

Scholarships

Listed below are scholarship programs awarded by the University to entering first-year students.

Presidential Scholarships. The Presidential Scholarship is a renewable, merit-based award covering full tuition, room, board (up to 21 meals-per-week plan), general fee, and the cost of textbooks for eight semesters. Presidential Scholars are transformational leaders both on and off campus who have demonstrated a love of learning and a commitment to enhancing both their local and broader civic communities. Villanova Presidential Scholars represent diverse intellectual, social, ethnic, and economic backgrounds. Each year, of the 24 Presidential Scholarships, 6 scholarships are reserved for candidates from historically underrepresented groups; including African American/Black, Latino/Hispanic, American Indian/Native Alaskan, Asian/Pacific Islander, first in their family to pursue a college education, and low income (generally Federal Pell Grant eligible) students. Students must be nominated by the chief academic officer of their high school (principal, president, headmaster), secondary school counselor or an official school designee. They can also be nominated by a representative from a home school entity or non-profit educational organization dedicated to helping disadvantaged high school students with the college search process.

Nominees will be expected to show evidence of superior academic performance as reflected by their high school course selection and grade point average, as well as a high level of achievement on the SAT or ACT. Candidates will also be assessed in terms of leadership, civic engagement, ability to respond effectively to adversity, creativity, and expertise in a specific field. Candidates will be required to complete a series of short essays to supplement the nomination form. The average weighted high school grade point average of candidates selected as finalists for the Presidential Scholarship in the Fall 2017 entering freshman class was 4.33 (on a 4.00 scale); the average combined SAT score (Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Math) was 1500 and the average ACT was 34.

For more information regarding the Presidential Scholarship Program, application deadlines and the nomination process, visit the following websites: Center for Research and Fellowships: <https://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/provost/crf.html> and The Center for Access Success and Achievement: <https://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/provost/casa.html>. For more information regarding the Program's particular commitment to enrolling Underrepresented Students, contact the Center for Access Success and Achievement at 610-519-4075.

The Saint Augustine Scholarship. No new St. Augustine Scholarships will be awarded after August, 2019. Students who have already received the award will continue with the scholarship assuming they continue to meet the criteria set out in their scholarship letter.

St. Martin de Porres Scholarship. Villanova University offers St. Martin de Porres Scholarships to serve the University's goal of attracting a richly diverse and talented population of undergraduate students. St. Martin de Porres Scholarships are valued at full tuition and general fees. To be eligible for consideration, applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents from one or more of the most underrepresented groups at Villanova University, including (but not limited to) underrepresented racial and ethnic populations, economically disadvantaged backgrounds and/or students whose parents have not graduated from college. All applicants also must have exemplary high school records, leadership roles, and active involvement through service to the community. In honor of the history of this award, preference will be given to applicants living in the greater Philadelphia area, which is defined as Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties in Pennsylvania; Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, and Salem Counties in New Jersey; and New Castle County in Delaware.

To apply, you must have already submitted a completed application for admission as a first-year student. Then, you must submit the St. Martin de Porres Scholarship application no later than February 1 and the required essay by February 7. Applicants may apply for admission via Early Action, Early Decision (both November 1 deadlines) or Regular Decision (January 15 deadline).

Additional information will be sent to you via email once your completed application is received. Incomplete applications for admission and/or scholarship will not be eligible for consideration. Finalists will be required to interview either in person or via Skype. The selection committee will review qualified applicants and notify recipients by April 1.

Denise McNair Memorial Scholarship. The Denise McNair Memorial Scholarship has been instituted in memory of Denise McNair who, on Sunday, September 15, 1963, died in the early days of the civil rights movement in a racially motivated bomb attack at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. This Scholarship, valued at full tuition for eight consecutive regular semesters (not including summer), will be awarded to a first-year student who is a U.S. citizen from a traditionally underrepresented population and, who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and a commitment to family, religious faith, peace and justice. The McNair Scholarship is awarded every four years to an entering first year student. Therefore, this scholarship will next be awarded to an entering first-year student entering fall 2024.

To apply, you must have already submitted a completed application for admission as a first-year student. Then, you must submit the McNair Memorial Scholarship application no later than February 1 and the required essay by February 7. Applicants may apply for admission via Early Action, Early Decision (both November 1 deadlines) or Regular Decision (January 15 deadline).

Additional information will be sent to you via email once your completed application is received. Incomplete applications for admission and/or scholarship will not be eligible for consideration. The selection committee will review qualified applicants and notify recipients by April 1.

Goizueta Foundation Scholars Fund. The Goizueta Foundation Scholars Fund has been instituted for the purpose of providing need-based scholarship assistance to those who have extensive personal interest, involvement, and experience in the Hispanic/Latino culture. The award (of a varying amount) is made to students who are U.S. Citizens or permanent residents and whose families currently reside in the United States, who come from communities or populations that have been historically underrepresented in the student body at Villanova, who have demonstrated financial need and who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement. This award will be granted to two entering first-year students. This scholarship is renewable for a total of eight consecutive full-time undergraduate regular semesters (not including summer). Returning undergraduate students will be considered for scholarship renewal on the basis of their academic performance and financial need.

To apply, you must have already submitted a completed application for admission as a first-year student. Then, you must submit the Villanova Scholarship Interest Form no later than February 1 and the required essay by February 7. Applicants may apply for admission via Early Action, Early Decision (both November 1 deadlines) or Regular Decision (January 15 deadline).

Additional information will be sent to you via email once your completed application is received. Incomplete applications for admission and/or scholarship will not be eligible for consideration.

Anthony Randazzo Endowed Presidential Scholarship. This award is a renewable, merit-based award covering full tuition, room, board (up to 21 meals-per-week plan), general fee, and the cost of textbooks for eight consecutive full-time undergraduate semesters that is awarded to one first-year African American/Black student. The chosen candidate must have demonstrated academic merit and financial need, been involved in community service and/or civic leadership activities, and reside in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

To apply, you must have already submitted a completed application for admission as a first-year student. Then, you must submit the Villanova Scholarship Interest Form no later than February 1 and the required essay by February 7. Applicants may apply for admission via Early Action, Early Decision (both November 1 deadlines) or Regular Decision (January 15 deadline).

Additional information will be sent to you via email once the required essay is received. Incomplete applications for admission and/or scholarship will not be eligible for consideration. Applicants are also required to complete the FAFSA and any applicable state grant application as the award may be reduced by any Federal Pell or state grant funding.

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Villanova National Merit Scholarship. These awards, ranging from \$500 to \$2,000, are offered to top students who are designated as finalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation and who selected Villanova University as their first college choice. Students should file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the CSS Profile so that the proper award amount can be determined.

Army ROTC. For recipients selected by the Army ROTC program, Villanova grants up to five scholarships. Villanova University agrees to fund U.S. Army scholarship winners with an amount not to exceed \$5,000 to be used for University room and board charges only.

Naval ROTC. Villanova University provides grants to NROTC scholarship recipients who are designated by the United States Navy. Villanova may award up to four partial scholarship annually to NROTC Scholarship recipients. These partial scholarships may be applied toward room or board expenses incurred at Villanova. To be eligible for consideration, a candidate must meet all minimum academic requirements of the St. Augustine Scholarship. The recipients of this award are selected after the successful completion of the first semester of their first year at Villanova by the Unit Commander.