Am I Eligible for Admissions to Vanderbilt through Next Steps at Vanderbilt?

**YES-** If you meet all of the following criteria, you would be eligible for Next Steps:

- When I plan to start college I would be between 18 and 26 years old, or 28 as a transfer student.
- I have a strong desire to attend college and continue learning alongside my peers.
- I also have a strong desire to have a paid job and to live independently after graduation.
- I think I could handle myself appropriately and safely on a university campus, especially during down times, even without constant supervision. (Students are taught how to get supports when needed.)
- When I start college, I will have graduated from high school.

Only a. or b. is required:

- a. I had an Individual Education Plan (IEP), while in school, and it states that an intellectual disability* is my disability, or one of them.
- b. I have results from a psycho-educational evaluation, neuropsychological, Vocational Rehabilitation, or other medical report stating that I have an intellectual disability. (If you attended a private school or were home schooled, this criteria would have applied to you in a public school setting, documentation is needed.)

* Next Steps at Vanderbilt uses the American Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities definition of Intellectual Disability- Intellectual disability is a disability characterized by significant limitations in both intellectual functioning and in adaptive behavior, which covers many everyday social and practical skills. This disability originates before the age of 18. Scores on cognitive and adaptive behavior assessments must both be 75 or below.

Due to space limitations, not all applicants who meet eligibility for admission attend the university through the Next Steps at Vanderbilt.

**NO-** I do not meet the eligibility criteria because my documentation does not list intellectual disability.

If the above statement describes you, but you feel you are a good match for Next Steps at Vanderbilt, we encourage you to email or call Tammy Day, Executive Director. She is happy to discuss your situation with you. It is highly likely that additional assessments will be needed to determine your eligibility.

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