Freshman Merit Scholarships

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

The following scholarships are all renewable and require:
- Enrollment directly from high school
- Full-time enrollment status
- Maintaining satisfactory academic progress

Students may receive renewable scholarships for up to four academic years of continuous, full-time enrollment.

All scholarship requirements, details, renewal criteria, and conditions are listed at ***gvsu.edu/scholarships***.

Scholarship	Annual Value	Total Value (over 4 years)	GPA[1]	Additional Information
Presidential Scholarship	**$11,000** (Michigan Residents) Approximately **$17,500** (Non-Michigan Residents) **Up to +$2,000** for National Merit Finalists	**$44,000** (Michigan Residents) Approximately **$72,000** (Non-Michigan Residents)	3.8+	Requires ACT score of 32+ or SAT score[2] of 1430+. 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	**$6,000** (Michigan Residents) Approximately **$12,500** (Non-Michigan Residents) **Up to +$2,000** for National Merit Finalists	**$24,000** (Michigan Residents) Approximately **$52,000** (Non-Michigan Residents)	3.75+	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 $6,000.
Award for Excellence	**$5,000** (Michigan Residents) Approximately **$11,500** (Non-Michigan Residents)	**$20,000** (Michigan Residents) Approximately **$48,000** (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 $5,000.
Laker Scholarship	**$1,000** (Michigan Residents) Approximately **$7,500** (Non-Michigan Residents)	**$4,000** (Michigan Residents) Approximately **$32,000** (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 **$9,500** (Non-Michigan Residents)	**$12,000** (Michigan Residents) Approximately **$40,000** (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 **$9,500** (Non-Michigan Residents)	**$12,000** (Michigan Residents) Approximately **$40,000** (Non-Michigan Residents)	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 • 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**		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.

[1] Cumulative GPA is calculated on a 4.0 scale.

[2] SAT combined score on the Evidence-based Reading and Writing and Math.

Search for additional scholarships through gvsu.edu/myscholarships

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Dates to Remember

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September

Fall 2027 Admissions Application Review Begins

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

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

January

Financial Aid Award Notifications Sent

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

March

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, by scheduling your Orientation session at ***gvsu.edu/orientation***.

Housing Application Priority Deadline

Apply for housing online by **May 1** at ***gvsu.edu/housing***. Students who apply early are more likely to receive their first or second housing choice.

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	**$16,886***	**$23,848***
Room and board *(traditional living centers)*	**$11,100***	**$11,100***
Total	**$27,986**	**$34,948**

*Tuition and housing figures are those for 2026-2027 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.