



VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

PART 1: THE VANDERBILT COMMON APPLICATION SUPPLEMENT FALL 2012

Instructions

Vanderbilt exclusively accepts the Common Application for first-year and transfer admission. Applicants must submit *Part 1: The Vanderbilt Common Application Supplement*, the Common Application, and a nonrefundable \$50 application fee. Part 1 and the application fee may be submitted before or with the Common Application itself. The Common Application may be obtained from www.commonapp.org or by contacting the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. All parts of the application should be postmarked or submitted electronically by the appropriate deadline (see the calendar on page 3 for more details).

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NEED-BASED STUDENT FINANCIAL AID (First-year and transfer applicants)

Providing for a college experience is one of the largest single investments a family will make, and we strongly believe that a Vanderbilt education is well worth it. As a result, we do three very important things to make it possible for students from many different economic circumstances to enroll at Vanderbilt.

First: Since talent and promise recognize no social, cultural, economic, or geographic boundaries, **our admissions process is need-blind** for all U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens. This means that your family's ability to pay for a Vanderbilt education is not a factor in our admissions process. Our goal is to admit students who will be academically successful and contribute to our community.

Second: Vanderbilt will meet 100% of a family's demonstrated financial need for all admitted U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens. With the additional investment that we make in your future, many students often pay no more to attend Vanderbilt than they would pay to attend a college with a lower total cost.

Third: Financial aid packages for undergraduate students do not include need-based loans. The amount of need-based loans offered in the past to meet demonstrated financial need is now replaced with Vanderbilt grant/gift assistance. This initiative applies to all admitted U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens with demonstrated financial need.

These three commitments place Vanderbilt among a small number of U.S. universities to adopt these philosophies and allocate the resources necessary to make a premier education a reality for admitted students and their families.

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

Grants and scholarships will come from various sources including Vanderbilt, federal, state, and private funds which are considered "gift" assistance and do not have to be repaid.

Employment opportunities offer students a chance to gain valuable work experience in addition to receiving a paycheck for their hours worked.

Loans will not be included in financial aid packages based upon our initiative of replacing need-based loans with grant assistance. Under certain conditions and based upon individual family circumstances or desires, however, loans from federal and other sources ultimately may be made available to students upon their request to replace any work expectation in the award or to replace some portion of the family's expected contribution.

PROCEDURES FOR REGULAR DECISION AND TRANSFER CANDIDATES

Students need to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and a CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE by February 5. The FAFSA is available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Be sure to indicate Vanderbilt University as a recipient of the FAFSA results by listing our code (003535).

FINANCIAL AID CALENDAR

Early Decision I

Priority deadline for submitting PROFILE November 5, 2011
Preliminary financial aid awards mailed. December 15, 2011

Early Decision II

Priority deadline for submitting PROFILE January 5, 2012
Preliminary financial aid awards mailed. February 15, 2012

Regular Decision

Earliest possible date to submit FAFSA to processors. . . . January 1, 2012
Priority deadline to submit FAFSA and PROFILE to processors February 5, 2012
Financial aid awards mailed. April 1, 2012

Transfer Students

Priority deadline to submit FAFSA and PROFILE to processors February 5, 2012

The PROFILE registration and application process can be completed online at www.collegeboard.com. Designate Vanderbilt University, CSS code #1871, to receive your PROFILE results.

SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR EARLY DECISION CANDIDATES

Please note that our Early Decision plans are binding and therefore are not appropriate for families who prefer to compare aid or scholarship awards from several schools.

Students must complete the PROFILE by November 5 for Early Decision I and January 5 for Early Decision II. We are able to generate a preliminary aid offer based on this information.

PROFILE corrections and updates should be submitted directly to the Office of Student Financial Aid and Undergraduate Scholarships before March 1. A final aid award will be sent by April 1 incorporating information from the FAFSA (which needs to be submitted by February 5) plus any updates to the PROFILE.

RENEWAL OF AID

Need-based financial aid awards are normally made for one academic year at a time. All aid recipients must file a new FAFSA and PROFILE each year. Annual renewal of aid depends on maintaining satisfactory academic performance as well as demonstrated financial need. A student can usually expect a comparable level of aid each year as long as the overall family and financial situation remain essentially the same.

INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATES

Vanderbilt has a limited amount of need-based financial aid for international students (defined as non-U.S. citizens who lack U.S. permanent resident status). Interested students must complete the International Student Financial Aid Application available from the College Board. Admission decisions for international students are made on a "need aware" basis. As a result, competition for larger financial aid awards is especially keen. In addition, international students may apply for merit scholarships.



MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS (First-year applicants only)

Each year, Vanderbilt awards approximately 300 merit-based scholarships to applicants who demonstrate exceptional accomplishment and intellectual promise. These students represent the top 1%–2% of all first-year applicants to Vanderbilt. Scholarship awards are renewable through four years of undergraduate study as long as the recipient maintains satisfactory academic performance. All four undergraduate schools award a number of scholarships proportionate to their enrollment

The application decision plan (Early or Regular Decision) a student selects is not considered in the merit-based scholarship selection process, nor is a student's financial need.

There are no merit-based scholarships available for transfer students.

SIGNATURE MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Three signature scholarship programs comprise the majority of Vanderbilt's honor 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 sponsors students who plan to pursue a business or professional career and have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to community service.

The Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship Program, Vanderbilt's largest merit-based scholarship program, recognizes students who combine outstanding aca-

demical achievement with strong leadership and contributions outside the classroom. Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholars have the opportunity to participate in a series of programs designed especially for highly talented students.

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 and who have demonstrated significant interest in issues of diversity education, tolerance, and social justice.

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Candidates for the three signature scholarship programs must complete the appropriate forms from the Vanderbilt Application Packet for Merit-Based Scholarships. Applications for the Ingram Scholarship Program must be postmarked by December 1; applications for the Cornelius Vanderbilt and Chancellor's Scholarship programs should be postmarked by December 15.

The Vanderbilt Application Packet for Merit-Based Scholarships may be found online at www.vanderbilt.edu/scholarships or may be obtained by calling the Office of Student Financial Aid and Undergraduate Scholarships at (615) 322-3591.

OTHER MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

The majority of these awards are based solely on academic achievement, but several have specific qualifications. These include the Carell Family Scholarship for students who have held part-time employment during their high school years, the John Siegenthaler 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 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. In addition, Vanderbilt awards scholarships designated for students residing in Houston, Texas, and selected counties in Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

It is recommended that students who want to be considered for these awards submit the appropriate forms from the Vanderbilt Application Packet for Merit-

Based Scholarships to ensure their applications for admission are reviewed by the Office of Student Financial Aid and Undergraduate Scholarships.

National Merit Scholarships

Admitted students named as finalists by the National Merit Corporation who designate Vanderbilt as their first-choice school by the final deadline set by the National Merit Corporation will receive a minimum of \$5,000 per year in merit-based scholarships.

ROTC Scholarships Students who plan to join the Reserve Officer Training Corps can apply for four-year scholarships through their high school or ROTC recruiter early in their senior year. Scholarships pay full or partial tuition, books and fees, and a monthly stipend. Vanderbilt provides a supplement to each service-selected awardee. Recipients are typically required to serve in the military after college. Army and Naval ROTC are offered at Vanderbilt; Air Force ROTC is offered at nearby Tennessee State University.

MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIP CALENDAR

- Ingram Scholarship Program applications postmarked December 1, 2011
- Cornelius Vanderbilt and Chancellor's Scholarship Program applications postmarked December 15, 2011
- Army ROTC scholarship applications due. January 9, 2012
- Naval ROTC scholarship applications due. January 29, 2012
- On-campus interviews for Ingram finalists Mid-February 2012
- Ingram Scholarship recipients notified. Late February 2012
- Cornelius Vanderbilt and Chancellor's Scholarship recipients notified; recipients of Additional Honor Scholarships notified Mid-March 2012



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HIGH SCHOOL

High school name _____

State _____ CEEB code _____

Check here if you are interested in the Reserve Officers Training Corps. Army Naval Air Force (at Tennessee State University)

ALUMNI RELATIVES

Last name _____ First name _____ Middle name _____

Relationship _____ Year of graduation _____

Last name _____ First name _____ Middle name _____

Relationship _____ Year of graduation _____

Last name _____ First name _____ Middle name _____

Relationship _____ Year of graduation _____

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APPLYING TO VANDERBILT

All students seeking admission to Vanderbilt must complete this form and the Common Application. The Common Application may be obtained from www.commonapp.org or by contacting the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Every application is reviewed by a team of admissions officers. Above all, the admissions process is holistic: we are seeking to understand your academic record in the context of your specific high school or college and your contributions both inside and outside of the classroom. The five components of the Common Application (transcript, standardized test scores, essays, recommendation letters, and list of activities) help us to evaluate each applicant's strengths as a student and as a community member, and to determine how those strengths will enrich our entering class.

Vanderbilt accepts transfer applicants only for the fall semester.

SELECTING A SCHOOL

First-year and transfer applicants must designate one of Vanderbilt's four undergraduate schools: the College of Arts and Science, School of Engineering, Peabody College, or Blair School of Music. In addition, applicants to Peabody College or to the Blair School must select a major from the list on page 3. First-year applicants may apply for admission to a second-choice school as well.

INSTRUCTIONS Please complete and submit this form as soon as possible, and no later than the appropriate deadline listed on page 3. If you complete and mail the form, please type or print clearly, and use blue or black ink. All applicants must submit or mail in a nonrefundable \$50 application fee or a fee waiver request form.

Social Security Number _____ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ Gender Female Male

First-year Transfer

Current or most recent college/university _____

Have you previously applied for admission to Vanderbilt University? Yes No

SCHOOL TO WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING Peabody and Blair applicants **MUST** select a major from the list on page 3. Blair applicants must arrange for an audition and submit the Blair School of Music Profile to be considered for admission.

College of Arts and Science Major code _____ School of Engineering Major code _____

Blair School of Music Major code _____ Peabody College Major code _____

If you are interested in an alternate Vanderbilt school, please indicate below. Transfer applicants cannot have a second choice. Blair and Peabody applicants **MUST** select a major.

College of Arts and Science Major code _____ School of Engineering Major code _____

Blair School of Music Major code _____ Peabody College Major code _____

FULL LEGAL NAME

Last name _____ First name _____

Middle name _____ Prefer to be called _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP code _____ Country _____

Area code/phone number (U.S. & Canada) _____ International area code/phone number _____

Email address _____

(Please use an email address that you can check regularly for the next 12 months. To learn more about creating a trouble-free email address, please visit admissions.vanderbilt.edu/stay-in-contact.)