

Questions & Answers for 2010 – 2011 GCEF Scholarship Application

1. **Who funds these scholarships?**

The Gavilan College Educational Foundation (GCEF) is a non-profit organization which provides scholarship funds to Gavilan College students. GCEF and other community organizations use this application to select scholarship recipients.

2. **Why apply?**

Scholarships are a form of financial aid which does not need to be paid back. Unlike grants and loans, scholarships are awarded via a competitive process to students who show academic promise, scholastic achievement, and/or community or campus involvement.

3. **What are the requirements to apply?**

- a. You must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 for the GCEF scholarships. Private scholarship donors may require a higher GPA. The Financial Aid Office will screen all scholarship applications and forward eligible applicants to Scholarship Selection Committees for consideration.
- b. You are required to either attend Gavilan College in 2010 – 2011 academic year (Fall 2010, Spring 2011) OR transfer from Gavilan to a four-year university in 2010 – 2011.
- c. Submit a complete application packet which includes: Application, Recommendation Form, Personal Statement (one page maximum) and unofficial high school transcripts (if you are a current high school senior). If you are a current Gavilan College student, you **do not need** to submit Gavilan official transcripts. The Financial Aid Office will request unofficial transcripts from Admissions & Records for Gavilan students.

4. **What is a “Personal Statement”?**

You are required to submit a one page single or double spaced statement. Your personal statement must be typed with a margin size of at least 1.0

You may include any pertinent information regarding your educational goals, financial need, and leadership qualities in your Personal Statement. Use the statement to distinguish yourself from all other applicants. Please ensure you proof read your Personal Statement to remove typos.

5. **Do I need to submit transcripts?**

If you are a current high school senior, you are required to submit unofficial or official high school transcripts.

If you are a current Gavilan student who has completed at least one semester at Gavilan, you do not need to submit transcripts. Financial Aid will request unofficial transcripts from Admissions.

If you are a student who will be transferring to Gavilan College from another college, you will be required to submit an unofficial transcript from that college.

6. **When is the application due?**

This application is due to the Financial Aid Office on Wed. 2/17/2010 by 5pm. Applications received after 5pm on 2/17/2010 will not be considered.

7. When will I be notified if I am selected for a scholarship?

Applicants will be notified of their application status in April 2010.

8. I was selected as a scholarship recipient, what am I required to do to receive these scholarship funds?

- a. **Photo for Scholarship Ceremony:** Stop by the Financial Aid Office during the month of April 2010 to have your photo taken for the Scholarship Ceremony or provide Financial Aid with a picture for the Ceremony. Our office is in the Administration Building in room SC124. We are open Monday – Thursday 8am – 5pm and will be open during spring break.
- b. **Thank you letter:** Prepare a typed thank you letter addressed to the scholarship donor. Please proofread and sign your letter.
- c. **Attend the Scholarship Ceremony** on Thursday May 6, 2009 in the Gavilan Student Center. Your scholarship donor will attend the Ceremony. As your name and scholarship is announced, your photo will appear. The scholarship donor will give you a certificate confirming your scholarship and you will hand him/her your thank you letter. There will be other scholarship recipients from high schools and Gavilan at this ceremony. You may bring your family.
- d. **Enroll** at Gavilan College (or transfer from Gavilan to a four-year university) for the Fall 2010 & Spring 2011 terms.

9. When and how are scholarship funds released?

GCEF scholarship funds will be issued in two payments: one for the Fall 2010 semester and the other half in the Spring 2011 semester. All scholarship payments will be mailed to students after enrollment is confirmed. If you are transferring from Gavilan College to a four – year university in Fall 2010, you are required to provide the Financial Aid Office with enrollment confirmation to allow release of scholarship funds. Note: Private scholarship donors may release payments in one payment for the Fall 2010 or in two payments (one in Fall 2010 and the other in Spring 2011).

10. How do I get my funds if I transfer?

If you are selected for a scholarship for fall 2010 semester and will have transferred to a four-year university, you are required to provide the Financial Aid Office with proof of enrollment before your scholarship funds are released.

11. Where can I find this application?

You may download a PDF of this application from the Financial Aid webpage at:
<http://www.gavilan.edu/finaid/scholarships/index.html>

12. Want to apply for more scholarships?

Visit us online at www.gavilan.edu/finaid/ for more scholarship opportunities.

