



SUPPORT FOR FINANCIAL AID AT
 **Dartmouth**

Dartmouth is committed to meeting the financial needs of all its students. Providing a comprehensive financial aid program allows Dartmouth to attract the brightest students in the nation, which in turn creates the dynamic campus community for which the College is known.

Dartmouth's financial aid program is based on three principles:

- **Need-Blind Admissions**—Dartmouth selects its incoming classes without considering the applicants' financial aid status.
- **Need-Based Aid**—Dartmouth makes financial aid awards on the basis of need, not merit, athletic ability, or other competitive standards.
- **Full-Need Assistance**—Dartmouth is committed to meeting 100% of each student's demonstrated financial need for all four years.

Dartmouth's need-blind, full-need policy means that the College cannot dictate the maximum or minimum amount of aid it disburses. For example, in the past decade, the percentage of incoming first-year students who have received scholarships has fluctuated between 38–53%. The average scholarship award for the Class of 2017 is \$42,000.

Endowed Scholarship Funds at Dartmouth

Endowed scholarship funds, which exist in perpetuity, have a direct and lasting impact on individual Dartmouth students. Dartmouth Classes and Clubs may establish an endowed scholarship fund to support general scholarships for a minimum of \$50,000.

Classes and Clubs will receive annual financial reports about the fund as well as personal letters from the students detailing their Dartmouth experiences. We also encourage finding time to meet with the scholars when the groups meet on campus. Because naming thresholds subject to change in the future, and the fund would be subject to the threshold in place at the time the class or club commits to the scholarship.

Current Endowed Scholarship Thresholds

When gifts to an endowed scholarship fund reach:

- \$50,000 the scholarship fund is created and the first scholar is named.
- \$100,000 the second scholar is named.
- \$150,000 the third scholar is named.
- \$200,000 the fourth scholar is named.

Classes and clubs are encouraged to receive one scholar in each class so that as the graduating scholar leaves, a new freshman is chosen. Because class and club thresholds are lower than the average scholar need amount, we encourage classes and clubs to stay with just 4 scholars, and allow the growth of the fund to more fully support the scholars on aid.

Dartmouth College Fund (DCF) Scholarships

The Dartmouth College Fund offers a unique opportunity to be directly involved in supporting the Dartmouth experience of current students. With an annual gift of \$30,000, a member of either the junior or senior class will be designated for one year as a recipient of a scholarship in the name of the class or club. Dartmouth College Fund Scholars are selected during the summer following the Fund year in which the gift was made. The name of the student and a personal scholar thank you letter will be mailed in the spring.