

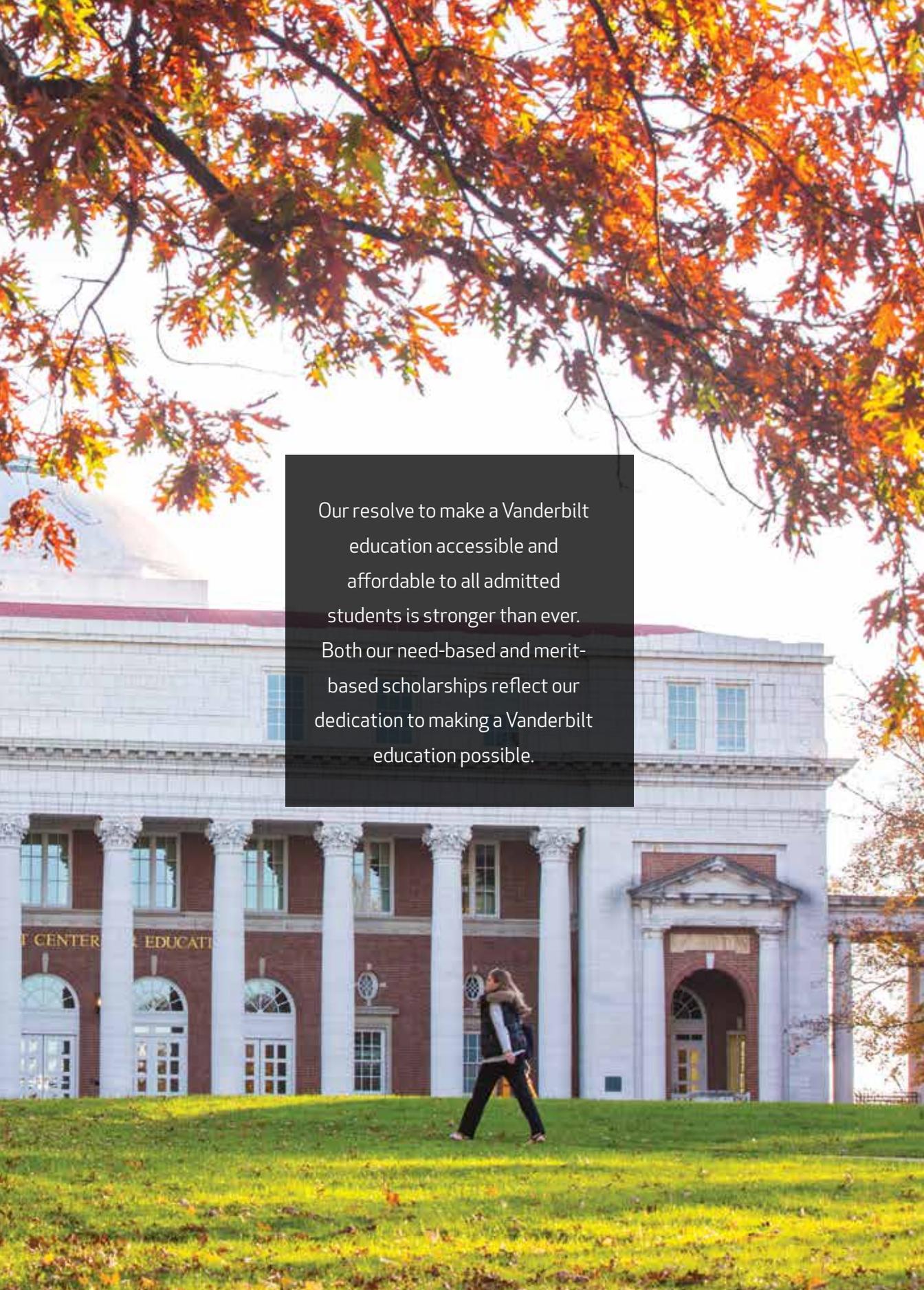
2018/2019  
ACADEMIC YEAR

# SCHOLARSHIPS FINANCIAL AID

VANDERBILT



UNIVERSITY



Our resolve to make a Vanderbilt education accessible and affordable to all admitted students is stronger than ever. Both our need-based and merit-based scholarships reflect our dedication to making a Vanderbilt education possible.

# OPPORTUNITY VANDERBILT NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

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Your ability to pay  
is not part of the  
admission decision.\*

\*For U.S. citizens and eligible  
non-citizens only.

2

We meet 100% of your  
family's demonstrated  
financial need.

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Your financial aid  
award will not  
include loans.

**Our financial aid program does not involve income bands or income cutoffs that limit eligibility.**

## SIGNATURE MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

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**The Ingram Scholarship Program** recognizes students who plan to combine a professional or business career with an exceptional commitment to civic-minded service, innovation, an entrepreneurial spirit, and leadership.

