AN AWARD RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING MULTICULTURAL STUDENTS FROM CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

THE CHARLES SCHOLARSHIP

DAVIDSON
Leadership, Ability, and Opportunity

The Charles Scholarship at Davidson College

The Charles Scholarship recognizes and rewards Chicago Public School students with established financial need and a record of academic achievement, 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 $54,683 for the 2013–14 academic year);
- a book and personal expense allowance;
- an annual travel allowance (three round-trips to Chicago); and
- special study abroad opportunity funds.

The Charles Scholarship is renewable provided the recipient maintains the required grade point average and makes expected progress toward meeting requirements 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.

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 and Selection Criteria

Nominees must:

- Complete an application for admission OR the Common Application and Davidson Supplement by January 2. (Available at www.davidson.edu/apply.)
- Complete the following financial aid forms by February 15:
  - FAFSA (available at www.fafsa.gov or in your guidance office)
  - 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.

Charles Scholars will be named by March 10.

Charles Scholarship winners and one family member will be invited to campus for Scholars Weekend in April as guests of the college.

I never thought I would be able to attend a college outside of Illinois, but the Charles Scholarship made a Davidson education possible for me.

Nunca pensé que podría matricular en una universidad fuera de Illinois, pero la beca Charles hizo posible mi educación en Davidson.

Jesse Johnson
Charles Scholar
Davidson Class of 2012
Inspiration for the Charles Scholarship

The Charles Scholarship was created by John McCartney, Chairman of Westcon Group, Incorporated (B.A. Davidson ’74, M.B.A. Wharton School of Business ’76) and Clare Muñana, former Vice President of the Chicago Board of Education (B.A. Boston College ’76, M.A. Johns Hopkins, M.B.A. Northwestern) to honor their fathers, Charles G. McCartney and Charles A. Muñana. Both men were scholar athletes from immigrant families. Each was the first in his family to attend college. Following military service, Mr. McCartney and Mr. Muñana both built successful careers.

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, Gwendolyn Brooks College Prep, Young Women’s Leadership Charter School, and Chicago Discovery Academy.

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.

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 and the community eradicated any doubts I had four years ago. As a recent graduate I am able to appreciate the rigorous and magnificent education provided at Davidson College, an opportunity that would not have been possible without the Charles Scholarship. As a result of this opportunity I not only have an education, but I am also an example among the Latino community.

La beca Charles realmente ha sido una bendición en la vida de mi familia. Siendo una estudiante universitaria de primera generación con una familia que no comprendía la importancia de irse lejos a la escuela presentó desafíos. Sin embargo Davidson y la comunidad borraron cualquier duda que tenía hace cuatro años. Como me he graduado recientemente, soy capaz de apreciar la educación rigurosa y magnífica de Davidson College, una oportunidad que no habría sido posible sin la beca Charles. Como resultado de esta oportunidad no sólo tengo una educación, pero también soy un ejemplo entre la comunidad Latina.

Claudia Ramirez
Charles Scholar
Davidson Class of 2011
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.