

Vanderbilt Divinity School Financial Aid Information 2015-2016

The following pages provide information regarding anticipated expenses that you may incur as a student at Vanderbilt Divinity School, as well as resources that you may wish to explore for need-based financial aid, external scholarships, and housing in the Nashville area. Questions regarding need-based (federal) financial aid should be directed to the Vanderbilt Office of Student Financial Aid, whose contact information is listed under that section below. All other questions may be directed to the Divinity School Office of Admissions, Vocation, and Stewardship at (615)343-3963.

2015-2016 Estimated Cost of Attendance

	Fall/Spring Semester	Semester Only	12-Month	Comments/Assumptions
Tuition	\$20,472	\$10,236	\$20,472	Tuition is \$853 per credit hour for 2015-16.* Est. cost of books/personal are determined by VU for all professional students (law, business, etc.) DIV students may find actual costs to be much lower.
Books/Supplies	\$1,842	\$921	\$1,842	
Rent/Utilities	\$10,254	\$5,127	\$13,672	
Meals	\$4,122	\$2,061	\$5,496	
Personal	\$5,712	\$2,856	\$6,638	
<i>Health Insurance**</i>	\$2,721	\$1,360.50	\$2,721	<i>Based on a student seeking individual coverage.</i>
<i>Activity/Rec Fees</i>	\$500	\$250	\$500	<i>Includes VU Student/Rec Facilities Fee (\$215/semester) and Divinity Activity Fee (\$35/semester).</i>
<i>Transcript Fee</i>	\$35	\$35	\$35	<i>This is a one-time fee.</i>
<i>Other Personal Expenses</i>	\$2,456	\$1,211	\$2,456	
Transportation	\$1,994	\$997	\$2,659	Includes annual parking permit (est. \$480) plus other transportation costs.
Loan Fees	<u>\$142</u>	<u>\$71</u>	<u>\$142</u>	<u>For students who elect to take out federal loans.</u>
Total	\$44,538	\$22,269	\$50,921	

* Tuition assumes 12 credit hours per semester. A typical course load ranges from 9-15 credit hours (between 3-5 classes) per semester.

** Students may elect to waive the student health insurance fee if they are able to document other existing health insurance coverage. Spouses/partners and dependents are eligible to enroll in the student's health insurance plan at additional cost.

HOW TO APPLY FOR NEED-BASED FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID

If you wish to be considered for need-based financial aid, which includes federal loans and work-study funding for domestic students), you will need to complete the FAFSA and the Vanderbilt Graduate/Professional Financial Aid form. Both forms are available on the Vanderbilt Office of Student Financial Aid website at <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/financialaid/graduate/index.php>. **Please be sure to complete the forms for the 2015-16 academic year.**

In order to be considered for need-based federal financial aid, you must fill out the following forms:

- The Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA); Vanderbilt's school code is 003535
<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>
- Vanderbilt Graduate/Professional Financial Aid Application (2015-2016)
<https://www4.vanderbilt.edu/financialaid/studentinfo/2013-14/gradapp.htm>

The Vanderbilt University Office of Student Financial Aid will assist you with your need-based financial aid if you have completed all necessary paperwork. Their website may be found at:

<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/financialaid/graduate/index.php>

You may address questions regarding the status of that award to Melissa Smith, 615-322-3591 or at m.smith@vanderbilt.edu.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND LOANS FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES

- The FundFinder, The Forum for Theological Education: <http://fteleaders.org/fundfinder>
- FastWeb: www.fastweb.com
- The Free Scholarship Information Service: www.freschinfo.com
- More links are available on our website at:
<http://www.divinity.vanderbilt.edu/admissions/externalfunding.php>

HOUSING INFORMATION

The Divinity School website features several resources to help you explore housing in the Nashville area: <http://divinity.vanderbilt.edu/admissions/makingyourmove.php>. On this page, you can explore a map of Nashville, a list of housing possibilities, a getting-settled-in guide, and other important links about the city.

Vanderbilt University offers an Off-Campus Referral Service with a searchable housing database. To request access to the database, please follow the instructions on the following page: <https://apphost2.its.vanderbilt.edu/studentbiz/OCReferral/>.

Finally, all entering students will be invited to join the 2016 Vanderbilt Divinity School Entering Class Facebook page, which many students utilize as a place to find roommates, search for housing, and inquire about relocating to Nashville. More information on housing will follow this summer.