**The Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship** recognizes students who combine outstanding academic achievement with strong leadership and contributions outside the classroom.

**The Chancellor's Scholarship** recognizes students with outstanding academic records who have worked to build strong high school communities by bridging gaps among economically, socially, and racially diverse groups.

# OPPORTUNITY VANDERBILT

## NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS EXPLAINED

Providing for a college experience is one of the largest single investments a family will make; we strongly believe that a Vanderbilt education is worth it. Opportunity Vanderbilt is recognized as one of America's best need-based scholarship programs.

### The Financial Aid Award

The typical need-based financial aid award that Vanderbilt offers to first-year undergraduates with demonstrated need includes a combination of grants, need-based scholarships, and employment opportunities/expectations.

Grants and need-based scholarships come from various sources including Vanderbilt, federal, state, and private sources. **These funds are considered "gift" assistance and do not require repayment.** Employment opportunities offer students a chance to gain valuable work experience in addition to receiving a paycheck for hours worked.

### Loans are not included in financial aid awards.

Opportunity Vanderbilt provides students the ability to graduate debt-free. However, under certain circumstances or by request, loans from federal and other sources may ultimately be made available to students to replace any work expectation in the award or to replace some portion of the family's expected contribution.

### How Need is Determined

Demonstrated financial need is determined by using the financial data you and your family submit. Your file will be individually reviewed in order to determine your family's Expected Family Contribution (EFC). Once your EFC has been determined, your financial aid officer will calculate the difference between the cost of attending Vanderbilt and the contribution expected from you and your parents.

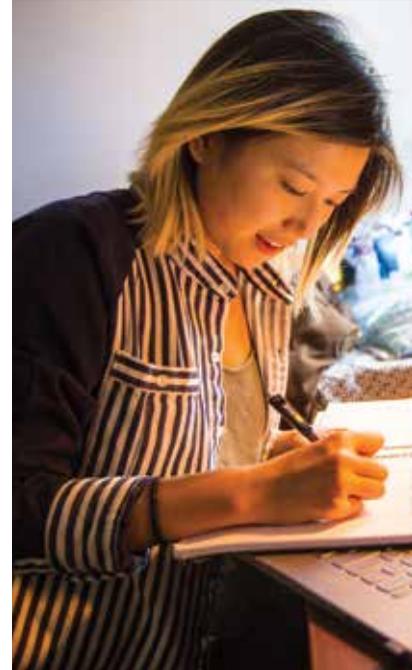
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## Estimated cost of attendance for 2018/19

Tuition and Fees (71%)	\$50,716
+ Room and Board (23%)	\$16,234
+ Books and Personal (6%)	\$4,096
<b>Estimated Total</b>	<b>\$71,046*</b>
(For One Academic Year)	

\*An allowance for travel will also be added to this cost and is calculated based upon the student's state of residence.

\*First-year engineering students are required to either purchase a laptop from Vanderbilt or provide their own computer that meets or exceeds School of Engineering requirements. The current estimate for the computer if purchased through Vanderbilt is \$1,600. In addition, each engineering student must pay a laboratory fee of \$800. These amounts will be added to the cost of attendance.



# Gift Assistance Awarded to First-year Vanderbilt Undergraduates

95.2%

Vanderbilt Scholarship Assistance

3.8%

Federal and State Assistance

1.0%

Gift Assistance from Other Sources

Vanderbilt Scholarships  
**\$40,697,375**

+ Federal and State Grants  
**\$1,644,268**

+ Other Sources  
**\$428,176**

Total Amount of Gift Assistance  
**\$42,769,819**

from all sources, awarded to all first-year undergraduate students for the 2018/2019 academic year\*

\* As of June 1, 2018



The average need-based financial aid package for first-year students entering fall 2018 contained

**97%** AND **3%**  
**GIFT AID**      **WORK**

Financial aid awards do not include loans to meet demonstrated need.



In 2017/18  
**66%**  
of Vanderbilt students  
received some type of  
financial assistance from  
one or more sources.

Visit our net price calculator to estimate your eligibility for need-based aid.  
[vu.edu/netprice](http://vu.edu/netprice)



# #4 Best Value Among Private Universities

*Kiplinger, 2017*

There is no specific income that will automatically qualify a family to receive need-based aid at Vanderbilt. Income is only one consideration when determining eligibility for need-based financial aid. Other significant factors include, but are not limited to family size, number of children in college, private elementary and secondary tuition expenses, and family assets.

Learn how to apply for Opportunity Vanderbilt Need-Based Scholarships on page 12.

