

Merit-Based Scholarships

Through The Davidson Trust, Davidson is first committed to a strong need-based financial aid program to assist students whose families are unable to finance the full cost of a Davidson education.

Davidson offers admission to those students in each year's applicant pool whose significant achievement and potential will enrich the college community. Davidson awards merit-based scholarships to approximately 10 percent of each enrolling class in recognition of outstanding academic and personal excellence, leadership, service, the arts, and athletics.

Merit scholarships are made without regard to financial need and are intended to recognize those students whose accomplishments mark them as having extraordinary potential for impact on the Davidson community and future contributions to society. Recipients are selected primarily on the basis of the strength of their applications for admission. In the case of interest- or talent-specific scholarships, selection is also based on the outcome of an audition, writing sample, portfolio review, and/or interview.

All merit scholarships are renewable for a student's four years at Davidson, provided grade point average, progress-toward-degree requirements, and any award-specific requirements are met. A description follows of the four types of merit-based scholarships that are available.

In order to be considered, a student's application for admission must be completed by January 2 (unless otherwise indicated). Notifications regarding merit-based scholarships will be made by April 20.

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS

No separate scholarship application is required for these awards.

All admitted students are automatically considered for General Scholarships on the basis of the strength of their applications for admission. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$15,000 annually and can be renewed for the recipient's remaining three years, provided grade point average and progress-toward-degree requirements are met.

SPECIAL NOMINATION SCHOLARSHIPS

This highly competitive category of scholarships involves those applicants who have been nominated for consideration either by their schools or by members of the admission staff (who make recommendations based on the strength of the student's application for admission to Davidson).

Finalists must participate in mandatory selection interviews. Please see the individual scholarship descriptions for details.

Special Nomination Scholarships are renewable, providing the recipients: 1) earn a minimum 3.0 grade point average; 2) make satisfactory progress toward their degrees; and 3) are significantly involved in the life of the Davidson community.

John Montgomery Belk Scholarships

Up to six comprehensive fee scholarships with two additional summer stipends are offered in the first-year class. The Belk Scholars program recognizes students who combine outstanding academic ability with integrity, compassion, leadership, and distinction in a variety of areas, including student government, service, religious life, the arts, and athletics.

Belk Scholar nominees must submit their completed admission applications no later than December 1.

Belk finalists are required to interview on campus during Belk Scholars Selection Weekend, March 24–26, 2011.

Lowell L. Bryan Scholarships

Two \$30,000 scholarships are offered to outstanding first-year scholar athletes. The Bryan Scholars program recognizes students who have the capacity to contribute in a superlative manner to their sports and to the academic and co-curricular life at Davidson. **Bryan candidates must submit their completed admission applications by October 15. Bryan finalists are required to interview on campus the first week of November.**

Charles Scholarship

The Charles Scholarship, founded by the Niamogue Foundation of Chicago, recognizes Chicago Public School students with established financial need whose leadership ability and academic and personal achievements show them to be capable of making significant contributions to the life of the college.

Finalists are required to participate in individual selection interviews to be held in Chicago in March 2011.

SPECIAL COMPETITION SCHOLARSHIPS

No separate scholarship application is required for these awards.

Finalists are required to interview on campus during Scholars Weekend, April 7–9, 2011.

Thompson S. and Sarah S. Baker Scholarships

Two comprehensive fee scholarships with two additional summer stipends are awarded in each first-year class. The Baker Scholars program recognizes those students whose outstanding accomplishments, purposefulness, service, and maturity mark them as capable of the highest achievement.

William Holt Terry Scholarships

Two \$15,000 scholarships with additional summer stipends are offered annually to first-year students who have demonstrated exemplary leadership skills and personal qualities through academic success, student government, athletics, service, or other activities.

Missy and John Kuykendall Scholarships

Two \$15,000 awards are offered in each first-year class. The Kuykendall Scholars program recognizes young people who exhibit, in their habits of mind, leadership, and character, the potential to provide the Davidson community the kind of servant leadership that characterized the Davidson presidency of John W. Kuykendall. Scholars are chosen on the basis of their personal character, maturity, leadership ability, and academic accomplishments.

