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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 traditionally under-represented students, particularly Latinx 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 $65,819 for the 2018-19 academic year);
- 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. 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.

“We believe that scholarships, such as the Charles Scholarship, offer exceptional promise for the Charles Scholar. Exceptional talent should be encouraged and the possibility of full college support should be provided to the students who have the potential to succeed in a rigorous environment.”

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. McCartney. Both men were scholar athletes from immigrant families and first generation Americans. Each was the first in his family to attend college, following military service. Mr. McCartney and Mr. McMahon both built successful careers, and each put five children through college.

The Charles Scholarship recipients and nominees have come from a range of Chicago’s public and private charter schools, including Bento Juarez High School, Chicago Academy, Chicago Bulls College Prep, George Washington High School, Goldbandry Wonderland College Prep, John F. Kennedy High School, Jones College Prep, Kenwood Academy, Lane Tech, Lindblom Math and Science Academy, Magee Hester P. Garcia MD Charter High School, Noble Street College Prep, Northside College Prep, Pirkle College Prep, Rauner College Prep, UIC College Prep, Walter Payton College Prep, Westminster College Prep, and Whitney Young Magnet High School.

THE CHARLES SCHOLARSHIP: FULL COST PLUS BOOKS, EXPENSES, AND TRAVEL
- Recognition and reward for Chicago Public School’s 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.

Ixzacil Marquez ’16
Charles Scholar

“The Charles Scholarship allowed me to attend a college that not only prepared me academically but also allowed me to discover a career I was truly passionate about. I always wanted to be a veterinarian, and Davidson exposed me to scientific research which I had no previous exposure to. While I still want to be a veterinarian, I now want to focus on scientific research. And I am currently working on my Master of Science in Microbiology and Immunology at Loyola University Chicago, where my research focuses on the Hepatitis C virus.”

“I was granted the tools and resources that turned my questions into life-long passions. As an alumnus, I now hope to share the value of Davidson and the Charles Scholarship with any student that seeks a rigorous and supportive college environment.”

Marlene Arellano ’17
Charles Scholar

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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 access program leaders 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.
- The nomination form may be accessed at www.davidson.edu/charles. Nominations must be made by December 1.

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 notified in early March.
- Charles Scholarship winners and one family member/mentor each will be invited to campus for Celebration & Recognition Weekend in April as guests of the college.

Nominees must:
- Submit/Complete all of an application to Davidson. (Available at www.davidson.edu/apply.)
- Complete the following financial aid forms by February 1:
  - FAFSA (available at www.fafsa.gov or in your guidance office)
  - CSS College Profile (available at www.collegeboard.com/profile)
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 20 miles 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.

- Students from 49 states and 55 countries.
- Students of color make up approximately 26 percent of the student body.
- More than 200 student organizations, including OLAS (Organization of Latino American Students), Catholic Campus Ministry, Civic Engagement Council, Honor Council, MAPS (Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students), Swing and Salsa Club, Queers & Allies, The Davidsonian College Newspaper, Dance Ensemble, Freeword Poetry Group, and more!
- A community-wide, student-governed Honor Code that works.
- Alma mater to 23 Rhodes Scholars.
- 193 faculty scholars, 97 percent with highest terminal degree.
- Student-faculty ratio: 10:1.
- Average class size: 15.
- 26 majors; 17 minors; 17 interdisciplinary minors.
- Graduation and retention rate: 96.7 percent.
- Almost 80 percent of Davidson students study, travel, or volunteer abroad.
- NCAA Division I competition in 21 sports; 19 in the Atlantic 10 Conference.

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 conocer 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.