

## MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION QUESTIONS AT VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY - FALL 2026

(First Year Applicants Only)

Students interested in being considered for the Ingram, Cornelius Vanderbilt, and/or Chancellor's Scholarship Program must first apply for admission by submitting the Coalition Application, Common Application, or the QuestBridge Application to Vanderbilt. Within two business days of submitting your application for admission to Vanderbilt, you should receive an email from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions explaining how to create your online <a href="MyAppVU">MyAppVU</a> account. Under the Scholarships tab in MyAppVU, you will be able to select the signature program(s) to which you wish to apply. For information purposes only, below are the questions for each of the signature programs to prepare responses in advance. Through your MyAppVU portal, you will upload your response as a PDF or Word document and submit online. Students wishing to ensure their consideration for additional merit scholarships (Carell Family, Curb Leadership, and Fred Russell-Grantland Rice) are encouraged to submit the Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship application.

#### Ingram Scholars Program

Response for each question should be between 250 and 500 words.

- 1. Explore what you think it means for individuals, communities, and businesses to "serve the common good." How might this inform your personal career aspirations?
- 2. Describe a civic/community service project in which you have been involved that you believe may be scaled to greater impact/benefit. In so doing, focus primarily on how that scaling could be achieved.
- 3. E. Bronson Ingram was known for his innovation. Tell us about a time when you were able to apply innovative approaches or innovating thinking to create or strengthen a new or existing program, system, or initiative.

## Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship

. Recognizing that you have applied to a focused area of study, please comment on the reasons you are interested in your chosen academic program. In this context, discuss personal experiences, goals, and interests that relate to your choice of major. Please limit your response to 250-500 words.

#### Chancellor's Scholarship Program

1. Create a chart listing activities in which you have participated or actions you have taken that show your commitment to fostering collaboration among students from different backgrounds and perspectives, and how you have demonstrated significant interest in promoting dialogue within your high school community. For each listing, please include the following information:

Activity	Role	Responsibilities	Years Of Involvement	Hours Spent On Activity

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## **Curb Leadership Scholarship**

Describe your artistic or creative practice. What has it meant to you over time? How do you plan to cultivate this practice in the future? Please limit your response to 250-500 words.

# Fred Russell-Grantland Rice Scholarship

Please explain how you plan to use your Vanderbilt experience to develop your anticipated career in sports journalism. Include no more than 10 published samples of your work within your document.

