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 (https://www.uvm.edu/studentfinancialservices/scholarships/) are offered exclusively on the basis of academic achievements and potential for success at UVM. 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 completed 21 college credits and earned at least a 3.10 cumulative grade-point average in all prior college work. For students who earned less than 21 college credits, both the college and high school records are reviewed to determine eligibility. Dean’s Merit Scholars receive a merit scholarship for 4 years (8 semesters) or until graduation (whichever comes first) providing that they maintain a minimum cumulative 3.0 grade-point average, full-time enrollment, and continue to make satisfactory academic progress toward the completion of their degree requirements. Award amounts are $5,000/year for Vermont residents, and $7,000 - $10,000/year for out-of-state residents.

Green and Gold Scholars Award

Recognizes the highest-achieving Vermont resident at each eligible high school with 4-year, full in-state tuition scholarship, currently valued at over $65,000. At the end of the academic year, the principal of each eligible school submits a nominee who has completed the 11th grade. Selection criteria will be determined by each eligible high school. A minimum cumulative 3.0 grade-point average and enrollment in 12 or more credits per semester is required for renewal.

International Scholarships

Several scholarships are available for qualified international students (https://www.uvm.edu/studentfinancialservices/scholarships_prospective_out_of_state_resident_students/) who are admitted to the University of Vermont, including UVM Global Gateway (GGP) students (http://globalgateway.uvm.edu/undergraduate-fee/). Applicants for admission are automatically considered for these scholarships based on their application materials. Eligibility for the scholarships is based on academic merit.

Justin Morrill Scholarship

This scholarship is designated for Vermont residents who demonstrate strong academic performance. Recipients are selected based upon review of the admission application and are awarded a merit-based scholarship of $2,000 annually for 4 years (8 semesters) or until graduation (whichever comes first). A minimum cumulative 3.0 grade-point average and enrollment in 12 or more credits per semester is required for renewal.

Patrick Family Scholarship

The scholarship is designated for Vermont residents who demonstrate outstanding academic performance. Recipients are selected based upon review of the admission application and are awarded a merit-based scholarship of $5,000 annually for 4 years (8 semesters) or until graduation (whichever comes first). A minimum cumulative 3.0 grade-point average and enrollment in 12 or more credits per semester is required for renewal.

Presidential Scholarship

Out-of-state students who demonstrate the highest academic performance are eligible for consideration for the UVM Presidential Scholarship. Recipients are selected based on the application for admission. Presidential Scholars receive a merit scholarship for 4 years (8 semesters) or until graduation (whichever comes first), providing they maintain a minimum cumulative 3.0 grade-point average and enrollment in 12 or more credits per semester. Scholarship values range from $17,000-$20,000 annually.

Trustees Scholarship

Out-of-state students who demonstrate outstanding academic performance are eligible for consideration for the UVM Trustees Scholarship. Recipients are selected based on the application for admission. Trustees Scholars receive a merit scholarship for 4 years (8 semesters) or until graduation (whichever comes first), providing they maintain a minimum cumulative 3.0 grade-point average and enrollment in 12 or more credits per semester. Scholarship values range from $8,000-$15,000 annually.

Vermont Scholars Award

This scholarship is designated for Vermont residents of the highest academic performance. Recipients are selected based upon review of the admission application and are awarded a merit-based scholarship of $7,000 annually for 4 years (8 semesters) or until graduation (whichever comes first). A minimum cumulative 3.0 grade-point average and enrollment in 12 or more credits per semester is required for renewal.

HOW TO APPLY FOR UVM SCHOLARSHIPS

There is no separate application process for most UVM-based scholarships. First-year and transfer 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/studentfinancialservices/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://vsac.org/pay/student-aid-options/scholarships/) 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 with UVM Student Veteran Services (https://www.uvm.edu/veterans/) and to visit the Student Financial Services website (http://www.uvm.edu/studentfinancialservices/veteran_information/) for information regarding G.I. Bill benefits for education, including the Yellow Ribbon Program.

- There are many organizations that offer scholarship opportunities for deserving students. Check with local schools and community organizations for their offerings, and review information listed on the Student Financial Services website for outside scholarship opportunities (https://www.uvm.edu/studentfinancialservices/scholarship_resources_outside_uvm/).