



**Wade H. McCree, Jr.
Incentive Scholarship Program
Class of 2010**

Participation Agreement

The Wade H. McCree, Jr. Incentive Scholarship Program provides an outstanding educational opportunity for students to reach their full potential as scholars in the classroom and as citizens in their respective communities. The program, through substantial financial commitment by Grand Valley State University, offers the financial security of a guaranteed tuition scholarship to students who fulfill the requirements.

Named in the honor of the former Solicitor General of the United States and Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Michigan, the Wade H. McCree, Jr. Incentive Scholarship Program reflects a unified commitment by Michigan's public universities to further increase and enhance opportunities in higher education for all qualified students regardless of financial need. Each university provides funds to support McCree scholarships. The program began in 1986 with 30 students and has grown to include well over 1,000 high school students statewide each year, in addition to those scholars who have already gone on to college.

Terms and Conditions of Participation

This agreement establishes the understanding and commitment of the parties listed below to the Wade H. McCree, Jr. Incentive Scholarship Program and stipulates the terms and conditions of the program.

1. Parties involved in the agreement

Name of student (please print): _____

Name of parent/guardian (please print): _____

High School Attending (please print): _____

2. Nature of the scholarship award

The Wade H. McCree, Jr. Incentive Scholarship Program provides funds for tuition and required fees. There is no coverage under the Wade H. McCree, Jr. Incentive Scholarship Program for lab fees, books, supplies, transportation, room and board, or any costs other than tuition and required fees. Funding for other associated fees are available through GVSU's Office of Financial Aid.

3. Criteria for Scholarship

The Wade H. McCree, Jr. Incentive Scholarship shall be awarded to students who meet the following conditions:

- Enrolls in and satisfactorily passes the following recommended **college preparatory courses** while in high school
 - * Four years of English, including composition
 - * Three years of college preparatory mathematics, including two years of algebra
 - * Three years of science, including two years of laboratory science
 - * Three years of social science
 - * Two years of a single foreign language

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Criteria for Scholarship (continued)

- Must have a minimum 3.3 high school cumulative grade point average prior to Grand Valley State University's February 1st priority scholarship deadline.
- Achieves at least a 21 composite score on the American College Test (ACT) prior to Grand Valley State University's February 1st priority scholarship deadline.
- Applies for admission to Grand Valley State University prior to February 1st of the senior year in high school.
- Submits a Free Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA) no later than February 15, during the senior year in high school.
- **MUST** maintain a college cumulative grade point average of 2.85 to remain eligible for the Wade H. McCree, Jr. Incentive Scholarship.
- Enrolls for a minimum of 12 college credit hours each semester. 15 college credit hours are recommended.

Other Conditions and Recommendations

- It is strongly recommended that Wade H. McCree, Jr. Incentive Scholarship Program participants take the ACT in the fall of their junior year in high school. If the composite score is less than 21 after the first attempt, the student should retake the test during the spring of their junior year and/or the fall of their senior year.
- **All monthly meetings are required.** If a student misses more than two meetings, without making prior arrangements with the Office of Multicultural Affairs, he/she will be dismissed from the program. Only emergency absences will be excused, such as, absences due to a medical or family emergency (e.g. death in the family, medical).
- Students are required to attend university-sponsored programs and activities specifically designed for Wade H. McCree, Jr. Incentive Scholarship Program participants.
- It is mandatory to update address and phone number changes to the Office of Multicultural Affairs no later than one week after the change.
- A student may terminate this agreement at any time. Written notification of this decision must be sent to:

Grand Valley State University
Office of Multicultural Affairs
Attn: Wade H. McCree, Jr. Incentive Scholarship Program Coordinator
130 COM / 1 Campus Dr.
Allendale, MI 49401

We agree to accept the conditions of the award as stated above. We consent to the release of relevant school information (grades, reports from teachers and counselors, etc.) to Grand Valley State University for monitoring purposes. We give our consent to allow the program participant to meet and talk with Grand Valley State University faculty and staff members on a regular basis. We agree to make a good faith effort to live up to the terms and conditions of the Wade H. McCree, Jr. Incentive Scholarship Program. We understand that failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this agreement may result in termination from the Wade H. McCree, Jr. Incentive Scholarship Program.

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Program Coordinator's Signature: _____

Date: _____