The Charles Scholarship recognizes and rewards Chicago Public School and charter school students whose record of academic achievement, personal accomplishment, and leadership ability promise great success at Davidson. Preference is given to traditionally under-represented students, particularly Latinx and Hispanic students with established financial need.
The Charles Scholarship is offered to up to three students in each entering class and funds:

- the comprehensive cost of tuition, fees, room and board.
- a book and personal expense allowance.
- an annual travel allowance (three round-trips to Chicago).
- special study 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.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION

Charles nominees are successful students of exceptional promise. They 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 access program leaders may nominate up to three students from their school or program.
- Davidson’s Chicago Regional Counselor may also nominate candidates based on the strength of the student’s application for admission. The nomination form is available at www.davidson.edu/charles.
- Nominations must be made by December 15.

Nominees must:

- Complete all parts of an application to Davidson.
- Submit a completed FAFSA by January 11. If not eligible to complete a FAFSA, please have your counselor contact the Director of Merit Programs (800-768-0380).
- Finalists participate in selection interviews in Chicago in early March.
- Charles Scholars will be named by March 15.
- Charles Scholarship winners and one family member/mentor each will be invited to participate in Celebration & Recognition/Decision Davidson Weekend in April.

ABOUT DAVIDSON

Davidson is a selective liberal arts college respected for its tradition of engaged and talented students, intellectual challenge, and distinguished faculty dedicated to students’ success. The campus is in the small college town of Davidson, just 25 minutes from Charlotte, a thriving metro area with a population approaching 2 million.

- Students are from 48 states and 47 countries.
- Students of color make up approximately 28 percent of the student body.
- More than 200 student organizations.
- A community wide, student-governed Honor Code that works.
- Student-faculty ratio 9:1.
- Average class size: 16.
- 29 majors; 40 minors; 14 interdisciplinary minors.
- Abundant research, internship and entrepreneurial opportunities.
- Almost 75% of Davidson students study, travel, or volunteer abroad.
- NCAA Division I competition in 21 sports; 19 in the Atlantic 10 Conference.

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For further information about the Charles Scholarship Program, please visit www.davidson.edu/Charles or email Merit@davidson.edu.