## NEED-BASED AWARDS TO FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS 2018/2019\*\*

PARENT INCOME RANGE	MEDIAN ANNUAL AWARD	% OF APPLICANTS OFFERED AID	AWARD RANGE
\$0-39,999	\$69,800	100%	<b>\$30,844-74,125</b>
\$40,000-59,000	\$66,580	99%	<b>\$37,165-73,151</b>
\$60,000-79,999	\$63,205	100%	<b>\$31,664-70,928</b>
\$80,000-99,999	\$59,149	97%	<b>\$22,882-68,358</b>
\$100,000-119,999	\$54,197	99%	<b>\$25,841-64,790</b>
\$120,000-139,999	\$49,238	96%	<b>\$28,319-67,351</b>
\$140,000-159,999	\$42,441	91%	<b>\$14,587-62,307</b>
\$160,000-179,999	\$38,381	91%	<b>\$7,300-56,665</b>
\$180,000-199,999	\$38,894	85%	<b>\$9,430-54,492</b>
\$200,000+	\$22,062	26%	<b>\$3,312-46,818</b>

\*\* As of May 15, 2018

Vanderbilt awards merit-based scholarships to applicants who demonstrate exceptional accomplishment and intellectual promise. Three signature scholarships — the Ingram Scholarship Program, Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship, and Chancellor’s Scholarship — comprise the majority of Vanderbilt’s merit-based awards. Recipients of these scholarships are guaranteed full-tuition awards for up to eight semesters that include a stipend for research, study abroad, a creative endeavor, community service, or the required Immersion Vanderbilt experience.



## SIGNATURE MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

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### **Mission and History of Vanderbilt's Signature Scholarships**

#### **Ingram Scholarship Program**

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.

#### **Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship**

The Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship began in 2007 with a gift from the Sartain Lanier Family Foundation of Atlanta and was 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." Today, 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.

#### **Chancellor's Scholars**

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.

### 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-based 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-based 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-based Scholarships at Vanderbilt

Vanderbilt offers a limited number of additional merit-based scholarships in amounts starting from \$8,000 per year. 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, 2018.

These additional merit-based scholarships include the following:

**Carell Family Scholarship** for students who have held part-time employment during their high school years and demonstrate financial need (full tuition and fees)

**Clark Scholars Program** provides scholarship and programmatic assistance to meritorious engineering undergraduates students with demonstrated financial need (\$15,000 per year plus assistance for a summer immersive experience)

**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)

**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)

**Fred Russell-Grantland Rice Scholarship** for students interested in pursuing a career in sports journalism (\$25,000)





**MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS**

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# **HOW TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AT VANDERBILT**

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# OPPORTUNITY VANDERBILT NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

Financial aid forms and instructions are available at [vanderbilt.edu/financialaid](https://vanderbilt.edu/financialaid).

## SIMPLY SUBMIT TWO FORMS:

College Scholarship Service  
(CSS) Financial Aid  
**PROFILE**

Free Application for  
Federal Student Aid  
**(FAFSA)**

Your FAFSA and CSS PROFILE results will be sent to us electronically. Upon receipt of these two forms, we will review the applications and, if necessary, request additional documentation to verify your information. If you are admitted to Vanderbilt, we will send you an award letter detailing your financial aid award based upon the timetable listed on pg. 13.

Need-based assistance is awarded for one year and students must re-apply each year to determine continuing eligibility. The application decision plan that a student selects (Early or Regular Decision) is neither an advantage nor a disadvantage in the need-based scholarship application process.

# SIGNATURE MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

**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.

You must apply for admission separately to be considered for merit scholarships ([admissions.vanderbilt.edu/apply](https://admissions.vanderbilt.edu/apply)). Please note that the admission deadlines are different from the merit scholarship deadlines.

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.

# DATES AND DEADLINES

## NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

### EARLY DECISION I

**November 7, 2018** — Priority filing deadline for CSS PROFILE and FAFSA

**Mid-December** — Financial aid award notification

**Late March** — Updated financial aid award mailed

### EARLY DECISION II

**January 2, 2019** — Priority filing deadline for CSS PROFILE and FAFSA

**Mid-February** — Financial aid award notification

**Late March** — Updated financial award mailed

### REGULAR DECISION

**February 1, 2019** — Priority filing deadline for CSS PROFILE\* and FAFSA

**Late March** — Financial aid award mailed

## MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIP	APPLICATION REQUIRED?	APPLICATION ENCOURAGED?	DEADLINE	NOTIFICATION
<b>Ingram</b>		Yes*	December 1, 2018	By mid-March, 2019
<b>Cornelius Vanderbilt</b>	Yes		December 1, 2018	By mid-March, 2019
<b>Chancellor's</b>		Yes*	December 1, 2018	By mid-March, 2019
<b>Additional Merit</b>		Yes*	December 1, 2018	By mid-March, 2019

\* Qualified students may also be identified for consideration on the basis of the application for first-year admission.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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## **When I apply for need-based financial aid, am I also being considered for Vanderbilt merit-based scholarships?**

No, the application for need-based scholarships is separate from the merit-based scholarship application process. To be considered for merit-based scholarships, there is a separate application process via your MyAppVU portal after you apply for admission. Additional information regarding scholarships, including opportunities for National Merit Finalists, can be found at [vanderbilt.edu/scholarships](http://vanderbilt.edu/scholarships).

