SCHOLARSHIPS

Thanks to the generosity of UVM alumni, parents, and friends, a number of scholarships are available to incoming first-time, first-year undergraduate students whose experiences and backgrounds promise to enrich the larger university community. While many of these scholarships are based on a combination of need and merit, several scholarships are offered exclusively on the basis of academic achievements and potential for success at UVM. For more information, visit the Scholarship Information (http://www.uvm.edu/sfs/scholarships) website. Samples of scholarships available to new students include:

Dean’s Merit Scholarship Students who apply as external transfer students will be automatically considered for the Dean’s Merit Scholarship. Recipients typically have earned at least a 3.10 cumulative grade-point average in all prior college work. For students who earned less than twenty-one college credits, both the college and high school records are reviewed to determine eligibility. Dean’s Merit Scholars receive a merit scholarship for four years (eight semesters) or until graduation (whichever comes first) providing that they maintain a cumulative 2.8 grade-point average at the end of the first academic year and a 3.0 in subsequent years, and full-time enrollment, and continue to make satisfactory academic progress toward the completion of their degree requirements. Award amounts are $3,000/year for Vermont residents, and $5,000/year for out-of-state residents.

Green and Gold Scholars Program recognizes the academically strongest student at each accredited high school in Vermont with 4-year, full tuition scholarships, currently valued at over $56,000. At the end of the academic year, the principal of each school submits a nominee who has completed the 11th grade. The primary criteria for determining a nominee is limited to academic performance in high school, including rank in class, grade-point average, rigor of course work and standardized testing. Green and Gold nominees are awarded four-year full tuition scholarships upon admission to the university. The scholarships are renewable annually providing that the recipient maintains a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.8 in the first year and a 3.0 in subsequent years along with full-time enrollment.

International Scholarships Several scholarships are available for qualified international students who are admitted to the University of Vermont, including US Pathway Program (USPP) and UVM Global Gateway (GGP) students. Applicants for admission are automatically considered for these scholarships based on their application materials. Eligibility for the scholarships is based on academic merit. More information about available international scholarships is available on the Merit Scholarships for International Undergraduate Students (http://www.uvm.edu/~stdfinsv/?Page=international_scholars.html&SM=scholarshipmenu.html) web page.

Justin Morrill Scholarship This scholarship is awarded to Vermont residents of high academic achievement who typically rank within the top 25% of their graduating high school class and have a 1650 or higher SAT CR/M/W or 24 or higher ACT composite. The award amount is $2,000 annually for four years (eight semesters). A minimum cumulative 2.8 grade-point average in the first year and a 3.0 in subsequent years, and enrollment in twelve or more credits per semester is required for renewal.

Patrick Scholarship The Patrick Scholarship is awarded to academically deserving Vermonters in the amount of $4,000 per year for four years. This scholarship is awarded to Vermont residents who typically rank within the top 25% of their graduating high school class and have an 1800 or higher SAT CR/M/W or 26 or higher ACT composite. A minimum cumulative 2.8 grade-point average in the first year and a 3.0 in subsequent years, and enrollment in twelve or more credits per semester is required for renewal.

Presidential Scholarship Out-of-state students with a superior record of scholastic achievement are eligible for consideration for the UVM Presidential Scholarship. Letters of recommendation, secondary school record, and extracurricular participation are among the criteria used in making scholarship selections. Recipients typically rank in the top 25% of their graduating class and have a minimum 1800 SAT CR/M/W or 26 ACT composite. Presidential Scholars receive a merit scholarship for four years (eight semesters) or until graduation (whichever comes first) providing they maintain a minimum cumulative 2.8 grade-point average in the first year and a 3.0 in subsequent years, and full-time enrollment, and continue to make satisfactory progress toward the completion of their degree requirements. Scholarship recipients are awarded a four year (eight semester) merit scholarship, ranging from $14,000 to $16,000 annually.

Trustees Scholarship Academically talented out-of-state students are eligible for consideration for the UVM Trustees Scholarship. Letters of recommendation, secondary school record, and extracurricular participation are among the criteria used in making scholarship selections. Recipients typically rank in the top 35% of their graduating class and have a minimum 1650 SAT CR/M/W or 24 ACT composite. Trustees Scholars receive a merit scholarship for four years (eight semesters) or until graduation (whichever comes first) providing they maintain a minimum cumulative 2.8 grade-point average in the first year and a 3.0 in subsequent years, and full-time enrollment. Scholarship values range from $5,000-$12,000 per year.

UVM Community Service Scholarship Vermont and out-of-state residents who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to community and public service may apply for the UVM Community Service Scholarship. Community Service Scholars are awarded $2,500 annually. Recipients must maintain at least a 2.50 cumulative grade-point average, enroll in 12 or more credits per semester, perform 80 hours of community service annually while at the university, and enroll in two one-credit seminars across each of the first and second academic years. First-year Community Service Scholars live and participate in the Dewey House for Community
Engagement. Community Service Scholars will be selected by the UVM Community Service Scholarship Program committee.

**Vermont Scholars** Each year, UVM names a select group of outstanding Vermont high school students as Vermont Scholars, an academic honor that carries a four-year scholarship. To qualify, candidates generally rank in the top 15% percent of their graduating class and present superior scores on the SAT Reasoning Test (SAT). Comparable ACT scores are acceptable. Final selection is based on such factors as secondary school record, recommendations, admissions essays, extracurricular participation and academic potential.

Vermont Scholars receive a merit scholarship of $6,000 annually. The scholarship is renewable up to four years (eight semesters) or until the student graduates (whichever comes first) provided a 2.8 minimum cumulative grade-point average in the first year and a 3.0 in subsequent years, and full-time enrollment is maintained.

**HOW TO APPLY FOR UVM SCHOLARSHIPS**

There is no separate application process for most UVM-based scholarships. First-year applicants are considered for most UVM scholarships simply by submitting the UVM admissions application. The wealth of information provided in the admissions application is used in matching students with available scholarships. Additionally, students must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to be considered for need-based scholarships. For more information, including details on scholarships that do require separate applications, visit the Scholarship Information (http://www.uvm.edu/sfs/scholarships) website.

**OTHER SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES**

- VSAC (the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation) offers a guide to scholarships for Vermont students. Contact VSAC toll-free at (800) 798-8722 or visit the VSAC (http://services.vsac.org/wps/wcm/connect/vsac/VSAC) website.
- The Army ROTC Program offers an opportunity for students to earn a degree of their choice and possibly qualify for an officer’s commission. For ROTC Scholarship information, visit the GoArmy (http://www.goarmy.com/rotc.html) website.
- The Air Force ROTC, through a dual enrollment agreement between UVM and Norwich University, offers an opportunity for students to earn a degree of their choice and possibly qualify for an officer’s commission. For Air Force ROTC Scholarship information, visit the U.S. Air Force ROTC (http://www.afrotc.com/scholarships) website.
- Veterans are encouraged to consult the UVM registrar’s office and to visit the Information for Veterans (http://www.uvm.edu/sfs/veterans) website regarding G.I. Bill benefits for education, including the Yellow Ribbon Program.
- Many organizations within home communities offer a wide range of scholarships to needy and deserving students. Check with schools and communities for these opportunities.