



## Partner Institutions

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BRYN MAWR COLLEGE

CARLETON COLLEGE

COLBY COLLEGE

OBERLIN COLLEGE

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

# POSSE HOUSTON




Dear Posse Nominee:

Congratulations on your nomination for the Posse Scholarship. If you're reading this, you've just completed your first-round interview. You were nominated for a reason, and we're so glad to have met you in person.


Now that you know more about Posse, it's going to be important for you to familiarize yourself with Posse's partner colleges and universities so you can narrow down which schools you'd like to be considered for. If you advance to the next round as a semi-finalist, we're going to ask you to let us know your top choice colleges or universities.

This booklet presents a brief profile of each Posse partner school. We hope you get excited about them; they are among the very best institutions of higher education in the United States. Take a look, but also research these schools further on your own.

Good luck and we'll be in touch soon,  
Posse



### POSSE STEM PROGRAM

 The majority of Posse partner colleges and universities admit Posse Scholars interested in pursuing any major. If, however, you are interested in pursuing a major specifically in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) and would like to go to college in a Posse of students interested in majoring in a STEM field, you may want to consider Texas A&M University, a STEM Posse partner school.



## CONCEPT

Posse started in 1989 because of one student who said,

**“I NEVER WOULD HAVE DROPPED OUT OF COLLEGE IF I HAD MY POSSE WITH ME.”**

The Posse Foundation identifies public high school students with extraordinary academic and leadership potential who may be overlooked by traditional college selection processes. The Foundation extends to these students the opportunity to pursue personal and academic excellence by placing them in supportive, multicultural teams—Posses—of 10 students. The Foundation’s partner colleges and universities award Posse Scholars full-tuition leadership scholarships.

## THREE GOALS

1. To expand the pool from which top colleges and universities can recruit outstanding young leaders from diverse backgrounds.
2. To help these institutions build more interactive campus environments so they can become more welcoming for people from all backgrounds.
3. To ensure that Posse Scholars persist in their academic studies and graduate so they can take on leadership positions in the workforce.



# BRYN MAWR

**LOCATION:** Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

**CLOSEST CITY:** Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 1,350

**WEBSITE:** [www.brynmawr.edu](http://www.brynmawr.edu)

Bryn Mawr, a distinguished women's college with 1,350 undergraduates, is renowned for its academic excellence, diverse and close-knit community, and engagement with the world.

On an historic campus just outside of Philadelphia, Bryn Mawr students find challenging courses and research; strong bonds with faculty, students, and alumnae/i; innovative programs that connect study with action; and top-tier partnerships that expand options.

Critical, creative, and collaborative, Bryn Mawr alumnae/i are agents of change in every arena—and forever members of a community founded on respect for individuals.

## QUICK FACTS

- » 97% of graduates have positive career outcomes one year after graduation.
- » Top feeder school to premier graduate programs.
- » 100% of students complete a thesis or capstone project.
- » 3 partner schools expand academic and social opportunity.
- » 76% of students complete at least one internship.
- » 59% of the faculty at Bryn Mawr are women.





# Carleton College

**LOCATION:** Northfield, Minnesota

**CLOSEST CITIES:** Minneapolis + St. Paul, Minnesota

**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 2,042

**WEBSITE:** [www.carleton.edu](http://www.carleton.edu)

Carleton College is a private, coeducational, residential liberal arts college in Northfield, Minnesota, located 40 miles south of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Founded in 1866, Carleton is best known for its academic excellence and its warm, welcoming campus community. The diverse campus is composed of 2,042 students—47 percent men and 53 percent women—who come from across the country and globe: 40 percent originate from the Midwest, 23 percent from the West, 12 percent from the Mid-Atlantic States, 7 percent from New England, 8 percent from South, and 10 percent from outside the United States.

## QUICK FACTS

- » Carleton offers 33 majors and several interdisciplinary programs—and more than 1,000 courses.
- » Carleton has a 1,040-acre campus, including an 880-acre arboretum.
- » The student-faculty ratio is 9:1 and the average class size is 17.
- » Ten percent of students are among the first generation of their families to attend college, 24 percent are African-American, Asian-American, Hispanic/Latino/Chicano, Native American, or two or more races.
- » Due to its excellent financial aid program, Carleton students typically graduate with less average loan indebtedness than students who graduate from other private institutions in the country.

# Colby

**LOCATION:** Waterville, Maine

**CLOSEST CITY:** Augusta, Maine

**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 1,820

**WEBSITE:** [www.colby.edu](http://www.colby.edu)

Colby, one of the country's oldest independent liberal arts colleges, is located in Waterville, Maine. A national leader in research and project-based undergraduate learning, we offer students small classes and close collaboration with professors. Approximately 70 percent of undergraduates study abroad, and 81 countries and 42 states are represented in the student body. We believe all academically qualified students should have access to a Colby education, and we make this possible through on-campus support programs including Colby 360, our model for cocurricular learning, which fosters growth of the whole person and equips students with the tools to thrive.

