

University of Virginia Scholarships Information

Main endowment opportunities are listed below. All of the funds also have annual funds where donors can contribute as well.

[Bicentennial Scholars Fund](#)- You are able to establish a named Bicentennial Scholars Fund with a gift of six-figures+ (payable over 5 years), which is met with a 1:2 match. Gifts of seven-figures+ are met with a 1:1 match. You have the ability to indicate up to two preferences (e.g. school, location, major, etc.) for award. The BSF has been a critical vehicle for the University to build its financial aid endowment to enable us to continue to recruit top talent, regardless of a student's ability to pay, and decrease our dependence on tuition dollars for financial aid. Here is a press release from last fall when President Ryan and the Board of Visitors made another investment in the fund—you can read more about it here: <https://news.virginia.edu/content/uva-announces-50-million-more-matching-dollars-scholarships>.

[Blue Ridge Scholars Fund](#)- While UVA is one of two public institutions to have need-blind admissions, and meet 100% of unmet need, the majority of our students who receive scholarship dollars still have federal loans (we cap in-state at \$4,500 and out of state at \$7,000). The Blue Ridge Scholars program provides grants of \$1,000-\$7,000 to the most exceptional **out of state students** who have been admitted, and are part of the 35%+ of UVA students who have demonstrated financial need. An offer is made to these students by the Office of Admissions to provide these grants to offset the federal loan/work study component of their aid package, to make the offer from UVA even more compelling—and to ensure that we are doing everything we can to recruit top students with a demonstrated need to the University. For the Blue Ridge Scholars program, the University is providing a 1:1 match on any gifts of six-figures+. The pledge may be spread over five years. You have the ability to indicate up to two preferences: 1) school and/or 2) state.

[University Achievement Award](#)- You have the ability to establish a named University Achievement Award with up to one preference for a school at UVA (or you can leave unrestricted). The University Achievement Award **provides a full tuition & fees scholarship to students from the Commonwealth of Virginia** who meet two of the following six criteria: awards are based primarily on Virginia residency, academic merit, leadership, and outstanding citizenship. A student must also satisfy at least two of the following conditions: (1) have a history of overcoming adversity; (2) be a first generation college student; (3) be a member of an underrepresented minority or ethnic group; (4) be a member of a low income family; (5) reside in a rural or inner-city location; (6) have been raised in a single parent household. A committee reviews all applicants from Virginia for possible awards, and notifications are sent in early April. Like the Blue Ridge Scholarship, gifts of six-figures+ are matched 1:1.