

Each year, Vanderbilt awards approximately 300 major merit-based scholarships to freshman applicants who demonstrate exceptional accomplishment and intellectual promise. These students represent the top 1–2 percent of all freshman applicants to Vanderbilt. Merit-based scholarship awards are renewable through four years of undergraduate study as long as the recipient maintains satisfactory academic performance.

Each of the four undergraduate schools awards a number of scholarships proportionate to the school's enrollment. The application decision plan (Early or Regular Decision) that a student selects is neither an advantage nor a disadvantage in the merit-based scholarship selection process. Financial need is not a factor unless otherwise indicated.

SIGNATURE MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Three signature scholarship programs comprise the majority of Vanderbilt's merit scholarships. Recipients are guaranteed full-tuition awards, plus summer stipends for study abroad, research, or service projects.

The Ingram Scholarship Program recognizes students who demonstrate a willingness and ability to combine a successful business or professional career with a lifelong commitment to finding solutions to critical societal problems. 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 Program, Vanderbilt's largest academic merit scholarship program, recognizes students who combine outstanding academic achievement with strong leadership and contributions outside the classroom.

The Chancellor's Scholarship Program 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.

NATIONAL MERIT AND NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Vanderbilt provides scholarship assistance for students named National Merit or Achievement 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 or Achievement Scholarship. For those finalists who also receive one of Vanderbilt's merit scholarships, we guarantee an additional \$2,000 in National Merit or Achievement 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 or Achievement scholarship from all sources (with Vanderbilt supplementing any smaller corporate or one-time National Merit Corporation awards).

ADDITIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Vanderbilt also offers a limited number of merit-based scholarships in amounts varying from \$8,000 per year up to full tuition, including:

- the Carell Family Scholarship for students who have held part-time employment during their high school years and demonstrate financial need,
- the Curb Leadership Scholarship for students who place creativity and innovation at the

center of their lives, and use their talents and leadership to create new possibilities and solve problems in their chosen field,

- the John Seigenthaler Scholarship for outstanding minority students interested in a career in journalism and/or public policy,
- the Fred Russell-Grantland Rice Scholarship for students interested in pursuing a career in sports journalism, and
- the Maggie Craig Memorial Scholarship for students who are residents of Giles County, Tennessee, and have attended school there at least five years.

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

NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID

Additional financial aid is available for students with demonstrated financial need. Families should submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE forms by February 1, 2016, for priority consideration for need-based financial aid. Both forms can be completed online. You can find the FAFSA at fafsa.ed.gov and the PROFILE at profileonline.collegeboard.com.

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Merit-Based Scholarship Calendar

		Scholarship Program	Forms Needed	Electronic Submission Deadline
Ingram Scholarship Program applications submitted electronically	December 1, 2015	Ingram	Ingram Scholarship Application, Letters of Recommendation	December 1, 2015
Cornelius Vanderbilt and Chancellor's Scholarship Program applications submitted electronically	December 15, 2015	Cornelius Vanderbilt	Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship Application	December 15, 2015
On-campus interviews for Ingram finalists	February 14–16, 2016	Chancellor's	Chancellor's Scholarship Application, Chancellor's Scholarship Letter of Reference	December 15, 2015
Ingram Scholarship recipients notified	Late February 2016			
Cornelius Vanderbilt and Chancellor's Scholarship recipients notified	Mid-March 2016			
Recipients of additional Merit Scholarships notified*	April 1, 2016	Additional Merit*	Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship Application	December 15, 2015

* To be considered for merit scholarships, you must first apply for admission separately and by the appropriate deadline (admissions.vanderbilt.edu). Please note that the admission deadlines are different from the merit scholarship deadlines.

* Candidates for these scholarships will be identified by the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships on the basis of academic achievement and/or 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 15, 2015.