Shenandoah Valley Academy
Zirkle Merit Scholarship Program
Grant Requirements for School Year 2024-2025

This scholarship recognizes academic high-achievers enrolling in the 9th grade at Shenandoah Valley Academy.

Section A: Eligibility

Award recipients will be selected and approved by the Student Scholarship Committee according to the following criteria:

1. Zirkle Merit Scholarships are only offered to new 9th grade students who enroll at SVA.
2. The scholarships continue through the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades depending on academic performance.
3. The maximum total for all merit scholarships (Academic, Leadership, Music, Athletic, etc.) per student per year is $5,000 for boarding students and $2,500 for day students.
4. Eligible scholarship candidates will have earned a complete composite score in the 80th percentile or higher on an approved nationally normed standardized test (mapGROWTH Achievement Percentile Score, ITBS, TAP or Open Edition High School Placement test).
5. Scholarships will be awarded based on the following table:

New students eligible for the program (based on complete composite standardized test scores)	Annual scholarship award for new students	
	Boarding	Day
80 – 84th percentile	$2,000	$1,000
85 – 89th percentile	$3,000	$1,500
90 – 94th percentile	$4,000	$2,000
95th + percentile	$5,000	$2,500

6. Grade reports must demonstrate a commitment to academic excellence.

B. Payout and Renewal Process

1. Scholarships are grants for one year. Grants for returning students are payable based upon Student Scholarship Committee approval of students who have met all the program criteria including:
   a. A behavior record demonstrating good standing with an attendance grade of "B" or better.
   b. An overall GPA of 3.4 or better in the core courses (the cumulative core UGPA - English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Religion).
   c. Completion of a minimum of 120 work hours in the SVA work/study program.
2. Scholarship awards for each succeeding year will be based on the cumulative GPA earned in core subjects. Students will receive the annual award up to a maximum of $5,000 in any given year as indicated in the table below:

Scholarships for next academic year (based on overall core subject GPA in the previous year).	Maximum scholarship award for 10th, 11th and 12th grade students	
	Boarding	Day
3.4 – 3.50	$3,000	$1,500
3.51 – 3.74	$4,000	$2,000
3.75 or over	$5,000	$2,500

3. If a scholarship student withdraws during the school year for any reason, the scholarship award for that year will be rescinded.
4. Under this program, the total merit (Academic, Leadership, Music, Athletic, etc.) scholarships awarded per student for one year cannot exceed $5,000.

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APPLICATION for School Year 2024-2025

Student's Name _____ Grade_____ Date _____

Zirkle Merit Scholarship Program Summary:

1. Applicants must be first-time 9th graders to SVA and be accepted by meeting SVA admissions requirements.
2. Must have earned a complete composite score on a nationally normed standardized test at the 80th percentile or higher.
3. The student is required to work 120 hours during the school year.
4. If a Zirkle recipient withdraws during the school year for any reason, the scholarship award for that year will be rescinded.
5. Under this program, the total merit scholarships awarded per student per year cannot exceed $5,000. Zirkle recipients are not eligible for other merit scholarships at SVA.

I have read and understand the details of the Zirkle Merit Scholarship Program grant requirements and agree to the terms and conditions as stated in these documents.

_____   _____
Student's Signature   Parent's Signature

_____   _____
Date   Date

Nationally normed standardized exam taken:	Composite score:	Date taken:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
Please attach a copy of the results of all standardized exams taken to this application.		

Approved/denied: _____ By: _____ Date: _____