

GSAA Student Merit Scholarships



The GSAA Merit Scholarship is awarded to outstanding students who excel in academics, athletics, fine arts, or leadership. This scholarship rewards students' hard work and dedication, acknowledges their personal strengths, and assists with funding an Adventist education. The application process requires documentation that specific criteria has been met, a written essay, and letters of recommendation.

- **Areas of opportunity: Academics, Athletics, Fine Arts, and Leadership.**
- Only one scholarship is granted each year per area of opportunity listed above.
- Students may only apply for one area per year and receive the scholarship once per area. They must have attended GSAA for one year before applying, therefore new students and Freshman are not eligible.
- **All forms are due by September 15.**
- Yearly scholarship awards:
 - \$2,000 for dorm students
 - \$1,500 for day students
 - Paid out over two semesters - January (1st semester) and June (2nd semester)
 - Reflected on final semester bills
 - Contingent on continuing to meet the criteria
- Requirements:
 - Application Form completed and submitted by September 15
 - Provide three letters of recommendation (forms attached) in sealed envelopes from such sources as a teacher, pastor, coach, mentor (must be relevant to the area of opportunity the student is applying under).
 - Participation in designated area of opportunity
 - Maintain exemplary citizenship – no disciplinary actions
 - Maintain satisfactory attendance
 - Maintain a minimum GPA per area requirement
- Must maintain **Area Requirements** for the entire semester of each award. Failure to do so will result in the loss of the scholarship.
- Since this scholarship is funded by generous donors, scholarship recipients will be required to write a thank you letter that will be sent to the donors. The letter is due by November 15 and will be sent out by the Development Office.

Please note that this is a merit-based scholarship; it is not based on financial need.

Merit Scholarship Application Form 2023/2024

Applicant Name: _____ Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

1. Please select only one area of emphasis:

_____ **Leadership:** A. Have/maintain a 3.0 GPA
 B. Participate in a Mission Trip and/or extra Community Service hours
 C. Hold a current Class or Student Association Office or approved Leadership Position and have held one previously.

_____ **Athletics:** A. Have/maintain a 3.0 GPA
 B. Participate in all available Varsity sports
 C. Participate in the Intramural Program

_____ Fine Arts:	Music A. Have/maintain a 3.0 GPA B. Participate in two available music groups C. Take private voice or instrument lessons	Art A. Have/maintain a 3.0 GPA B. Take 1 year of Art class C. Participate in two art contests
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_____ **Academics:** A. Have and maintain a 3.75 GPA
 B. Show academic rigor as demonstrated in class selections and schedule
 C. Curriculum Committee may ask for other requirements on an individualized basis.

2. Write a two-page typed MLA formatted essay about why you deserve this scholarship and attach it to this application. Please explain your strengths and your reasons for requesting this scholarship; be as specific and fluent as possible.

3. Include 3 letters of recommendation from such relevant sources as such as a teacher, pastor, coach, or mentor.

4. Sign below to verify that all the information above is complete and accurate

5. Submit all forms to: Teresa Soule, Registrar (or email tsoule@gemstate.org)
Gem State Adventist Academy
16115 S. Montana Ave.
Caldwell, ID 83607

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent (Guardian) printed name: _____

MERIT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION RECOMMENDATION FORM

Student Name _____

Scholarship Area _____

How long have you known the student? _____

In what capacity have you known the student? _____

1. Please complete this table; check only one for each area. Mark "Unknown," if not applicable.

AREAS	Superior	Good	Average	Poor	Unknown
Choice of scholarship area					
Leadership					
Academics (grades)					
Motivation					
Creativity					
Cooperation					
Reliability					
Oral skills					
Writing skills					
Quality of work					
Volunteerism					
Athletic ability					
Music ability					
Artistic ability					
Commitment to education					

2. List the factors that make this applicant especially worthy of receiving this scholarship.

3. List any additional information that should be added that would help evaluate the applicant. Attach additional pages if needed.

Name of Recommender: _____

Your Position: _____

Your Address: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Your Signature: _____ Date: _____

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