

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 Top Tenn Scholarship for outstanding graduates from secondary schools in Tennessee.

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, 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 5, 2013, for priority consideration for need-based financial aid. Both forms can be completed online. You can find the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov and the PROFILE at profileonline.collegeboard.com.

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Merit-Based Scholarship Calendar

Ingram Scholarship Program applications submitted electronically or postmarked	December 1, 2012
Cornelius Vanderbilt and Chancellor's Scholarship Program applications submitted electronically or postmarked	December 15, 2012
On-campus interviews for Ingram finalists	February 17–19, 2013
Ingram Scholarship recipients notified	Late February 2013
Cornelius Vanderbilt and Chancellor's Scholarship recipients notified	Mid-March 2013
Recipients of additional Merit Scholarships notified*	April 1, 2013

Scholarship Program	Forms Needed	Electronic Submission or Postmark Deadline
Ingram	Student Information Form, Ingram Scholarship Application, Letters of Recommendation	December 1, 2012
Cornelius Vanderbilt	Student Information Form, Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship Application	December 15, 2012
Chancellor's	Student Information Form, Chancellor's Scholarship Application, Chancellor's Scholarship Letter of Reference	December 15, 2012
Additional Merit*	Student Information Form, Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship Application	December 15, 2012

* To be considered for merit scholarships, you must 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 Undergraduate 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, 2012.



VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

STUDENT INFORMATION FORM (REQUIRED)

First name _____ Middle name _____

Last name _____ Preferred name _____

Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ Gender Female Male

Ethnicity (Optional—No information you provide will be used in a discriminatory manner.)

1. Are you Hispanic/Latino?

Yes, Hispanic or Latino (including Spain) No

If yes, please describe your background. _____

2. Regardless of your answer to the prior question, please indicate how you identify yourself.

(Check one or more and describe your background.)

American Indian or Alaska Native (including all Original Peoples of the Americas)

Are you enrolled? Yes No If yes, please enter Tribal Enrollment Number _____

Asian (including Indian subcontinent and Philippines) _____

Black or African American (including Africa and Caribbean) _____

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (Original Peoples) _____

White (including Middle Eastern) _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS

Address _____

City _____ County _____

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.)

HIGH SCHOOL

High school name _____

City _____ State _____



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STUDENT INFORMATION FORM (CONTINUED)

Check here to indicate the scholarship program(s) to which you are applying. (You must apply for each scholarship separately.)

- Ingram Scholarship Program
- Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship Program
- Chancellor's Scholarship Program

To be considered for the Carell Family, Fred Russell-Grantland Rice, or Curb Scholarships, please answer the following questions in addition to submitting the Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship Application:

The Carell Family Scholarship recognizes students who balance outstanding academic achievement with part or full-time employment. Have you held a job for at least 6-8 hours per week while in high school? Yes

The Fred Russell-Grantland Rice Sportswriting Scholarship honors two Vanderbilt alums who achieved great success in the field of sports journalism. Are you interested in pursuing a career in sportswriting? Yes

The Curb Leadership Scholarship recognizes 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. Would you like to be considered for the Curb Leadership Scholarship? Yes



INGRAM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION
FALL 2013

Full name _____

Email address _____

High school graduation year _____

How did you learn about the Ingram Scholarship Program? _____

Respond to each of the following questions on separate pages. Label each page "Ingram Scholarship Program Application" and include your full name and date of birth. Please attach the pages to the "Student Information Form."

- I. Describe your two most important service activities and the ways they illustrate how you lead. Please limit your response to no more than 500 words.
- II. Why do you engage in service? Please limit your response to no more than 800 words.
- III. How do you think the Ingram Scholarship Program and Vanderbilt University will shape you and your service? Please limit your response to no more than 500 words.

Ingram Scholarship Program Letters of Recommendation: Please arrange for two references to provide letters of recommendation in support of your application for the Ingram Scholarship Program. You may select anyone from your community who you believe can best address your strength of personal character, commitment to community engagement, and leadership qualities. Please log on to vanderbilt.edu/ingram/apply/ref-letters.php to register as an applicant.

Find more information about the Ingram Scholarship Program at
www.vanderbilt.edu/ingram

Please forward application materials to:
Office of Student Financial Aid and Undergraduate Scholarships
Re: Ingram Scholarship Program
2309 West End Avenue
Nashville, TN 37203-1725



CORNELIUS VANDERBILT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
FALL 2013

Full name _____

Please answer the appropriate essay prompt on a separate sheet of paper. Label your essay "Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship Application" and include your full name and date of birth. Attach the essay to Part I of the Vanderbilt Scholarship Application.

If you are applying to more than one school, please answer the prompt for your first choice school only. Please limit your response to no more than 500 words.

- I. For applicants to the School of Engineering, Peabody College of Education and Human Development, and Blair School of Music:
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.
- II. For applicants to the College of Arts and Science:
While each student will eventually select at least one area of concentrated study, the College of Arts and Science is committed to introducing every student to a broad range of subjects. Which academic interests and/or passions might be a part of your academic journey at Vanderbilt and why?

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**CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
FALL 2013**

Full name _____

Respond to each of the following questions on separate pages. Label each page "Chancellor's Scholarship Application" and include your full name and date of birth. Please attach the pages to Part I of the Vanderbilt Scholarship Application.

I. Create a chart below listing activities in which you have participated or actions you have taken that show your commitment to building a strong high school community by bridging gaps among economically, socially, and racially diverse groups.

For each listing, include the following information:

ACTIVITY	ROLE	RESPONSIBILITIES	YEARS OF INVOLVEMENT	HOURS SPENT ON PROJECT

II. The values promoted by the Chancellor's Scholars are leadership, scholarship, diversity, and citizenship. Please describe how one of the above activities (and only one) has contributed to your understanding of these values. Please limit your response to no more than 500 words.

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CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARSHIP LETTER OF REFERENCE

To the Applicant: Please arrange for one reference to provide a letter of recommendation in support of your application for the Chancellor's Scholarship Program. You may select anyone from your community who you believe can best address your commitment to diversity, leadership, and citizenship.

To the Recommender: Please attach your letter of reference to this form and mail separately from the student's portion of the application.

Applicant's name _____

Applicant's date of birth _____

Name of reference _____

Title/Position held _____

Phone _____

Email address _____

Recommender: Please discuss the candidate for the Chancellor's Scholarship Program, being certain to address his/her commitment to diversity, leadership, and citizenship.

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