

## Tuition Rates August 2025 - June 2026

The below VCFC tuition rates are in effect Aug. 1, 2025.

This published rate reflects a 6% increase for toddlers and a 10% increase for infants from the year prior. Tuition is payable in advance and due in full at the first of each month.

VU Monthly Tuition	Community Rate (for enrolled students whose families have lost eligibility due to job or student status change)	Age Range (based on age on 8/4/2025)
\$1681	\$2017	6 weeks – 12 months
\$1583	\$1900	13 months – 24 months
\$1365	\$1638	2 – 3 years
\$1253	\$1504	3 – 6 years

**Child's tuition rate is based on their age on 8/4/2025 and will remain in effect until 7/31/2026**

*Brightwheel automatic payment is the required method of payment.*

### Income-based discounts

Please note a family can only use one of the following programs, not both; Community members are not eligible for Vanderbilt Tuition Scholarships.

**If your income level is below \$74,999, VCFC encourages you to first apply for the [TN Child Care Certificate Program](#). Although VCFC cannot guarantee TN State eligibility or reimbursement rate, if approved you would likely receive a higher tuition reimbursement rate than you would receive through the VU tuition scholarship.**

### TN-DHS Child Care Certificate Program

TDHS provides financial assistance with childcare costs for families meeting income guideline criteria through several childcare assistance programs. For more information visit the Tennessee Department of Human Services [website](#).

**Vanderbilt Tuition Scholarships -Acorn families with one or more parents employed by Vanderbilt University may apply. Families with household incomes of less than \$125,000 may apply for a tuition rate adjustment. The amount of the adjustment is based on gross household income levels (\$0 - \$59,999 – 60%); (\$60,000 - \$74,999 – 40%); (\$75,000 - \$99,999 – 20%); (\$100,000 - \$124,999 – 5%) and the total funding available. If approved, please be advised that federal tax law designates these discounts as a taxable benefit. If you receive a paycheck from Vanderbilt the discount will show up as an imputed earning. If you do not receive a paycheck from Vanderbilt, please discuss with your tax consultant as this is still a taxable benefit.**

All families that currently receive an adjustment must reapply on the [FY26 tuition scholarship application](#) by **July 1** in order to have the discount applied to August tuition. You will not receive a discount until a new, complete application and ALL required documentation is received and approved. You will receive email confirmation once approved.

Learn more on the [The Acorn School website](#), or contact Linda Wilson, Administrative Officer for Vanderbilt Child and Family Center at [linda.l.wilson@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:linda.l.wilson@vanderbilt.edu)