



GHROW Foundation Scholarship Application 2020-2021

The GHROW Foundation was established in 1991 by Shenandoah Valley Academy (SVA) alumni to provide scholarships for worthy students attending SVA. The desire of those alumni was to give back to the school that had benefitted them greatly in so many ways.

Today the GHROW Board of Trustees is comprised of alumni spanning seven decades of SVA graduates and includes former GHROW scholars. Their support, plus that of an increasing number of friends of SVA and Adventist education, has led to increased scholarship awards and endowed scholarships totaling over \$500,000. Multiple GHROW Foundation Scholarships (GFS) are awarded annually with scholarship amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500 per student, per year (i.e., a four year scholarship ranges from \$4,000 to \$10,000 per student).

To qualify for consideration applicants must:

- a) Be an 8th or 9th grader who is enrolling at SVA for the first time for the next academic year (9th or 10th grade) **OR** a 9th or 10th grader presently attending SVA their first year and who enrolled at SVA for the first time after Oct 1st;
- b) Have performed at the 70th percentile or better on the Iowa Test (or similar standardized test) in the 8th grade (for applicants currently in the 8th or 9th grade);
- c) Have a 3.25 GPA or higher for the academic year prior to applying for this scholarship;
- d) Be accepted for enrollment at SVA, have completed a financial plan with the SVA business manager and have financial need as determined by SVA;
- e) Been involved in extracurricular activities in the previous 12 months (e.g., class officer, membership on an athletic team; musician in a school group; drama club; etc.); and
- f) Submit a 250-350 word typed essay covering the topics of “Why I want to attend SVA” and “What I want to achieve in life” and/or similar career thoughts. **NOTE:** *The essay is a very important part of the application. Please give it careful thought and consider having a mentor review it prior to submission.*
- g) Complete and submit the attached application form along with verification of items a-e above and the required essay.

Note: The application must be signed by the applicant and her/his parent or guardian.



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Please submit completed applications by May 8th to:

Shenandoah Valley Academy
Business Office, Twomley Hall
Attention: **Cindy Champion**
234 W Lee Hwy
New Market, Virginia 22844

Note: Applications received after this date will be considered only if funds are available.

Applicants will be notified in September as to their selection. Scholarship disbursements for new GHROW scholars will occur on or about November 15th of the next academic year.

Continuance of the GHROW Foundation Scholarship

GHROW Scholars who wish to continue to receive a GFS in subsequent years must:

- Maintain an overall GPA of 3.25 or better;
- Demonstrate financial need as determined by SVA;
- Work at least 120 hours a year while at SVA;
- Complete 20 hours of community service (off-campus and verified by SVA);
- Remain in good social standing at SVA; and
- By September 30th of the Senior year, submit a 200-250 word typed essay describing a charitable non-profit organization that has personal meaning to them and why. A God given spirit of philanthropy is what led four SVA alumni to start the GHROW Foundation. It is important for each GHROW scholar to give careful thought to the needs around them and how they might make a difference. Upon receipt of the essay GHROW will enable the GHROW scholar to give \$100 to the organization that is the subject of their essay.

Note: Should a student fail to meet any of the above requirements their scholarship will not continue.

Each year that the GHROW scholar continues to qualify for their scholarship their school account will be credited with ½ of awarded funds on/about November 15th and the balance of funds on/about April 15.

For additional information on the GHROW Foundation please visit www.ghrow.org. If you have additional questions about this scholarship or application you may also contact SVA directly.

Trustees of the GHROW Foundation



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Please Print

Name:		Age:
		DOB (month/day):
Home Address:		
City, State, Zip:		
Email address:	Phone:	
Current School:	Current Grade:	
Planned residence at SVA (circle one): Dorm Student Village Student		
Percentile Rank on the Iowa Test (or similar standardized test):	GPA for academic year prior to application submission:	
List Courses Enrolled in this Semester:	List Extra-Curricular Activities/Hobbies:	
Additional Comments (if any):		



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MUST be signed by both the applicant and her/his parent or legal guardian

I authorize the GHROW Foundation Board of Trustees to access my academic information as maintained by Shenandoah Valley Academy and if awarded a scholarship, to publish my name and likeness in public reports about the scholarship program and results.

Applicant's Signature

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date

Date

For Office Use Only (To Be Completed by SVA Business Manager)

Does/Will the Student Receive:			
Financial Aid?	Yes	No	(If yes, Amt/Year: _____)
Other Scholarships?	Yes	No	(If yes, Amt/Year: _____)
Denominational Subsidy?	Yes	No	(If yes, Amt/Year: _____)

SVA Costs for current year: Tuition _____

Room & Board _____

Check each requirement met below:

Current 8th/9th grader OR Current 9th/10th grader per requirements ();
Financial Need (); Min 3.25 GPA; Essay (); Iowa Test (or similar) Percentile
Ranking, VERIFIED ().

SVA Business Manager's or Principal's Signature

Date