## QUICK FACTS

- » Colby is one of only four carbon-neutral colleges in the country.
- » The Colby College Museum of Art one of the premier college art museums in the country.
- » Averaged over the last three years, 78 percent of seniors were employed, admitted to grad school, or received full-time fellowships by their graduation.
- » Sixty-three percent of Colby students volunteer, dedicating more than 28,000 hours of service time in local communities annually.
- » Colby awarded more than \$27 million in institutional grant aid in 2013-14.





# OBERLIN

COLLEGE & CONSERVATORY

**LOCATION:** Oberlin, Ohio

**CLOSEST CITY:** Cleveland, Ohio

**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 2,900

**WEBSITE:** [www.oberlin.edu](http://www.oberlin.edu)

Think one person can change the world? So do we. From its founding in 1833, Oberlin has been at the forefront of history, becoming the first college in America to adopt a policy to admit students of color and the first to award degrees to women in a coeducational program. Students here apply nanotechnology to killing cancer cells; compose original plays and music; and devise new ways to sustain the environment. Oberlin's learning community combines a top-ranked liberal arts college, a prestigious music conservatory, and one of the finest academic art museums in the country—on a single campus.

## QUICK FACTS

- » Our student body of 2,900 includes 6 percent from in-state, 86 percent out-of-state, 8 percent from abroad, and 25 percent people of color.
- » Oberlin offers 50 majors in the College of Arts and Sciences and eight in the Conservatory of Music.
- » Oberlin has 175 student organizations, 21 varsity sport teams, 500 concerts and recitals, a variety of film series and national speakers, and about 40 theater and dance productions each year. Sixty-three percent of students participate in community service, and 75 percent study abroad.
- » Students can choose from a variety of housing styles: traditional residence halls; program houses centered around a culture or language; or co-ops, in which students run the household and share meal prep.
- » Seventy percent of graduates further their education within five years of graduating, and 83 percent enter the workforce immediately. Finally, more Oberlin alumni go on to earn Ph.D.s than do the graduates of any other primarily undergraduate college.



**TEXAS A&M**  
UNIVERSITY

**LOCATION:** College Station, Texas

**CLOSEST CITY:** Houston, Texas

**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 54,476

**WEBSITE:** [www.tamu.edu](http://www.tamu.edu)

Texas A&M is among the top public research universities in the country, and the only public college in Texas to make the “Best Buys” list in the *Fiske Guide to Colleges 2019*, a list of colleges that offer a superior education for the most affordable cost. Its 69,465 students (including 54,476 undergraduates) can choose from 1,000+ student-led organizations, challenging them to learn, lead and serve, and its graduates are among the most heavily recruited in the nation. Perhaps best known for its incomparable Aggie spirit, rich traditions, core values and culture of excellence, Texas A&M is committed to developing leaders of character dedicated to serving the greater good.

#### QUICK FACTS

- » Texas A&M ranks first in Texas in student retention and graduation rates—overall and for under-represented students.
- » Twenty-five percent of undergraduates at Texas A&M are first-generation students, meaning they are the first in their immediate family to attend college. Texas A&M has renewed its efforts to ensure that first-gen students progress through to graduation, including advising, mentoring and group interaction.
- » Ranks in the Top 20 on the best universities in the country list from *Washington Monthly* (2018)
- » In the previous academic year, Texas A&M awarded approximately \$871 million in financial assistance.
- » Ranks 1st in Texas among public universities for best value by *Money Magazine* (2018)



Texas A&M University offers only science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) Posse Scholarships.







# VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

**LOCATION:** Nashville, Tennessee

**CLOSEST CITY:** Nashville, Tennessee

**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 6,886

**WEBSITE:** [www.vanderbilt.edu](http://www.vanderbilt.edu)

Vanderbilt University, situated on a beautiful 330-acre campus in the heart of Nashville, Tennessee, includes ten schools, of which four have undergraduate programs. The combination of excellent academic rigor, a vibrant campus life, and urban location attracts talented students from around the world, consistently earning the university a top-20 ranking from *U.S. News & World Report*. Vanderbilt is home to a diverse community of 6,900 undergraduate and 5,700 graduate students. Over 50 percent of undergraduates participate in academic research, and with a 7:1 student-faculty ratio, Vanderbilt affords easy access to faculty. First-year students live on The Martha Rivers Ingram Commons, a living-learning residential community, and students live in Vanderbilt housing all four years.

## QUICK FACTS

- » 69 majors and 70+ minors are offered across four undergraduate schools: College of Arts and Science; School of Engineering; Peabody College of Education and Human Development; Blair School of Music.
- » Vanderbilt's vibrant campus life includes 420+ student organizations, 27 sororities and fraternities, over 150 study abroad programs, Division I athletics, more than 40 club and intramural sports, and exciting internship opportunities.
- » Nashville, Vanderbilt's hometown, regularly earns high marks for quality of life and employment opportunities, including #3 for Best Big Cities for Jobs (*Forbes*, 2019) and #2 for College City Gets High Marks (*Princeton Review*, 2020).
- » Vanderbilt has earned the #1 ranking for "Best Quality of Life" from *Princeton Review* in 2020.
- » 42.1% of students from the first-year class entering fall 2019 are from underrepresented minorities; 11.8% are international students.
- » 65% of undergraduates receive some type of financial assistance to attend Vanderbilt.

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