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The Charles Scholarships

Davidson
LEADERSHIP, ABILITY, AND OPPORTUNITY
THE CHARLES SCHOLARSHIP
AT DAVIDSON COLLEGE

The Charles Scholarship recognizes and rewards Chicago Public School students with a record of academic achievement, established financial need, personal accomplishment, and leadership ability that promises great success at Davidson. Preference is given to multicultural students, particularly Latino and Hispanic students.

The Charles Scholarship is offered to up to three students in each entering class and provides funding that offers:

• the comprehensive cost of tuition, fees, room, and board (approximately $63,903 for the 2017–18 academic year);
• a book and personal expense allowance;
• an annual travel allowance (three round-trips to Chicago); and
• special study opportunity funds.

The Charles Scholarship is renewable, provided the recipient maintains the required grade point average and makes expected progress toward meeting requirement for a degree.

Charles Scholars enjoy the advantages Davidson provides:

• a broad and challenging liberal arts curriculum;
• extensive opportunities for research, leadership, and study abroad;
• supportive and caring professors;
• world-class facilities for the humanities, sciences, fine arts, and athletics; and
• a wide range of cultural, social, political, service, and athletic organizations.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Davidson seeks talented students of exceptional promise for the Charles Scholarship. Potential scholars should have:

• significant academic achievement in a rigorous curriculum;
• proven leadership ability;
• a record of participation in a variety of activities, such as service, arts, school organizations, athletics, and/or after-school employment.

Nomination Process

Guidance counselors, heads of schools or principals, or college preparatory program representatives may nominate up to three students from their school or program.

The Davidson College Office of Admission and Financial Aid may also nominate candidates based on the strength of the student’s application for admission. Nominations must be made by December 1.

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THE CHARLES SCHOLARSHIP: FULL COST PLUS BOOKS, EXPENSES, AND TRAVEL

• Recognition and reward for Chicago Public Schools’ top students.
• A scholarship covering the comprehensive cost of attending Davidson (full tuition, room, board, and fees), an additional allowance for books, spending money, travel home, plus a fund from which to request special educational expenses.
• Four years in a living and learning environment enriched by an Honor Code that both permits and inspires you to reach your maximum potential.
• Four years of personal and intellectual growth at one of the country’s most highly regarded liberal arts colleges that will shape your future and empower you to make a difference in your community and the world.

Inspiration for the Charles Scholarship

The Charles Scholarship was created by John McCartney, Chairman of Huron Consulting Group (B.A. Davidson ’74, M.B.A. Wharton School of Business ’76) to honor his father, Charles G. McCartney and father-in-law, Charles A. Muñana. Both men were scholar athletes from immigrant families and trail generation Americans. Each was the first in his family to attend college. Following military service, Mr. McCartney and Mr. Muñana both built successful careers, and each put five children through college.

Charles Scholarship recipients and nominees have come from a range of Chicago’s public schools and programs, including Jones College Prep, Northside College Prep, Thomas Kelly High School, Noble Street College Prep, Chicago Academy High School, Gwendolyn Brooks College Prep, Young Women’s Leadership Charter School, and Chicago Discovery Academy.

Claudia Ramirez ’13
Charles Scholar

The Charles Scholarship has truly been a blessing in my family’s life. Being a first generation college student with a family that didn’t comprehend the importance of going away to school came with its challenges. Yet Davidson eliminated any doubts as I was simultaneously embraced by my differences and challenged as only a Davidson alumn would understand. Since I graduated in 2011, I was accepted to Vanderbilt University’s M.Ed. in Special Education in 2013, and I am currently finishing up my program at the University of Illinois at Chicago to become a Special Education teacher and a transition specialist.

“La beca Charles ha sido una verdadera bendición en la vida de mi familia. El ser un estudiante universitario de primera generación con una familia que no comprendía la importancia de irse lejos a la escuela presentó desafíos. Sin embargo, Davidson eliminó cualquier duda ya que fui aceptada con todo y mis diferencias mientras me retaba de una forma en la que solamente un alumno de Davidson lo entendería. Desde que me gradué en el 2011, fui aceptada en la Universidad de Vanderbilt M.Ed. en Educación Especial en 2013 y actualmente estoy terminando mi programa en la Universidad de Illinois en Chicago para trabajar como maestra de educación especial y ser una especialista en transición.

