

Merit-Based Scholarships

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

Davidson is also committed to the pursuit and recognition of academic and personal excellence, and as a result, offers merit-based scholarships to approximately 15% of each entering class. These awards are made without regard to financial need and are intended to recognize students' outstanding accomplishments and exceptional potential for 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.

A description of four types of merit scholarships offered at Davidson follows.

*In order to be considered, a student's application for admission **must be completed by January 2**. Notifications regarding merit-based scholarships will be made on or before April 21.*

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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 \$10,000 annually and can be renewed for the recipient's remaining three years, provided grade point average and progress toward degree requirements are met.

No separate scholarship application is required for these awards.

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 the college).

Finalists must participate in mandatory selection interviews on campus. Please see the individual scholarship descriptions for those dates.

Special nomination scholarships are renewable, providing the recipients earn the established minimum grade point average for the scholarship, make satisfactory progress toward their degrees, and are significantly involved in the life of the Davidson community.

John Montgomery Belk Scholarships

Ten comprehensive fee scholarships with additional summer stipends are awarded in each first-year class. The Belk Scholars program recognizes students who have demonstrated excellence, combining academic ability with integrity, compassion, leadership, and distinction in a variety of areas including athletics, service, religious life, and student government.

Belk Scholar nominees are strongly encouraged to complete their applications by December 1.

Belk finalists are required to interview on campus during the Belk Scholars Weekend, March 22-23, 2007.

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 complete admission applications by September 20. Bryan finalists are required to interview on campus October 22-23, 2007.

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 interview on campus during Scholars Weekend, April 12-14, 2007.

SPECIAL COMPETITION SCHOLARSHIPS

No separate scholarship application is required for these awards. Nominees are selected by the Davidson admission staff and the Dean of Admission and Financial Aid.

The scholarships are renewable, providing the recipients 1) earn a minimum 3.0 grade point average, 2) make standard progress toward their degrees, and 3) are involved significantly in the life of the Davidson community.

Finalists are required to interview on campus during Scholars Weekend, April 12-14, 2007.

Thompson S. and Sarah S. Baker Scholarships

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

John I. Smith Scholars Program

Two full tuition awards are offered in each first-year class on the basis of leadership, academic excellence, and a commitment to community service.

William Holt Terry Scholarships

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

Missy and John Kuykendall Scholarships

Three \$10,000 awards are offered in each first-year class. The Kuykendall Scholars program invites 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 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 a separate application be submitted by January 2**. Students must apply by following the directions on the attached form. Special Application Scholarships can be renewed for the recipients' remaining three years at Davidson, provided grade point average and progress toward degree requirements are met. Any additional renewal requirements are listed in the scholarships' descriptions.

Rupert T. Barber Scholarship

One \$2,000 Rupert T. Barber Scholarship will be 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.

Patricia Cornwell Scholarship

Established by this member of the Class of 1979, two \$20,000 awards recognize first-year students 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.

Mandatory selection interviews will be conducted during Scholars Weekend, April 12–14, 2007.

Julius Dobson Neely and Joseph Dobson Scholarship

This \$5,000 scholarship is offered to one first-year student 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

The Music Department will award four \$8,000 scholarships to members of the Class of 2011 on the basis of **mandatory competitive auditions held during Scholars Weekend, April 12–14, 2007**. Students invited to compete are selected from taped auditions. *Candidates must submit the attached Special Application form*; audition tapes submitted without this application form *will not* be considered for the scholarships. Visit www.davidson.edu/academics/music/scholarship for additional important details.

Pepper Visual Arts Scholarship

One \$5,000 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 slides or photographs, individually labeled with titles and the applicant's name—these will not be returned). The scholarship is renewable for the second year on the basis of satisfactory academic progress; 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 \$10,000 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 sciences.

Wachovia Teaching Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to students interested in pursuing a career in teaching at the secondary school level. The number and size of the awards vary.

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.

Special Application Scholarship Form

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 merit scholarships must be postmarked by January 2.

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

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

Area Code/Telephone _____ Email _____

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

- Rupert T. Barber Scholarship**
 - a theatre resume and a letter describing your interest in the award
 - a letter of recommendation from a current theatre teacher, theatre director, or designer
 - either:
 - a) a DVD or VHS of one memorized monologue (one to five minutes in length), or
 - b) a design, directing, or stage management portfolio
 Required monologue guidelines can be found at www2.davidson.edu/academics/acad_depts/theatre/barber.html.
On-campus auditions and/or interviews are required during Scholars Weekend, April 12–14, 2007.
- Patricia Cornwell Scholarship**
 - a letter describing your interest in the award and the role writing plays in your life
 - 8-10 pages of your best work in the genre(s) of your choice (i.e., fiction, poetry, journalism, non-fiction, etc.)
 An interview is required during Scholars Weekend, April 12–14, 2007, for all finalists. Keep a copy of your submission. If you are selected as a finalist, you will need your submission for the interview.
- 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
 - a letter of recommendation from your current music teacher—due January 2
 - an unedited cassette recording (approximately ten minutes in length) made by the applicant—due January 2
 The required tape guidelines can be found at www.davidson.edu/academic/music/scholarship.
On-campus auditions for all finalists are required during Scholars Weekend, April 12–14, 2007.
- Pepper Visual Arts Scholarship**
 - a portfolio (preferably 12-15 color slides, labeled with your name and each work's title and date, secured in a clear plastic view sheet) to the Office of Admission and Financial Aid
- 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
 An interview is required during Scholars Weekend, April 12–14, 2007, for all finalists.