

# HOW DO WE PAY FOR NEXT STEPS AT VANDERBILT?

## *FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS*

I. **STEP UP SCHOLARSHIP**- Students who graduated from a Tennessee high school and have been out of high school for less than 16 months are eligible to receive \$3,500 each year to help cover tuition. <https://www.tn.gov/collegepays/article/tennessee-step-up-scholarship>

II. **FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**- Eligible students can also be awarded Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, and Federal Work-Study programs, estimated amount up to \$5,000 based on need. Students who are 23+ years old do not need to consider their parent's income. <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/eligibility/intellectual-disabilities>

III. **Vocational Rehabilitation**- Transitional Learning Services for active Vocational Rehabilitation clients are awarded \$4,800 per year for a total of 4 semesters. <http://tennessee.gov/humanserv/rehab/vrs.html>.

Let's do the math\*: \$17,140 yearly tuition

-3,500 Step Up Scholarship

-5,000 Federal Financial Aid (estimate)

-4,800 Voc Rehab Transitional Learning Services (4 semesters)

**Remaining tuition \$3,840\*** Remaining tuition without Voc. Rehab funds \$8,640

Important- The Next Steps students and their families are eligible for the Vandy Plan interest free tuition payment plan, but must get this started in the spring semester for the following academic year. <https://finance.vanderbilt.edu/stuacct/payments/options-fall.php>

Next Steps students can ride the MTA buses free using their Vanderbilt ID cards.

\*Disclaimer- Let's do the math is based upon tuition rates for the 2017-2018 academic year and award estimates. The actual tuition rate may change over time, and the award amounts will vary depending upon the funders and each family's situation.

Next Steps at Vanderbilt – [www.nextsteps.vanderbilt.edu](http://www.nextsteps.vanderbilt.edu) for more information

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