

# GSAA Student Merit Scholarships



The GSAA Merit Scholarship is awarded to outstanding students who excel in academics, leadership, athletics, or music. 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: Athletics, Curricular Skill (Academics), Leadership, and Music**
- Only one scholarship is granted each year per area of opportunity listed above.
- Students may only receive the merit scholarship once every two years.
- **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 (1<sup>st</sup> semester) and June (2<sup>nd</sup> semester)
    - Reflected on final semester bills
    - Contingent on continuing to meet the criteria
- Requirements:
  - Application Form completed and submitted by Sept 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).
    - Include a copy of most recent report card.
  - Participation in designated area of opportunity
  - Maintain Citizenship grade of "A", with no discipline actions
  - Maintain Attendance grade of "A"
  - Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0
- 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 can 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 2019/2020

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Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. Please select only one area of emphasis:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Leadership:**      A. Have/maintain a 3.0 GPA  
                                    B. Participate in a Mission Trip and/or Community Service  
                                    C. Hold a Class or Student Association Office or approved Leadership Position

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **Music:**      A. Have/maintain a 3.0 GPA  
                                    B. Participate in two available music groups  
                                    C. Take private voice or instrument lessons

\_\_\_\_\_ **Curricular Skill (Academics):**  
                                    A. Have/maintain a 3.0 GPA  
                                    B. List your skill: \_\_\_\_\_  
  *\*PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF YOUR SKILL*  
                                    C. Curriculum Committee may assign other requirements on an individualized basis.

2. Write a one-page typed 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 as possible.

3. Include 3 letters of recommendation from such sources as Teacher, Pastor, Coach, Mentor

4. Provide a copy of your current school report card

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

6. Submit all forms to: Karen Davies, Registrar      (or email [kdavies@gemstate.org](mailto:kdavies@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 \_\_\_\_\_ Skill\* \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the student? \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity have you known the student? \_\_\_\_\_

1. This table must be completed. Check only one for each area.

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

*\*Fill in only if student checked Curricular Skill*

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

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Your Position: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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