VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

PART 1: THE VANDERBILT COMMON APPLICATION SUPPLEMENT
FALL 2009

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 $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).

Office of Undergraduate Admissions
Vanderbilt University
2305 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37203-1727
Telephone: (615) 322-2561
Toll free: (800) 288-0432
E-mail: admissions@vanderbilt.edu
Web site: www.vanderbilt.edu/admissions
**NEED-BASED STUDENT FINANCIAL AID** (First-year and transfer applicants)

**University Grants** are awarded on the basis of demonstrated financial need. Since the 2001-2002 academic year, Vanderbilt has proactively and aggressively taken steps toward reducing the overall debt of undergraduate students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents with demonstrated financial need. This has been accomplished as a result of the university providing more institutionally funded, need-based grant (gift) assistance to eligible students each year. Work is ongoing to further reduce debt, and more programs and initiatives are forthcoming in the near future.

**Other Grants and Loans** In addition to Vanderbilt grant funds, grants may also be provided through the Federal Pell Grant Program, the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program, and various state grant and other programs. Under certain conditions and based upon individual family circumstances or desires, loans from federal and other sources may be available to students on request.

**Student Employment** Through the Federal Work-Study Program, students may work while attending Vanderbilt. Recipients will be assisted by the staff of the Office of Student Financial Aid in finding jobs that generally involve 10-15 hours of work per week.

**PROCEDURES FOR REGULAR DECISION AND TRANSFER CANDIDATES**

Students need to complete a CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE and a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by February 1. 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. The FAFSA is available online at www.fafsa.gov. Be sure to indicate Vanderbilt University as a recipient of the FAFSA results by listing our code (003535).

**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 registration and application process by November 1 for Early Decision I and January 1 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 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 1) plus any updates to the PROFILE.

**FINANCIAL AID CALENDAR**

**Early Decision I**
Deadline for submitting PROFILE. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . November 1, 2008
Preliminary financial aid awards mailed . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . December 15, 2008

**Early Decision II**
Deadline for submitting PROFILE. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . January 1, 2009
Preliminary financial aid awards mailed . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . February 15, 2009

**Regular Decision**
Earliest possible date to submit FAFSA to processors . . . . . . . January 1, 2009
Deadline to submit FAFSA and PROFILE to processors . . February 1, 2009
Financial aid awards mailed . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . April 1, 2009

**Transfer Students**
Deadline to submit FAFSA and PROFILE to processors . . February 1, 2009

**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 remains 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.

Each year, Vanderbilt awards approximately 300 merit-based scholarships to applicants who demonstrate exceptional accomplishment and intellectual promise. These students represent the top 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. Their recipients are guaranteed full-tuition awards, plus summer stipends for study abroad, research, or service projects:

The Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship Program, Vanderbilt’s largest merit-based scholarship program, recognizes students who combine outstanding academic achievement with strong leadership and contributions outside the classroom. Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholars meet together several times throughout the academic year for special programming, such as dinners with faculty or seminars with visiting campus speakers.

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.

The Ingram Scholarship Program recognizes students who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to community service. The program sponsors students who are committed to finding their personal roles in the solution to societal problems and who have the maturity and initiative to promote positive social change.

VANDERBILT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Candidates for the three signature scholarship programs must complete the Vanderbilt Scholarship Application. 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 January 3. The Vanderbilt Scholarship Application may be found online at www.vanderbilt.edu/scholarships or may be obtained by calling the Office of Undergraduate Honor Scholarships at (615) 936-7121.

OTHER MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Additional Honor Scholarships

Vanderbilt also offers a limited number of merit-based scholarships in amounts varying from $10,000 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 Seigenthaler Scholarship for outstanding minority students interested in a career in journalism and/or public policy, the Fred Russell-Granland Rice Scholarship for students interested in pursuing a career in sports journalism, and the Top Tenn Scholarship for outstanding graduates from secondary schools in Tennessee. Vanderbilt also awards scholarships designated for students residing in Houston, Texas, and selected counties in Arkansas, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

It is recommended that students who want to be considered for these awards submit the Vanderbilt Scholarship Application to ensure their applications for admission are reviewed by the Office of Undergraduate Honor 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 by December 1 of 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, 2008
- Cornelius Vanderbilt and Chancellor’s Scholarship
  - Applications postmarked: January 3, 2009

Army ROTC scholarship applications due: January 10, 2009

Naval ROTC scholarship applications due: January 31, 2009

On-campus interviews for Ingram finalists: Mid-February 2009

Ingram Scholarship recipients notified: Late February 2009

Cornelius Vanderbilt and Chancellor’s Scholarship

- Recipients notified; recipients of Additional Honor Scholarships notified: Late March 2009
Students interested in pre-professional programs, including pre-med, pre-law, or pre-business, may consider any of the above programs.
CURRENT ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM PERMANENT)

Address __________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

City __________________________________________________________ County __________________________________________________________

State _______________________ ZIP code ______________________ Country __________________________________________________________

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

Effective until (MM/DD/YYYY) ____________________________________________

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Last name</th>
<th>First name</th>
<th>Middle Name</th>
<th>Relationship</th>
<th>Year of Graduation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Last name</td>
<td>First name</td>
<td>Middle Name</td>
<td>Relationship</td>
<td>Year of Graduation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Last name</td>
<td>First name</td>
<td>Middle Name</td>
<td>Relationship</td>
<td>Year of Graduation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Last name</td>
<td>First name</td>
<td>Middle Name</td>
<td>Relationship</td>
<td>Year of Graduation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Last name</td>
<td>First name</td>
<td>Middle Name</td>
<td>Relationship</td>
<td>Year of Graduation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Last name</td>
<td>First name</td>
<td>Middle Name</td>
<td>Relationship</td>
<td>Year of Graduation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

PART 1: THE VANDERBILT COMMON APPLICATION SUPPLEMENT

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 return with the $50 application fee or a fee waiver request form as soon as possible using the envelope provided.

Please use blue or black ink and print clearly.

Social Security Number __________________________________________ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) ________________ Gender ✡ Female ✡ Male

☐ First-year ☐ Transfer High school graduation year __________________________

Current or most recent college/university __________________________________________

SCHOOL TO WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING Peabody and Blair applicants MUST select a major from the list on page 3.

☐ 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____________________________ County ________________________________

State __________________________ ZIP code __________________________ Country ________________________________

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

E-mail address___________________________________________________________________________________________

(Please use an e-mail address that you can check regularly for the next 12 months.)