



Dartmouth, Northwestern, Rice and Vanderbilt universities have agreed to pay a combined \$166 million to resolve claims that they favored wealthy student applicants, pushing total settlements in a federal antitrust lawsuit over college financial aid practices to \$284 million.

Lawyers for a proposed class of hundreds of thousands of current and former U.S. students disclosed the latest settlements in [a filing](#), late Friday in Chicago federal court. The 2022 lawsuit said 17 prominent colleges and universities violated U.S. antitrust law by violating a pledge not to consider students' finances in making admissions decisions, giving wealthy students an edge.

Dartmouth and Rice said they would each pay \$33.75 million. Northwestern agreed to pay \$43.5 million, and Vanderbilt will pay \$55 million.

Brown, Yale and Columbia universities [earlier agreed](#) to pay a combined \$62 million to resolve claims against them.

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