

Scholarships

at Davidson College



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OVERVIEW 2023-2024

As a small liberal arts institution, Davidson is fortunate to attract a talented and vibrant applicant pool each year from which we enroll an incoming class of approximately 530 students. Through the generosity of our alumni and friends, we are pleased to be able to offer a limited number of scholarship awards to approximately 4% of an incoming class.

The scholarship selection process concludes in March and all scholarship recipients will be notified prior to the release of Regular Decision admission decisions.

Scholarships at Davidson are categorized in the following ways:

Nomination Scholarships: nomination required

- **The John M. Belk Scholarship**

Competition Scholarships: automatic consideration

- **William Holt Terry Scholarship**

Application Scholarships: supplemental materials required

- **James B. Duke at Davidson Scholarship**
- **Dobson-Neely Latin Scholarship**
- **Music Scholarships**
- **Patricia Cornwell Creative Writing Scholarship**
- **Pepper Visual Arts Scholarship**



The John M. Belk SCHOLARSHIP

Annual Award Amount: Comprehensive cost (tuition, fees, food and housing) for eight semesters plus \$6,000 in special opportunity stipends.

Number Awarded: Up to eight in each first-year class.

Eligibility: Students who demonstrate exceptional achievement and promise in academics, character, leadership, and service.

NOMINATION PROCESS

- Each high school or community-based organization may nominate **up to two students per year.**
- Nominations must be submitted by **November 1, 2023.**
admission.davidson.edu/belknomination

A nominee's application for admission to Davidson College is due by **November 15, 2023.**

BELK SCHOLARS ARE:

- Challenge seekers who embrace intellectual depth, academic achievement, and demonstrate accomplishment in meaningful activities.
- Intellectual explorers who exude eagerness to learn and strive to enrich their own and others' understanding.
- Servant leaders with confidence and humility, who collaborate and galvanize peers to meaningful action.
- Change agents who catalyze community improvement and make connections to bring about positive change.



William Holt Terry Scholarship

The William Holt Terry Scholarship is Davidson's preeminent leadership development award.

Annual Award Amount: Full cost of attendance (tuition, fees, food and housing, and books) annually plus a \$5,000 special opportunity stipend.

Number Awarded: Up to two in each first-year class.

Eligibility: Students who demonstrate exemplary leadership skills, personal qualities, and a commitment to service.

NOMINATION PROCESS

- **Candidates are identified by the Davidson Admission Committee, the Dean of Admission, and the Director of the Terry Program.**
- **Selection is based on holistic application review and a finalist interview in March.**

Applicants for admission to Davidson College are automatically considered for this award; no separate application materials are required.



Application Scholarships

These are Davidson's only scholarships that require supplemental application materials. For information on specific requirements for each award visit **davidson.edu/scholarships**.

You may apply for as many of these scholarships as you wish.

JAMES B. DUKE AT DAVIDSON SCHOLARSHIP

Annual Award Amount: Full tuition and fees for eight semesters, plus a \$5,000 stipend to be used for applied, relevant learning experiences.

Number Awarded: Up to five in each first-year class.

Eligibility: Students whose academic achievement, concern for others, diverse talents and experience, potential for impact, resilience, and work ethic give evidence of their capacity to make a difference in the world.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- **Candidates must first be an applicant for admission at Davidson College to submit the James B. Duke Scholarship Application.**
- **Applications for the James B. Duke Scholarship are due January 10, 2024.**
- **Finalists for the James B. Duke Scholarship will be notified in March.**



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DOBSON-NEELY LATIN SCHOLARSHIP

- \$8,000 annually for eight semesters. Awarded to a first-year student who demonstrates success in Latin and an interest in Latin as a field of study.
- Recipient is **NOT** required to major in Classical Languages and Literature, but must take one Latin course per year at Davidson.
- Applications are due January 10, 2024.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

- Up to \$15,000 annually for eight semesters. Awarded to a number of students who demonstrate exceptional talent and passion for music.
- Recipients are **NOT** required to major or minor in Music.
- All finalists will be offered free music lessons in their instrument for their four years at Davidson.
- Applications are due at the deadline of your chosen application plan.

PATRICIA CORNWELL CREATIVE WRITING SCHOLARSHIP

- \$35,000 annually for eight semesters. Awarded to a first-year student who demonstrates exceptional talent and passion for writing.
- Recipient is **NOT** required to major or minor in English.
- Applications are due at the deadline of your chosen application plan.

PEPPER VISUAL ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

- \$15,000 annually for eight semesters. Awarded to a first-year student who demonstrates outstanding talent and promise in the field of visual art.
- Recipient is **NOT** required to major or minor in Art.
- Applications are due at the deadline of your chosen application plan.



Scholarships FAQs

What is general scholarship consideration based on?

Scholarship consideration is based primarily on the strength of the student's application for admission, with additional consideration given to materials required for Application Scholarships and/or interviews, where applicable.

Are Early Decision and Regular Decision candidates considered equally for scholarship opportunities?

Yes.

Is Davidson College test-optional?

Yes. Davidson is test-optional for both admission and scholarship consideration.

Are scholarships renewable?

Yes. All scholarships are renewable for eight semesters, provided GPA, progress toward degree requirement, and award-specific requirements are met.

Who should I contact about scholarships at Davidson?

Any questions can be directed to your regional admission counselor or our Scholarships team (scholarships@davidson.edu).

Where can I read more about scholarships at Davidson?

More information can be found at davidson.edu/scholarships.

Is Davidson need-blind?

Admission decisions for U.S. citizens and permanent residents are made without regard to a student's financial resources. Davidson is need-aware for international students.

Does Davidson meet 100% of calculated financial need?

Yes. Through a historic decision made by the college community and Board of Trustees, The Davidson Trust meets 100 percent of calculated financial need for all accepted students through a combination of grants and campus employment.

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