SPECIAL APPLICATION SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarships are defined with reference to particular areas of study or talent, and **require that the Special Application Scholarship Form and any required materials be submitted by the application deadline for your admission plan.**

Patricia Cornwell Scholarship

Established by this member of the Class of 1979, this \$10,000 award to recognize one first-year student with exceptional ability and promise in writing. Cornwell Scholars may be creative writers of poetry, fiction, or drama; writers for film; writers who combine creativity with a knowledge of science or technology; journalists; or other writers who demonstrate extraordinary talent. The award is renewable providing the student meets grade point requirements, makes satisfactory progress toward the degree, and remains actively involved in the writing community.

(Next offered in the Class of 2015.)

Julius Dobson Neely and Joseph Dobson Scholarship

This \$10,000 scholarship is offered to one first-year student in each entering class who expresses an interest in Latin as a major field of study and who has shown significant experience and success in the field.

Music Scholarships

Four \$8,000 scholarships will be awarded to members of the Class of 2015 on the basis of **mandatory competitive auditions held during Scholars Weekend, April 7–9, 2011**. Students invited to compete are selected from CD auditions. *Candidates must submit the attached Special Application form*; audition CDs submitted without this application form *will not* be considered for the scholarships. Visit www.davidson.edu/academics/music/scholarship for additional information.

Pepper Visual Arts Scholarship

One \$10,000 scholarship is given each year to a first-year student. Selection is based upon the Art Department's review of the applicant's portfolio. (Required format: 12–15 images, sent as hard-copy thumbnail images or larger printouts. Please do not send discs.) The scholarship is renewable for the second year on the basis of satisfactory academic progress and significant involvement in the visual arts. It is renewable for the junior and senior years if the student declares a major in studio art or art history.

W. Olin Puckett Scholarship

One \$15,000 scholarship is offered in each first-year class to a student leader with academic distinction who is preparing for a career in medicine or the life sciences.

Wachovia Teaching Scholarship

This \$10,000 scholarship is awarded to a student interested in pursuing a career in teaching at the secondary school level.

Williams Challenge Scholarship

One \$10,000 scholarship is offered to a first-year student as a challenge to consider the ministry or other church-related vocations. An additional \$1,000 annually helps support internship or conference attendance.

These Special Application Scholarships are not offered each year.

Rupert T. Barber Scholarship

One \$2,000 scholarship is awarded to a student who demonstrates exceptional talent and passion for theatre. The award is renewable for four years of study at Davidson, based on grade point requirements and active involvement in the theatre program throughout all four years of attendance. **Next offered in the class of 2016.**

Bremer German Scholarship

This \$5,000 scholarship is offered to a first-year student who expresses an interest in German as a major field of study and who has shown significant experience and success in the field. **Next offered in the Class of 2017.**

Special Application Scholarship Form

Check application plan: Early Decision I Postmarked by November 15 Regular Decision Postmarked by January 2
 Early Decision II Postmarked by January 2

TO THE APPLICANT: Please indicate the scholarship(s) for which you wish to be considered by checking the appropriate box(es). Applications for Special Application Scholarships and required materials must be submitted by the application deadline for your admission plan.

Applicant's Name _____ Birthdate (mm/dd/yy) _____
 (Please print)

Mailing Address _____
 Street/P.O. Box City State, Zip Country

Area Code/Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Applicants must submit this form and the following by January 2 to the Office of Admission and Financial Aid.

- Patricia Cornwell Scholarship**
 - a letter detailing your interest in the award and the role writing plays in your life
 - eight to 10 pages of your best work in the genre(s) of your choice

All finalists are required to participate in selection interviews during Scholars Weekend, April 7–9, 2011.
- Julius Dobson Neely and Joseph Dobson Scholarship**
 - a letter discussing your interest in the award and your experiences and involvement in the study of Latin
- Music Scholarships**
 - a letter discussing your interest in the award
 - a letter of recommendation from your current music teacher
 - an unedited CD recording (approximately 10 minutes in length) made by the applicant

The required recording guidelines can be found at www.davidson.edu/academics/music/scholarship.
 On-campus auditions for all finalists are required during Scholars Weekend, April 7–9, 2011.
- Pepper Visual Arts Scholarship**
 - a portfolio (12–15 images, sent to the Office of Admission and Financial Aid as a hard-copy thumbnail or larger printout. Please do not send discs.) Each image should be labeled with applicant's name, title of work, year the work was completed, dimensions of work, and media of work.
- W. Olin Puckett Scholarship**
 - a letter discussing your interest and qualifications for this award
- Wachovia Teaching Scholarship**
 - a letter discussing your interest in the award and vision for a career in secondary education
- Williams Challenge Scholarship**
 - a letter discussing your interest and qualifications for this award

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