# Freshman Merit Scholarships

The following scholarships require:

- Enrollment directly from high school
- Full-time enrollment status
- Maintaining satisfactory academic progress

Search for additional scholarships through [gvsu.edu/myscholarships](http://gvsu.edu/myscholarships)

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<tr>
<th>Scholarship</th>
<th>Annual Value</th>
<th>Total Value (Over 4 Years)</th>
<th>ACT</th>
<th>SAT&lt;sup&gt;1&lt;/sup&gt;</th>
<th>GPA&lt;sup&gt;2&lt;/sup&gt;</th>
<th>Renewable&lt;sup&gt;3&lt;/sup&gt;</th>
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<td>Presidential Scholarship</td>
<td>$11,000</td>
<td>$44,000</td>
<td>32+</td>
<td>1430+</td>
<td>3.8+</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Faculty Scholarship</td>
<td>$8,000</td>
<td>$32,000</td>
<td>30+</td>
<td>1370+</td>
<td>3.6+</td>
<td>✓</td>
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<td>Award for Excellence</td>
<td>$3,500</td>
<td>$14,000</td>
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<td>3.5+</td>
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<td>Laker Scholarship</td>
<td>$1,000</td>
<td>$4,000</td>
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<td>3.3+</td>
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<td>Urban Schools Scholarship</td>
<td>$3,000</td>
<td>$12,000</td>
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<td>3.0+</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>Awarded to students from select urban high schools. For a complete listing of eligible schools, visit <a href="http://gvsu.edu/financialaid/urban">gvsu.edu/financialaid/urban</a>. 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.</td>
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| Early Awareness Scholarship      | $3,000       | $12,000                     |     |               | 3.0+           | ✓                   | Awarded to students who have at least two years of participation in one of the following college readiness programs:
  - Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc.
  - The Detroit Compact
  - Detroit Regional Dollars for Scholars
  - GEAR UP
  - 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 | ✓ | | | | Awarded at application review specifically to students who have graduated from a GVU charter high school. Students receiving this scholarship are also encouraged to participate in one of the structured student success programs on campus. Scholarship must be used within four years after initial enrollment at GVSU, and may only be used on a GVU-approved, for-credit study abroad program. Awardees are still eligible for additional study abroad scholarships. For consideration, apply at [gvsu.edu/myscholarships](http://gvsu.edu/myscholarships). |
| Lakers Go Abroad! Scholarship    | $2,000       | One-time only award         |     |               |                | ✓                   | Scholarship must be used within four years after initial enrollment at GVSU, and may only be used on a GVU-approved, for-credit study abroad program. Awardees are still eligible for additional study abroad scholarships. For consideration, apply at [gvsu.edu/myscholarships](http://gvsu.edu/myscholarships). |

<sup>1</sup> SAT combined score on the Evidence-based Reading and Writing and Math.  
<sup>2</sup> Cumulative GPA is calculated on a 4.0 scale.  
<sup>3</sup> 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](http://gvsu.edu/scholarships).
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.

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<td><strong>Tuition and Fees</strong></td>
<td>$14,628*</td>
<td>$20,820*</td>
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<td><strong>Room and board</strong></td>
<td>$10,170*</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>$24,798</td>
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*Tuition and housing figures are those for 2023–2024 and are subject to change by the Grand Valley Board of Trustees.

DATES TO REMEMBER

**SEPTEMBER**
- **Fall 2024 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.

**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.

**JANUARY**
- **File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**
  Complete the FAFSA at studentaid.gov/fafsa as soon as you can. Be sure to include GVSU when filing (school code: 002268) to ensure that we receive your FAFSA information. Although there is no specific deadline, need based funds may be limited and will be awarded based on the date GVSU receives your FAFSA information.

**MARCH**
- **Application Deadline for Merit-based Admission Scholarships**
  To be considered for merit-based admission scholarships, you must be admitted by March 1, 2024 for Fall 2024 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.

**MAY**
- **Commit to GVSU**
  Make a commitment to attend GVSU by May 1, which is National Decision Day. Schedule your Orientation session at gvsu.edu/orientation.
- **Housing Application Deadline**
  Apply for housing online by May 1 at gvsu.edu/housing.

**JUNE**
- **Housing Assignment Notification**
  Housing and roommate assignments will be sent in June.

**JULY**
- **Final Scholarship Decisions**
  Final scholarship decisions are made by July 31.