

# FUTURE YEAR SCHOLARS PROGRAM ROADMAP

## GETTING STARTED

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Explore the Darden Future Year Scholars Program through our blog, podcast and website. Participate in Admissions phone conversation or event.

**Expert Tip:** A conversation is a great way to make a personal connection while learning more about how the program can help you reach your goals. Schedule a one-on-one conversation or join a small group coffee chat.

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## APPLICATION

**Expert Tip:** Be objective about the standardized tests. Could your academic profile benefit from a more recent test score? Or, do you feel your academic profile is strongest with your SAT/ACT score alone? (The GMAT is our most popular test).

**Expert Tip:** Unofficial and/or incomplete transcripts are okay! We won't need official transcripts until you are ready to begin at Darden.

**Expert Tip:** Highlight your background and experience in several short-answer questions – no response is longer than 200 words.

**Expert Tip:** Still waiting on official test scores but ready to submit? Unofficial test scores can be submitted during the application process!

- Start your application.
- Identify two recommenders.
- Prep for the GMAT or GRE (or submit your SAT or ACT score).
- Acquire transcripts from your previous institutions.
- Tailor and submit your resume.
- Compose your short answer essays.
- Review and submit your application.

## INTERVIEW

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- Interviews take place after the application has been submitted and are by invitation only.
- Once you receive an email invitation, schedule your virtual interview.
- Prepare for your interview.

We use Zoom for virtual interviews and recommend getting familiar with its features prior to the interview.

Our interviews are conversational in nature. Given that your interviewer has not seen your application or resume, please be prepared to discuss your story, why you are pursuing an MBA at Darden, and potential post-MBA career goals.

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## MAKE YOUR DECISION

**Expert Tip:** All admitted Future Year Scholars are automatically considered for scholarship at the time of admission and again before enrolling.

- Receive admissions decision notification.
- Submit your acceptance form and deposit by the deadline to secure your spot.

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## DEFERRAL PERIOD (2-4 YEARS)

- Network with Darden alumni and other Future Year Scholars
- Leverage career resources and attending Future Year Scholars Program events.
- Each year, let us know you still plan to enroll by submitting a \$500 non-refundable deposit. That way, we'll continue to hold your spot in a future class!

**Expert Tip:** LinkedIn is the best way to connect!

**Expert Tip:** The annual \$500 deposit counts toward your tuition once you matriculate.

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## ENROLLMENT

1. Update and submit career goal essay and resume
2. Submit additional letter of recommendation
3. Include any updated standardized test scores

**Expert Tip:** The Scholarship Committee will consider your supplemental application material when selecting merit-based scholarship recipients.

- Ready to get started at Darden? Complete a supplemental application and let us know how you've been doing!
- Pay remaining enrollment deposit

# WELCOME TO DARDEN!