NANCE PRIZE

In 1985, the family and friends of Dr. Dana W. Nance (B.A., 1925, M.D., 1929) endowed the Nance Prize, which is awarded annually to graduating pre-med students, “…who have demonstrated the perseverance to succeed in the pre-medical curriculum and who embody the attributes of a caring physician.”

The Deans of the four undergraduate colleges join with the Health Professions Advisory Office in calling for essays (no more than 1,000 words long) from graduating Vanderbilt pre-med seniors who feel they represent the humanistic qualities of Dr. Nance. An interdisciplinary faculty committee will review each applicant’s essay, CV, an informal transcript, and a statement that she/he has applied to medical school during the current cycle. Three awards will be given in 2013. The first place recipient will receive a $10,000 award, second place recipient will receive a $7,500 award, and third place recipient will receive a $5,000 award. Applications are due to the Health Professions Advisory Office no later than February 15, 2013 at 4:00pm and must be given to either Lauren Rains or Dr. Baum. Electronic submissions (nance.essay@vanderbilt.edu) must meet the same deadline. Essay finalists may be asked to come before the committee to interview. The award recipients will receive notification by May 15, 2013.

The application for the Nance Prize must contain the following:

- Essay- typed, double-spaced, 12-point font, no more than 1000 words, with applicant's first and last name on every page of the essay
- Applicant CV (to include e-mail address and personal phone number)
- A photocopy of a recent transcript (no older than the second semester of the applicant’s junior year)
- Statement that she/he has applied to medical school during the current cycle
- All documents listed for the application must have the applicant’s surname printed in the upper right corner of every page
- The application may be e-mailed to nance.essay@vanderbilt.edu or hand delivered to the HPAO office by the posted deadline
- Paper submissions should be paper clipped together, and not stapled