

Understanding Your Financial Aid 2019-2020

Grants - gvsu.edu/financialaid/grants

- Available to students with exceptional unmet need after all other financial aid is awarded
- Eligibility is based on need as determined by the FAFSA
- To be considered for grants, students must submit a FAFSA each year at <https://studentaid.gov/fafsa>

Scholarships - gvsu.edu/scholarships

GVSU Scholarships

- **myScholarships** - gvsu.edu/myscholarships
 - 400+ donor-funded and departmental scholarship opportunities
 - Current and admitted students may apply
 - Deadlines fall between February 15 and March 1
- **Merit Scholarships** - gvsu.edu/financialaid/scholarshiprenewal
 - Awarded through the admissions process
 - Renewal criteria can be found at the link above

Outside Scholarships

- Outside scholarships search - gvsu.edu/outsidescholarships
- Scholarships provided by agencies, foundations, or other sources not affiliated with GVSU
- Criteria and deadlines vary
- Submit to our office a copy of any award notifications from outside agencies
- Checks can be sent to the address at the top of this handout

Loans

Loan Types - gvsu.edu/financialaid/loantypes

- Federal Student Loans
 - Federal Direct Subsidized Loan
 - Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan
- Federal Parent PLUS Loan
- Alternative (Private) Loans

Loan Requirements - gvsu.edu/financialaid/nextsteps

- Federal Student Loans:
 - Accept loan(s) in myBanner
 - Complete Entrance Counseling
 - Complete a Master Promissory Note

On-Campus Student Employment - gvsu.edu/studentjobs

- All students are eligible to work on campus
- Search for on-campus positions by logging in to **Handshake**, GVSU's student jobs portal
- **Federal Work Study:**
 - Need-based federal program; eligibility based on the FAFSA
 - Funds will be earned in a paycheck and will not automatically apply to the student's bill

