

“I realize that the reason I’m even able to be at Dartmouth is because of the incredible generosity and selflessness of donors like you...Your support has made it possible for me, and many others, to have an incredible college experience.”

—Financial Aid Recipient, Class of 2024

Gifts of any size to the Dartmouth College Fund make a difference. In fiscal year 2021:

- 91% of all donors made gifts that were less than \$2,500
- all these gifts totaled \$5.1 million, or the equivalent of 103 student scholarships
- the average of these gifts was \$266

Why Participate?

- **It enhances the value of your degree**

U.S. News & World Report considers alumni participation to be an indicator of alumni satisfaction with their educational experience. They use alumni participation as a metric in their annual “Best Colleges” ranking of colleges and universities.

- **It increases financial resources available for Dartmouth and her students**

Foundations and corporations also consider alumni participation when deliberating grants. Their rationale is “if alumni do not support the college, why should we?”

- **It supports Dartmouth’s bond rating and translates to benefits for students**

Like most colleges, Dartmouth issues bonds for large projects, such as the construction of new residence halls. Dartmouth currently enjoys Aa1/AA+ (Moody’s/S&P) bond ratings. Rating companies consider alumni participation and philanthropy when annually re-evaluating the ratings. Dartmouth’s bond rating affects the interest rate the College pays to borrow money.

America’s Top Schools by Alumni Participation*

*According to *U.S. News & World Report, Best Colleges Guidebook, 2021 edition*

Princeton University	55%	University of Pennsylvania	38%
Dartmouth College	44%	Johns Hopkins University	35%
University of Notre Dame	42%	Duke University	32%
University of Chicago	39%	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	32%
University of Southern California	39%	Columbia University	31%

Did you know...?

-**Class dues** do not support current students but are charged by your class for specific class activities.

-**Classes** are measured primarily in their alumni participation to the Dartmouth College Fund.

-**Dartmouth College Fund gifts** support current students. Tuition, room and board, and fees cover only 44 percent of the cost of undergraduates’ education. Unrestricted gifts from alumni, parents, and friends help to cover the remaining cost.

-**Class projects and class gifts** support specific initiatives by a class to benefit the College and students.