



# E.S. Rose Scholarship

In 2007, Belmont established and funded the E.S. Rose Scholarship to honor the memory of Reverend E. S. Rose, an African-American religious and Nashville community activist who served as pastor of Greater Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church (founded in 1866) from 1928-1944. Each year, the university awards full and (when funds allow) half-tuition scholarships to students distinguished by their record of academic achievement and recognition from educational leaders. Selection is based upon the following criteria:

1) academic accomplishment, 2) evidence of involvement in positions of leadership in the school and community, 3) demonstrated financial need and 4) residency near E.S. Rose Park in the Edgehill neighborhood.

## Application Procedure

To be considered for an E.S. Rose scholarship, prospective freshmen must complete their application for admission to Belmont by our December 1 priority application deadline for merit scholarship consideration. Those students who meet that deadline, are admitted to the university, and meet Belmont's scholarship/residency criteria (see below), will be automatically considered for the award. Notification to scholarship recipients begins in late February.

## General Scholarship Criteria

Academic scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis. Students deemed competitive for merit scholarships at Belmont will have completed a strong college preparatory curriculum with above-average high school grades/standardized test scores/class rank while demonstrating significant individual achievement within a variety of extracurricular activities.

## Residency Requirement

Those students who meet the scholarship criteria and whose permanent residence is located within Metro Council districts 17, 19 and parts of 18 will be considered for the award (a map of Nashville's council districts can be found at [www.nashville.gov/Metro-Council.aspx](http://www.nashville.gov/Metro-Council.aspx)). Highest consideration will be given to those students who live in closest proximity to E.S. Rose Park. If there are no qualified applicants meeting the residency requirements, students who are graduating seniors at any Metro Nashville Public School and who are enrolled in the free/reduced meal program will then be considered (provided they are admitted to the university and meet the general scholarship criteria) for the E.S. Rose Scholarship.

## Award

The university will award two (2) full-tuition scholarships each academic year. In every other academic year, one additional half-tuition scholarship will be awarded. These scholarships are renewable for up to four years provided the student maintains a 2.75 minimum cumulative grade point average. In addition, to continue the legacy of Reverend E.S. Rose, scholarship recipients agree to perform 10 hours of community service per semester in the E.S. Rose Park and Edgehill neighborhoods.

## Additional Aid

Belmont is committed to helping families find the financing necessary to make the university an affordable option. In addition to merit scholarships, the university offers a variety of need-based financial assistance. Students must submit the FAFSA by the December 1 priority deadline for need-based aid consideration. Visit [www.belmont.edu/sfs](http://www.belmont.edu/sfs) for more information.

**Questions?** Contact the Office of Admissions at 615-460-6785.