FRESHMAN MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS
Completed application for admissions by December 31

**Presidential Scholarship**  
**ACT/SAT Score:** 32 or higher composite ACT score or 1430 or higher SAT combined score on the Evidence-based Reading and Writing and Math.  
**GPA**: 3.8+  
**Annual Award Amount:** $4,000-$7,000  
**Additional Information:**  
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.

**Faculty Scholarship**  
**ACT/SAT Score:** 30 or higher composite ACT score or 1370 or higher SAT combined score on the Evidence-based Reading and Writing and Math.  
**GPA**: 3.6+  
**Annual Award Amount:** $1,000-$3,000  
**Additional Information:**  
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.

**Award for Excellence**  
**ACT/SAT Score:** 26 or higher composite ACT score or 1240 or higher SAT combined score on the Evidence-based Reading and Writing and Math.  
**GPA**: 3.5+  
**Annual Award Amount:** $5,000  
**Additional Information:**  
Cannot be combined with Laker Scholarship.  
Renewable for three additional consecutive years.  
**Non-Michigan Residents:** 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

**Laker Scholarship**  
**GPA**: 3.3+  
**Annual Award Amount:** $2,000  
**Additional Information:**  
Renewable for three additional consecutive years.  
Cannot be combined with the Award for Excellence, Faculty, or Presidential Scholarship.  
**Non-Michigan Residents:** 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
Urban Schools Scholarship* **
GPA*: 3.3+
Annual Award Amount: $3,000
Additional Information:
Awarded to students from select urban high schools. For a complete listing of eligible schools, visit gvsu.edu/scholarships/.
Cannot be combined with the Early Awareness Scholarship or a Native American tuition grant.
Renewable for three additional consecutive years.
Non-Michigan Residents: 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

Early Awareness Scholarship* **
GPA*: 3.3+
Annual Award Amount: $3,000
Additional Information:
Awarded to students who have at least two years of participation in one of the following college readiness programs:
- Wade H. McCree Jr. Incentive Scholarship
- GEAR UP
- Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc.
- TRIO Talent Search
- TRIO Upward Bound
- Introspect Youth Services, Inc.
- The Detroit Compact

Cannot be combined with the Urban Schools Scholarship or a Native American tuition grant.
Renewable for three additional consecutive years.
Non-Michigan Residents: 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

Alumni Heritage Scholarship*
Annual Award Amount: Varies
Additional Information:
To apply, go to gvsu.edu/myscholarships/.
Must be the child of a Grand Valley alumnus entering as a freshman.
Renewable for three additional consecutive years.

Robert C. Trotter Tri-County Scholarship*
Annual Award Amount: $1,000
Additional Information:
To apply, go to gvsu.edu/myscholarships/.
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

Lakers Go Abroad! Scholarship
Annual Award Amount: $2,000
Additional Information:
To apply, go to [gvsu.edu/myscholarships](http://gvsu.edu/myscholarships/).
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.

*Must enroll directly from high school   †Cumulative GPA is calculated on a 4.0 scale
** For specific renewal criteria, please visit gvsu.edu/scholarships
† Must participate in a scholarship competition to be eligible

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**SEPTEMBER -**

**Fall 2021 Admissions Application Review Begins**
Students with completed applications can expect a decision within three weeks. gvsu.edu/apply

**On-Campus Housing Application Available**
Freshman 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/.

**OCTOBER –**

**File FAFSA**
Complete the FAFSA at 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/. 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/.

**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/.

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
Tuition and Fees: $13,244*
Room and Board (traditional living centers): $9,000*
Total: $22,244

Non Michigan On Campus
Tuition and Fees: $18,844*
Room and Board (traditional living centers): $9,000*
Total: $27,844

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