



**Vanguard**<sup>®</sup>

# VANGUARD MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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## THE PROGRAM

The Vanguard Minority Scholarship Program provides merit-based scholarships of up to \$10,000 to minority students entering their junior or senior year of college during the upcoming school year. Applicants must be pursuing studies in business, finance, economics or accounting.

This scholarship program is administered by Scholarship Management Services<sup>®</sup>, a division of Scholarship America<sup>®</sup>. Scholarship Management Services is the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarship and tuition reimbursement programs for corporations, foundations, associations and individuals.

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## ELIGIBILITY

Applicants of the Vanguard Minority Scholarship Program must:

- Be a member of a racial or ethnic minority.
- Be entering their junior or senior year of college in the fall of 2012.
- Be currently enrolled **full-time** in a four-year accredited college or university in the United States and remain enrolled for the entire 2012-2013 academic year.
- Be pursuing studies in business, finance, economics or accounting.
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States.

Children of Vanguard employees are ineligible to apply to this program.

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## AWARDS

If selected as a recipient, the student will receive an award up to \$10,000. Up to ten awards will be granted each year. Awards will not exceed the total costs of tuition, fees, books, and supplies. Awards are not renewable, however students may reapply to the program each year eligibility requirements are met. Awards are for undergraduate study only.

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## APPLICATION

Interested students must complete the application and mail it along with a current, complete academic transcript of grades and a resume to Scholarship Management Services. The Recommender Assessment Form must be mailed by the recommender separate from the application and needs to be postmarked no later than **November 30**. Grade reports are not acceptable. Online transcripts must display student name, school name, grade and credit hours earned for each course, and term in which each course was taken. Applicants will receive acknowledgment of receipt of their application. If an acknowledgment card is not received within three weeks, applicants may call Scholarship Management Services to verify that the application has been received.

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore, all questions must be answered as completely as possible. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. All information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by Vanguard and Scholarship Management Services.

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## SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

Scholarship Management Services selects finalists on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, statement of goals and aspirations, unusual personal or family circumstances, recommender assessment form, letter of recommendation (optional) and a resume.

Selection of recipients is made by the Vanguard selection committee. All applicants agree to accept the decision of Vanguard and Scholarship Management Services as final.

Applicants will be notified in early May. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients.

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## PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Management Services processes scholarship payments on behalf of Vanguard. Payments are made in equal installments on August 15 and December 30. Checks are mailed to the recipient's home address and are made payable to the school on behalf of the student.

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## OBLIGATIONS

Recipients have no obligation to Vanguard. They are, however, required to:

1. Provide Scholarship Management Services with a copy of their financial aid award letter,
2. Notify Scholarship Management Services of any changes in address, school enrollment, or other relevant information, and
3. Send a complete transcript when requested.

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## REVISIONS

Vanguard reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time including termination of the program.

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to:

**Vanguard Minority Scholarship Program**  
Scholarship Management Services  
One Scholarship Way  
Saint Peter, MN 56082

Toll-free telephone: 1-800-537-4180 and ask for the Vanguard Minority Scholarship Program Manager.

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