

FRESHMAN MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

The following scholarships require:

- » Enrollment directly from high school
- » Admission to GVSU by March 1
- » Full-time enrollment status
- » Maintaining satisfactory academic progress

Search for additional scholarships through gvsu.edu/myscholarships

SCHOLARSHIP	ANNUAL VALUE	TOTAL VALUE (OVER 4 YEARS)	ACT	SAT ¹	GPA ²	RENEWABLE ³	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP	\$11,000 (Michigan Residents) Approximately \$17,898 (Non-Michigan Residents) Up to +\$2,000 for National Merit Finalists	\$44,000 (Michigan Residents) Approximately \$71,592 (Non-Michigan Residents)	32+	1430+	3.8+	✓	Cannot be combined with the Faculty Scholarship, Award for Excellence, or Laker Scholarship. Non-Michigan Residents: This scholarship also covers the difference between full-time Michigan resident tuition and nonresident tuition in addition to \$11,000.
FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP	\$8,000 (Michigan Residents) Approximately \$14,898 (Non-Michigan Residents) Up to +\$2,000 for National Merit Finalists	\$32,000 (Michigan Residents) Approximately \$59,592 (Non-Michigan Residents)	30+	1370+	3.6+	✓	Cannot be combined with the Presidential Scholarship, Award for Excellence, or Laker Scholarship. Non-Michigan Residents: This scholarship also covers the difference between full-time Michigan resident tuition and nonresident tuition in addition to \$8,000.
AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE	\$3,500 (Michigan Residents) Approximately \$10,398 (Non-Michigan Residents)	\$14,000 (Michigan Residents) Approximately \$41,592 (Non-Michigan Residents)			3.5+	✓	Cannot be combined with the Presidential Scholarship, Faculty Scholarship, or Laker Scholarship. Non-Michigan Residents: This scholarship also covers the difference between full-time Michigan resident tuition and nonresident tuition in addition to \$3,500.
LAKER SCHOLARSHIP	\$1,000 (Michigan Residents) Approximately \$7,898 (Non-Michigan Residents)	\$4,000 (Michigan Residents) Approximately \$31,592 (Non-Michigan Residents)			3.3+	✓	Cannot be combined with the Presidential Scholarship, Faculty Scholarship, or Award for Excellence. Non-Michigan Residents: This scholarship also covers the difference between full-time Michigan resident tuition and nonresident tuition in addition to \$1,000.
URBAN SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP	\$3,000 (Michigan Residents) Approximately \$9,898 (Non-Michigan Residents)	\$12,000 (Michigan Residents) Approximately \$39,592 (Non-Michigan Residents)			3.0+	✓	Awarded to students from select urban high schools. For a complete listing of eligible schools, visit gvsu.edu/financialaid/urban . Cannot be combined with the Early Awareness Scholarship or a Native American Tuition Grant. Non-Michigan Residents: This scholarship also covers the difference between full-time Michigan resident tuition and nonresident tuition in addition to \$3,000.
EARLY AWARENESS SCHOLARSHIP	\$3,000 (Michigan Residents) Approximately \$9,898 (Non-Michigan Residents)	\$12,000 (Michigan Residents) Approximately \$39,592 (Non-Michigan Residents)			3.0+	✓	Awarded to students who have at least two years of participation in one of the following college readiness programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc. • The Detroit Compact • Detroit Regional Dollars for Scholars • GEAR UP • GVSU 8th Grade Pathways • Introspect Youth Services, Inc. • Midnight Golf Program • TRIO Talent Search • TRIO Upward Bound • Wade H. McCree Jr. Incentive Scholarship Students receiving this scholarship are also encouraged to participate in one of the structured student success programs on campus. Cannot be combined with the Urban Schools Scholarship or a Native American Tuition Grant. Non-Michigan Residents: This scholarship also covers the difference between full-time Michigan resident tuition and nonresident tuition in addition to \$3,000.
GV CHARTER SCHOOLS ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP	\$1,000	\$4,000				✓	<i>March 1 application deadline does not apply to this scholarship.</i> Awarded at application review specifically to students who have graduated from a GVSU charter high school. Students receiving this scholarship are also encouraged to participate in one of the structured student success programs on campus.

All scholarship requirements, details, and conditions are listed at <https://gvsu.edu/s/3dl>.

¹ SAT combined score on the Evidence-based Reading and Writing and Math.

² Cumulative GPA is calculated on a 4.0 scale.

³ Students may receive renewable scholarships for up to four academic years of continuous, full-time enrollment. For specific renewal criteria, please visit gvsu.edu/scholarships.

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

Fall 2026 Admissions Application Review Begins

Students with completed applications can expect a decision within three weeks. gvsu.edu/apply

On-campus Housing Application Available

Freshmen are required to live on campus. Once you have been admitted to GVSU, you should apply for housing online at gvsu.edu/housing. The housing application deadline is May 1, but students who apply early are more likely to receive their first or second housing choice.

OCTOBER

File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- Complete the FAFSA at studentaid.gov/fafsa. Although the priority filing deadline is March 1, we recommend filing the FAFSA early in order to maximize your scholarship and grant eligibility. **GVSU school code: 002268**

NOVEMBER

Apply for Scholarships Through myScholarships

- After you are admitted to GVSU, begin applying for scholarships through myScholarships at gvsu.edu/myscholarships. The myScholarships database has more than 500 GVSU scholarship opportunities, as well as over 10,000 fully vetted external scholarship opportunities. Most scholarship deadlines are March 1.

JANUARY

Financial Aid Award Notifications Sent

- Incoming students who have filed their FAFSA will receive their award notifications beginning in January.

FEBRUARY

Roommate Selection Opens

- Incoming students who have completed a housing application will receive information about the roommate selection process. Students who do not self-select a roommate will be assigned housing in July.

MARCH

Application Deadline for Merit-based Admission Scholarships

To be considered for merit-based admission scholarships, you must be admitted by **March 1, 2026** for Fall 2026 admission. View these scholarships at gvsu.edu/scholarships.

Priority Deadline for Filing the FAFSA

File the FAFSA by **March 1** to be considered for the maximum amount of financial aid.

Commit to GVSU

- Make a commitment to attend GVSU by **May 1**, which is National Decision Day, by scheduling your Orientation session at gvsu.edu/orientation.

Housing Application Deadline

Apply for housing online by **May 1** at gvsu.edu/housing.

JUNE

Housing Assignment

Housing assignments begin in **June**.

Final Scholarship Decisions

- Final scholarship decisions are made by **July 31**.
- Students who were admitted prior to March 1 are welcome to send updated transcripts and test scores to the Admissions and Recruitment Office for scholarship reconsideration.

JULY

ESTIMATE YOUR ANNUAL COST

While college expenses vary with each student, the table below gives an estimation of the annual cost to attend Grand Valley.

	Michigan Residents On Campus	Non-Michigan Residents On Campus
Tuition and Fees	\$15,872*	\$22,770*
Room and board (traditional living centers)	\$10,700*	\$10,700*
Total	\$26,572	\$33,470

*Tuition and housing figures are those for 2025–2026 and are subject to change by the Grand Valley Board of Trustees. Plan for additional expenses for items such as books, supplies, transportation, and other necessities.