

# Highland View Academy

## Financial Aid and Scholarships

A recent survey of private high schools across the United States found that the average cost of tuition alone for a private, secondary education is over \$20,000 per year. This staggering number is nearly twice the cost of a year at Highland View Academy. However, HVA's annual tuition is still a significant commitment for most and a serious hurdle for many.

The Highland View Academy board and Administration recognize that affording private education is difficult, but also strongly believe in the valuable opportunities that it offers. It is our goal to help make an educational experience at HVA a reality for all students who desire to attend. It is with this goal in mind that we strive to partner with families and churches to help make this opportunity possible. We currently offer a combination of work and scholarship options that will help offset the out-of-pocket costs for families and make attendance at HVA possible.

### **ACHIEVEMENT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS:**

**Summer Employment** – Students who spend their summer working at an Adventist summer camp or as a Literature Evangelist for the Chesapeake Conference may present their check(s) to HVA to be applied to their account along with our match of 25% of the check(s) amount.

**Work Program** – The student work program is an integral part of our school. We believe that the student work program enables students to pay a portion of their expenses while learning valuable lesson on responsibility for their own education. Jobs are available for older students on some off-campus sites, including DaVita Bakery. On-campus job opportunities include working in the cafeteria, on the grounds and maintenance crew, and in school offices and classrooms.

*Estimated possible earnings for one year: \$1,500 – \$3,000*

**Academic Scholarship** – Students at HVA receive a highly rigorous and competitive education. Our students consistently test far above national averages on standardized tests. As such, we value academic excellence in our incoming students and a scholarship committee of standing members (Principal, Business Manager, Registrar and a department head) will have the final word on scholarship awards.

The following table concisely shows the new Academic Scholarship qualification criteria. All amounts are to be divided over four years.

Award Category	National Testing Scores	GPA Awards			Additional Award if National Test Criteria are Met
		3.5-3.74	3.75-3.84	3.85-4.0	
Four-year Award	75-84	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000	STEM
Four-year Award	85-94	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$1,000
Four-year Award	95+	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$2,000

**Leadership Scholarship** – Incoming students who served their previous class or student body as President will be awarded a \$4,000 scholarship, those who served as Vice President will be awarded a \$2,000 scholarship, and those who served as other class or student body officers will be awarded \$1,000 scholarship. These scholarships are awarded over four years and are on-going for as long as the student attends HVA *and* holds comparable leadership positions including formal spiritual leadership, i.e. Prayer and Praise leader.

**Music Scholarship** – After an audition with the music teacher, music scholarships in varied amounts may be awarded. The head of the department will determine qualification criteria and performance competence and have significant input in the final award.

**Sports Scholarship** – Sports scholarships in varied amounts may be awarded based on previous record in sports. The head of the department will determine qualification criteria and performance competence and have significant input in the final award.

## **NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Need-based scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial qualification as assessed by the FACTS Tuition Aid assessment program. Students awarded need-based scholarships are expected to find employment to assist with their educational goals. Employment may be in-campus or off-campus sites. Families may apply for need-based scholarships at [www.hva-edu.com](http://www.hva-edu.com), admission, FACTS Tuition Aid. FACTS Tuition Aid will require families to provide their most recent tax return. There is a minimal fee charged for the service of FACTS Tuition Aid assessment which does not go to the school.

**Worthy Student Scholarship** – HVA offers a worthy student scholarship to help address some of the financial needs that may limit a family's ability to pay for a Christian education. This scholarship may be applied for by filling out a FACTS application at [www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com). You will also find a link to this site at [hva-edu.com](http://hva-edu.com).

*Worthy Student Scholarship: up to \$2,000/year (dorm students)  
Up to \$1,000/year (community students)*

**DeHaan Matching Scholarship** – Special funding has been set up to make an HVA education more attainable. Donations to your student's account may be eligible for a match from this scholarship fund. A form may be obtained from HVA to apply for this match for each donor. Funds are applied after finance committee approval and financial assessment by FACTS Tuition Aid (the same assessment as for the Worthy Student Scholarship).

*DeHaan Matching Scholarship: up to \$2,000/year (dorm students)  
Up to \$1,000/year (community students)*

\*The scholarships Worthy Student, DeHaan Matching, and Church matching – will be applied to student accounts in direct relation to the number of hours they have worked, either paid or volunteer labor. Student under 16 years of age at the beginning of the school year will be required 180 hours of some kind of labor during the school year. Students 16 or older at the beginning of the school year will be required to put in 270 hours during school the year.

**\* All need-based and matching HVA scholarships are awarded only as needed to clear a family's remaining balance.**

## **DISCOUNTS:**

**Multiple Child Discount** – Families with more than one student enrolled at HVA in the current school year are eligible for a tuition discount based on tuition due after all other discounts, scholarships, and financial assistance have been applied.

*Discount Amount:*

5% for the second child
10% for the third child
15% for the fourth child
20% for the fifth child or more

**Prepayment Discount** – Prepayment of at least one full semester is awarded a 3% discount on the payment amount (after all other discounts and scholarships awarded by HVA). A 5% discount applies to a full year's payment in advance.

## **OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS:**

**Church Matching Scholarships** – For many of our students, attending HVA requires support from a local church community. We partner with Chesapeake Conference churches by matching church worthy student donations dollar for dollar up to \$2,000 for dorm students and \$1,000 for community students. To receive this scholarship, present to HVA a letter of intention from your church.



Please contact the business office at 301-739-8480, extension 244 or 237 if you have questions about any of the financial aid options listed here. We will be happy to send you applications for jobs or for any of these scholarships that might be relevant for your family. We look forward to working with you!