

# FRESHMAN MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Admitted to GVSU by **December 31**

SCHOLARSHIP	ACT/SAT	GPA <sup>†</sup>	ANNUAL AMOUNT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
<b>Presidential Scholarship</b> <sup>*1</sup> <sup>**</sup>	32 or higher composite ACT score or 1430 or higher SAT combined score on the Evidence-based Reading and Writing and Math.	3.8+	\$4,000-\$7,000	Recipients also receive an Award for Excellence Scholarship. Additional amounts of up to \$2,000 are awarded to students who are National Merit Finalists. Renewable for three additional consecutive years. Total award value: \$16,000-\$28,000 Competitions take place in November and January.
<b>Faculty Scholarship</b> <sup>*1</sup> <sup>**</sup>	30 or higher composite ACT score or 1370 or higher SAT combined score on the Evidence-based Reading and Writing and Math.	3.6+	\$1,000-\$3,000	Recipients also receive an Award for Excellence Scholarship. Additional amounts of up to \$2,000 are awarded to students who are National Merit Finalists. Renewable for three additional consecutive years. Total award value: \$4,000-\$12,000 Competitions take place in November and January.
<b>Award for Excellence</b> <sup>**</sup>	26 or higher composite ACT score or 1240 or higher SAT combined score on the Evidence-based Reading and Writing and Math.	3.5+	\$5,000	Cannot be combined with Laker Scholarship. Renewable for three additional consecutive years. <b>Non-Michigan Residents:</b> This scholarship also covers the difference between full-time Michigan resident tuition and nonresident tuition in addition to \$5,000. Total award value: Michigan resident \$20,000, nonresident approximately \$40,280
<b>Laker Scholarship</b> <sup>*</sup> <sup>**</sup>		3.3+	\$2,000	Renewable for three additional consecutive years. Cannot be combined with the Award for Excellence, Faculty, or Presidential Scholarship. <b>Non-Michigan Residents:</b> This scholarship also covers the difference between full-time Michigan resident tuition and nonresident tuition in addition to \$2,000. Total award value: Michigan resident \$8,000, nonresident approximately \$28,280
<b>Urban Schools Scholarship</b> <sup>*</sup> <sup>**</sup>		3.3+	\$3,000	Awarded to students from select urban high schools. For a complete listing of eligible schools, visit <a href="https://gvsu.edu/scholarships/">gvsu.edu/scholarships/</a> . Cannot be combined with the Early Awareness Scholarship or a Native American tuition grant. Renewable for three additional consecutive years. <b>Non-Michigan Residents:</b> This scholarship also covers the difference between full-time Michigan resident tuition and nonresident tuition in addition to \$3,000. Total award value: Michigan resident \$12,000, nonresident approximately \$32,280
<b>Early Awareness Scholarship</b> <sup>*</sup> <sup>**</sup>		3.3+	\$3,000	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"> <li>• Wade H. McCree Jr. Incentive Scholarship</li> <li>• TRIO Upward Bound</li> <li>• GEAR UP</li> <li>• TRIO Talent Search</li> <li>• Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc.</li> <li>• Introspect Youth Services, Inc.</li> <li>• The Detroit Compact</li> </ul> Cannot be combined with the Urban Schools Scholarship or a Native American tuition grant. Renewable for three additional consecutive years. <b>Non-Michigan Residents:</b> This scholarship also covers the difference between full-time Michigan resident tuition and nonresident tuition in addition to \$3,000. Total award value: Michigan resident \$12,000, nonresident approximately \$32,280
<b>Alumni Heritage Scholarship</b> <sup>*</sup>			Varies	To apply, go to <a href="https://gvsu.edu/myscholarships/">gvsu.edu/myscholarships/</a> . Must be the child of a Grand Valley alumnus entering as a freshman. Renewable for three additional consecutive years.
<b>Robert C. Trotter Tri-County Scholarship</b> <sup>*</sup>			\$1,000	To apply, go to <a href="https://gvsu.edu/myscholarships/">gvsu.edu/myscholarships/</a> . Recipients will be selected from Kent, Muskegon, and Ottawa counties. Preference will be given to students without other merit aid. Renewable for three additional consecutive years. Total award value: \$4,000
<b>Lakers Go Abroad! Scholarship</b>			\$2,000	To apply, go to <a href="https://gvsu.edu/myscholarships/">gvsu.edu/myscholarships/</a> . Scholarship must be used within four years after initial enrollment at GVSU, and may only be used on a GVSU-approved, for-credit study abroad program. Awardees are still eligible for additional study abroad scholarships.

<sup>\*</sup> Must enroll directly from high school <sup>†</sup> Must participate in a scholarship competition to be eligible  
<sup>\*\*</sup> For specific renewal criteria, please visit [gvsu.edu/scholarships](https://gvsu.edu/scholarships) <sup>†</sup> Cumulative GPA is calculated on a 4.0 scale

# DATES TO REMEMBER

## SEPTEMBER

### Fall 2021 Admissions Application Review Begins

Students with completed applications can expect a decision within three weeks. [gvsu.edu/apply](https://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 by May 1. Students who apply early are more likely to get their first or second housing choice. You can apply for housing at [gvsu.edu/housing/](https://gvsu.edu/housing/).

## OCTOBER

### File FAFSA

Complete the FAFSA at [studentaid.gov/fafsa](https://studentaid.gov/fafsa) starting **October 1**. Although the priority filing deadline is **March 1**, we recommend filing the FAFSA early in order to maximize 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/](https://gvsu.edu/myscholarships/). The myScholarships database has more than 400 scholarship opportunities.

## DECEMBER

### Application Deadline for Merit-based Admission Scholarships

To be considered for these scholarships, you must be admitted by **December 31** for fall admission. Final scholarship decisions are made by **July 31**. For a list of scholarships, go to [gvsu.edu/scholarships/](https://gvsu.edu/scholarships/).

## 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 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (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 Advising and Registration session at [gvsu.edu/orientation/](https://gvsu.edu/orientation/).

## JUNE

### Housing Assignment Notification

Housing and roommate assignments will be sent in **June**.

## 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	NonMichigan On Campus
Tuition and Fees	\$13,244*	\$18,844*
Room and board (traditional living centers)	\$9,000*	\$9,000*
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,244</b>	<b>\$27,844</b>

\*Tuition and housing figures are those for 2020-2021 and are subject to change by the Grand Valley Board of Trustees.