## **How can I find out about scholarships or financial aid that may be available outside of Vanderbilt?**

Vanderbilt students have been very successful in obtaining outside sources of assistance. For example, during the 2017/2018 academic year, Vanderbilt undergraduates were awarded outside assistance of more than \$6,704,609. This included more than \$2.4 million in gift assistance from the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship program (up to \$5,500 per year, per student).

Also included was \$3,791,680 awarded to students after applying on their own to sponsoring organizations including parents' employers, religious organizations, fraternal societies, women's clubs, and veterans groups. Information and advice regarding outside sources of assistance can be obtained through your high school guidance counselor, publications, and the internet. You may also access FastWeb, a free resource for information regarding scholarship opportunities available from a variety of entities, at [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com).

## **Can my parents secure a loan to help pay for my educational expenses?**

The Federal Direct PLUS Loan provides an opportunity for parents to potentially borrow up to your full cost of attendance for each academic year, minus any financial assistance received. Information regarding the PLUS Loan can be found on our website at [vu.edu/loans-fedplus](http://vu.edu/loans-fedplus).

## **How will outside scholarships affect my financial aid package?**

Based upon past experience, we anticipate that many of our first-year undergraduate students will receive outside scholarships or other gift assistance to help fund their educational costs. Any outside scholarship(s) must be taken into account as part of your total need-based financial aid package and cannot be counted as part of, or as a replacement for, your Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

If an adjustment in your need-based financial aid package is necessary, the outside scholarship will be used first to replace an equivalent amount of work expectation. Receipt of outside scholarship funds may sometimes result in a reduction of other grant/gift funds, but such reductions will be made only as a last resort and only if no other options exist.

## **What types of employment opportunities are available?**

There are a variety of jobs available on campus and in the surrounding Nashville area that provide part-time employment opportunities for students. Payment is dependent upon

the position obtained and the type of work performed. Students earn a paycheck for the hours worked each pay period, and those funds may be saved or applied to living expenses.

## **Will I receive the same need-based financial aid award every year?**

While Vanderbilt's costs may increase from year to year, if your family's circumstances—particularly the number of family members, family members in college, income, and assets—remain relatively unchanged, you can expect to receive a comparable amount of aid during your upperclass years. To be considered for institutional need-based financial assistance, you must reapply each year by completing the College Scholarship Service (CSS) Financial Aid PROFILE. To be considered for federal, state, and institutional financial aid programs, you must reapply each year by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

FIND MORE ANSWERS AT  
[vanderbilt.edu/financialaid](http://vanderbilt.edu/financialaid)

For questions about need-based and merit-based financial aid, please contact:

### **Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships**

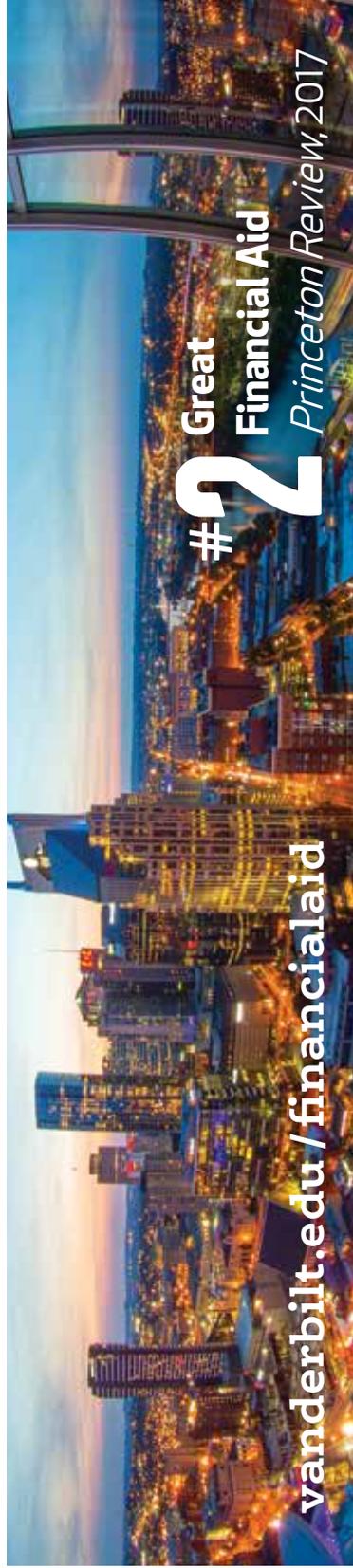
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