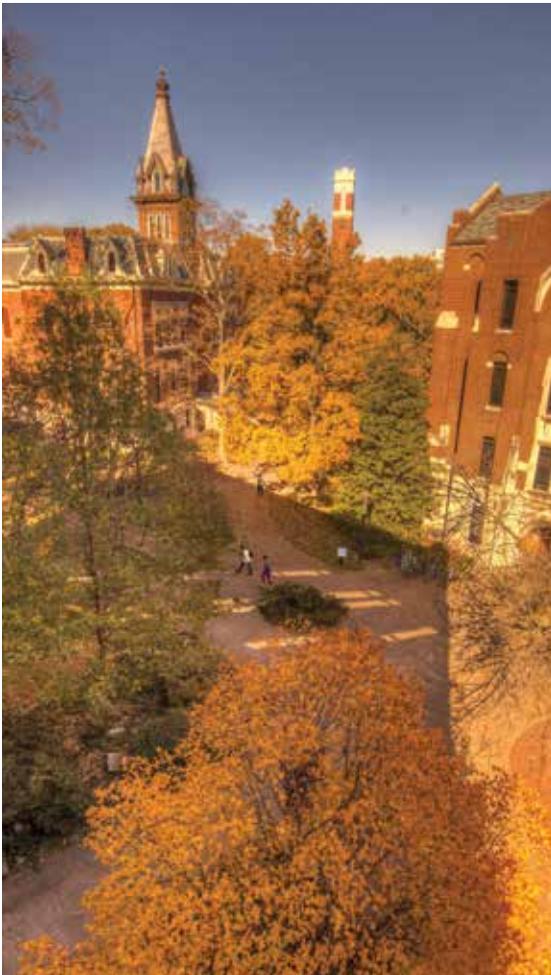
**The Chancellor's Scholarship application is strongly encouraged; preference is given to those who apply. The application will be available via your MyAppVU portal after you apply for admission.**

Chancellor's Scholars are selected on the basis of commitment to diversity, leadership, community engagement, and academic achievement. In evaluating candidates, the selection committee reviews the Chancellor's Scholarship application along with the entire application for first-year admission.



## National Merit Scholarships

Vanderbilt provides scholarship assistance for students named National Merit Finalists. Students must be admitted and designate Vanderbilt as their first choice school with the National Merit Corporation by the final deadline to receive Vanderbilt's National Merit Scholarship. For those finalists who also receive one of Vanderbilt's merit scholarships, we guarantee an additional \$2,000 in National Merit total scholarship dollars per year from all sources (with Vanderbilt supplementing any smaller corporate or one-time National Merit Corporation awards). Those finalists who do not receive an additional merit scholarship from Vanderbilt will receive a total of \$5,000 per year in National Merit Scholarship from all sources (with Vanderbilt supplementing any smaller corporate or one-time National Merit Corporation awards).



## Additional Merit Scholarships

Vanderbilt offers a limited number of merit-based scholarships in amounts starting from \$8,000 per year, including the following:

- **The Carell Family Scholarship** for students who have held part-time employment during their high school years and demonstrate financial need (full tuition and fees),
- **The Clark Scholars Program** provides scholarship and programmatic assistance to meritorious engineering undergraduate students with demonstrated financial need (\$15,000 per year plus assistance for summer immersive experiences),
- **The Maggie Craig Memorial Scholarship** for students who are residents of Giles County, Tennessee, and have attended school there at least five years (up to cost of attendance),
- **The Curb Leadership Scholarship** for students who place creativity at the center of their lives and use their talents and leadership to transform their communities, and demonstrate financial need (\$8,000),
- **The Fred Russell-Grantland Rice Scholarship** for students interested in pursuing a career in sports journalism (\$25,000).

The majority of these awards are based solely on academic achievement, but several have specific qualifications. Vanderbilt also awards scholarships designated for students residing in Houston, Texas, and selected counties in Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

Candidates for these scholarships will be identified by the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships on the basis of academic achievement and fulfillment of any specific scholarship qualifications. Students wishing to ensure their consideration for these awards are encouraged to submit the Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship application by December 1, 2017.

# Merit Scholarship Applications

**There are separate applications for each of the three signature merit scholarships. Scholarship applications will be available via your MyAppVU portal after you apply for admission.**

The application for the Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship is required; you must apply to be considered. For the Ingram Scholarship Program and the Chancellor’s Scholarship, the application is strongly encouraged; preference is given to those who apply. Students who wish to be considered for additional merit scholarships are encouraged to complete the Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship application.

Scholarship	Application Required?	Application Strongly Encouraged?	Deadline	Notification
Ingram		Yes*	December 1, 2017	By April 1, 2018
Cornelius Vanderbilt	Yes		December 1, 2017	By April 1, 2018
Chancellor’s		Yes*	December 1, 2017	By April 1, 2018
Additional Merit		Yes*	December 1, 2017	By April 1, 2018

*\* Qualified students may also be identified for consideration by the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships on the basis of the application for first-year admission.*

To be considered for merit scholarships, you must apply for admission separately ([admissions.vanderbilt.edu/apply](http://admissions.vanderbilt.edu/apply)).

Please note that the admission deadlines are different from the merit scholarship deadlines.

Still have questions regarding merit scholarships at Vanderbilt? Please contact:

Office of Student Financial Aid  
and Scholarships  
2309 West End Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37203-1725  
Tel: (615) 322-3591 or (800) 288-0204  
Fax: (615) 343-8512  
Email: [scholarships@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:scholarships@vanderbilt.edu)  
Web: [vanderbilt.edu/scholarships](http://vanderbilt.edu/scholarships)

In compliance with federal law, including the provisions of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972, Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, the ADA Amendments Act of 2008, Executive Order 11246, the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, as amended, and the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, Vanderbilt University does not discriminate against individuals on the basis of their race, sex, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, military service, or genetic information in its administration of educational policies, programs, or activities; admissions policies; scholarship and loan programs; athletic or other university-administered programs; or employment. In addition, the university does not discriminate against individuals on the basis of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression consistent with the university's nondiscrimination policy. Inquiries or complaints should be directed to the Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, and Disability Services Department, Baker Building, PMB 401809, 2301 Vanderbilt Place, Nashville, TN 37240-1809. Telephone (615) 322-4705 (V/TDD); Fax (615) 343-4969.



© 2017 Vanderbilt University. All rights reserved. "Vanderbilt" and the Vanderbilt logo are registered trademarks and service marks of Vanderbilt University.

Produced by Vanderbilt University Creative Services and Vanderbilt Printing Services. Printed on paper with 30% post-consumer recycled content, as part of the university's commitment to environmental stewardship and natural resource protection. This publication is recyclable. Please recycle it. ♻️



VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Office of Student Financial Aid  
and Scholarships  
2309 West End Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37203-1725

