

# GVSU FIRST Robotics Engineering Scholarship

## SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

The School of Engineering at Grand Valley State University has established a merit based engineering scholarship to recognize the achievements of FIRST Robotics Competition participants. This renewable scholarship will provide a \$16,000 award, \$4000 per year, renewable for three additional years, for study in the School of Engineering at Grand Valley.

Grand Valley State University is a comprehensive public university of approximately 23,000 students serving West Michigan. With three campuses in Allendale, Grand Rapids and Holland, Michigan, GVSU is located in an area with a strong manufacturing flavor. All students in the School of Engineering participate in an integrated cooperative education program. GVSU offers an ABET accredited Bachelor of Science in Engineering with mechanical, electrical, manufacturing, computer and interdisciplinary emphases.

To be eligible, a student must:

- 1) apply for admission to Grand Valley State University prior to February 1,
- 2) have participated in the FIRST Robotics Competition,
- 3) have a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or better in high school,
- 4) have an ACT composite of at least 26 and
- 5) have at least 6 units of high school math and science.

The Engineering Scholarship Committee will select a recipient from those students who meet the above qualifications and who have been admitted to the University. Awards will be announced by the end of March. The scholarship is renewable on an annual basis, for a total of eight semesters, providing the recipient maintains the following level of scholarship:

- 1) is enrolled in engineering and carries a minimum of 15 credits each semester,
- 2) maintains a minimum cumulative 3.00 GPA, and
- 3) successfully completes the engineering requirements for each academic year.

The Engineering Scholarship Committee monitors each recipient's progress and notifies the Financial Aid Office of award renewal.

If you would like to apply for a FIRST Engineering Scholarship, please complete the application on the reverse side and return it to:

Grand Valley State University  
School of Engineering  
Engineering Scholarship Committee  
301 W. Fulton, Suite 718  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504

Phone (616) 331-6750

Fax (616) 331-7215

Web: <http://www.gvsu.edu/engineering>

# Application for FIRST Engineering Scholarship

## **Instructions**

Please complete the information below. The Engineering Scholarship Committee will use this along with other information in making its decision. Please return this form prior to March 1.

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student # \_\_\_\_\_  
(if known)

2. Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

3. Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

4. Present High School \_\_\_\_\_

5. Date of expected high school graduation \_\_\_\_\_

6. List all mathematics and science classes taken in high school (grades 9 – 12).

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7. List your extra-curricular activities and how you participated in them.

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8. Attach to your application, or have sent separately, a letter of recommendation from one of the sponsors of the FIRST Robotics team on which you worked. This letter should address your level of participation and your likelihood to succeed in an engineering career.

9. ESSAY: Please attach a typed essay written about yourself and your interest in engineering. Also, discuss your participation in the FIRST Robotics competition, including the name and location of your team and the name of your sponsoring organization. Help the Engineering Scholarship Committee understand your uniqueness and see you as a person, as a student, and as a future member of the engineering profession. To accomplish this, it would be best if you wrote in the first person. Remember that the Committee will read many essays, and you must make them understand why you should receive a scholarship. Your essay will weigh heavily in their decision. By signing this application, you have testified that the essay is your work alone.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