Natalia Corredor ’16
Charles Scholar

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"The Charles Scholarship provides me with the opportunity to attend a top-tier liberal arts college while graduating debt free. I was challenged both socially and academically, but I quickly realized my potential for greatness and got rid of self-imposed limitations.

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  • CSS College Profile (available at www.collegeboard.com/profile)

Selection Calendar

Finalists participate in selection interviews in Chicago at the offices of scholarship creator John McCartney ’74, with Charles Scholars Alumni, and representatives from Davidson College.

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“Davidson College was an amazing experience in that it allowed me to truly take the helm of my circumstances and follow any course I plotted; from studying Osteology in Ometepe, Nicaragua, to learning traditional Ghanaian drumming and dancing in Cape Coast, the opportunities afforded to me by the Charles Scholarship have left an indelible imprint on my life.

As an alumnus four years removed from the college’s own unique brand of academia, every day is still a brand new opportunity to bring my Davidson experiences, along with the permanent touch of southern hospitality, to Chicago. The Charles Scholarship is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for any young mature high school seniors that are ready to rise to the challenge of bringing their story to the world.”

“Davidson College fue una experiencia increíble en el que me permitió tomar verdaderamente el timón de mis circunstancias y seguir cualquier curso he trazado. Desde el estudio de Osteología en Ometepe, Nicaragua al estudio de percusión tradicional de Ghana y el baile de la costa del cabo, las oportunidades como resultado de la Beca Charles han dejado una huella indeleble en mi vida.

Como un ex-alumnos de cuatro años retirado de la marca única de la universidad, cada día es todavía una oportunidad de nuevo para traer mis experiencias de Davidson, junto con el contacto permanente de la hospitalidad del sur, a Chicago. La Beca Charles es una oportunidad para cualquier estudiante joven y maduro quien está dispuesto a aceptar el reto de llevar su historia al mundo.”

Benjamin Garcia ’13
Charles Scholar

ABOUT DAVIDSON COLLEGE

Davidson is a highly selective liberal arts college respected for its tradition of intellectual challenge, distinguished faculty, engaged and talented students, and distinctive record of alumni achievement. Located in the classic college town of Davidson, the campus is just 29 minutes from the city center of Charlotte, N.C. With a metropolitan area population nearing two million, Charlotte offers a thriving and urban dynamic of business, the arts, entertainment, and professional sports.

Davidson’s mission statement declares a commitment to leadership and service. Faculty, staff, and students cherish the college’s historic Honor Code, a reflection of the mutual respect that binds the campus community. The freedom and trust that it engenders allow take-home tests throughout the year, self-scheduled exams at semester’s end, and a profound life lesson that graduates take into their lives beyond Davidson.

◆ 1,950 students from 49 states and 49 countries.
◆ Multicultural students make up approximately 25 percent of the student body.
◆ More than 150 student organizations, including OLAS (Organization of Latino American Students), Catholic Campus Ministry, Civic Engagement Council, Honor Council, L.E.A.D. (Latina Empowerment, Achievement, and Development Program), MAPS (Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students), Swing and Salsa Club, and Resonancias Acapella.
◆ A community-wide, student-governed Honor Code that works.
◆ Alma mater to 23 Rhodes Scholars.
◆ 179 faculty scholars, 97 percent with highest terminal degree.
◆ Student-faculty ratio: 10:1.
◆ Average class size: 15.
◆ 29 majors; 25 minors; 14 interdisciplinary minors.
◆ Graduation and retention rate: 96.7 percent.
◆ More than 76 percent of Davidson students study, travel, or volunteer abroad.
◆ NCAA Division I competition in 21 sports (Atlantic 10).

DISCOVER DAVIDSON

The best way to discover Davidson is to visit campus. We encourage you to experience Davidson in person by attending class, staying in the residence halls, and spending time with our students, faculty, and staff. To plan your visit, please contact our office at 800-768-0380.

La mejor manera de descubrir a Davidson es visitando el campus. Te invitamos a que conozcas a Davidson de primera mano llendo a clase, hospedándote en los dormitorios y pasando tiempo con nuestros estudiantes, profesores, y empleados. Estudiantes interesados en la Beca Charles o en coordinar una visita pueden ponerse en contacto con nuestra oficina llamado al 800-768-0380.

For further information about the Charles Scholarship Program, please contact:
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Davidson includes no loans in student financial aid packages, believing that students should have the opportunity to graduate debt free. Admission is need blind and Davidson meets 100 percent of calculated need with grants and campus employment.

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