Office Use:

HS GPA: _____

GC GPA: _____

GC Units: _____

GAVILAN COLLEGE



Scholarship Application 2010-2011

Due: Wed. 2/17/2009 at 5pm

Return Complete Application Packet to:

Financial Aid Office ~ 5055 Santa Teresa Blvd. ~ Gilroy, CA 95020

Applicant Information

Full Name:

_____ Gavilan ID: G00 _____
Last First M.I.
OR SSN _____

Mailing Address:

_____ Apartment/Unit # _____
P.O. Box or Street Address
_____ Phone Number _____
City State Zip Code

Date of Birth: _____ Email Address: _____

Marital Status: _____ Do you have dependent children? Yes No

Gender: Male Female Ages of Children: _____

Check only one of the following. I am a:

- High school senior, who will graduate by June 2010 from _____
- Current Gavilan student who will transfer to 4-year university in 2010 – 2011
Name of university you will transfer to in 2010 – 2011:

- Current Gavilan student who will continue studies at Gavilan in 2010 – 2011

Check any of the following that apply to you:

- Returning to college after an absence of _____ years.
- Veteran
- Your parent is veteran of armed forces.

Education

Major to be pursued at Gavilan College: Certificate Associate Degree General Ed for Transfer

Subject: _____

Career interest: _____

High School attended: _____ City: _____

Did you graduate? Yes No Obtained: High School Diploma GED Other: _____

Colleges attended: _____

Will you transfer? Yes No Transferring to: _____ When? FA 20 _____ SP 20 _____

Student Financial Information

Answer the following questions. If you are married, included income for your spouse.

Will you/have you submitted a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2010-11 school year?: Yes No If yes, will/did you list the Gavilan College Federal School Code of 001202 on your FAFSA? Yes No

Student (& Spouse if married) 2009 Annual Earned Income: \$ _____.

Student's Place of Employment _____ Hours Worked Per Week: _____

Student (& Spouse if married) 2009 Non-Taxable Income: \$ _____.

Additional financial information you would like us to consider (when assessing financial need):

Parent Financial Information

Complete this part if the applicant is:

1. Under age of 24 AND
2. Unmarried AND
3. Does not children or other dependents whom the student supports financially AND
4. Has at least one living parent, and is not a ward/dependent of the court AND
5. Not a veteran

Parent(s) Martial Status: _____ Number of Dependent Children under age of 24: _____

Ages of children: _____

Number in Household which will attend college: _____

Will the applicant be claimed as a dependent on 2009 Federal Income Tax Return? Yes No

Parent(s) 2009 Annual Earned Income: \$ _____ OR Parent(s) Projected 2009 Earned Income: \$ _____

Additional financial information you would like us to consider (when assessing financial need):

Academic/Community Honors & Recognition

<i>Award/Recognition</i>	<i>Given By</i>	<i>Date Received</i>

Employment, Extracurricular Activities & Community Involvement

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Dates of Participation</i>

Disclaimer & Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

If this application leads to an award, I understand that false or misleading information on my application will result in my disqualification. I authorize the Gavilan College Financial Aid Office to release information in this application to Scholarship Selection Committees and their representatives to determine eligibility. The data contained herein shall remain confidential.

I understand that if selected as a recipient:

- My name and likeness may be used in publicity regarding the scholarship.
- I will provide the Financial Aid Office with a photo of myself or have my photo taken for Scholarship Ceremony.
- I will be required to attend the Scholarship Ceremony on Thurs. May 6, 2010 where I will present the donor with a thank you letter.

I understand the scholarship is contingent upon these requirements.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Applicant's Parent to Complete:

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my/our knowledge. I authorize the Gavilan College Financial Aid Office to release information in this application to Scholarship Selection Committees and their representatives to determine eligibility. The data contained herein shall remain confidential.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Information

Student Name: _____

Instructions

Scholarships are awarded on academic performance, extracurricular involvement and in some instances, financial need. Please be specific regarding your knowledge of the applicant.

This recommendation form should be completed by an instructor, academic counselor, mentor, member of the religious organization, coach, supervisor, etc. It should be placed in a sealed envelope and returned to the student.

If you would like additional information from the applicant, you may ask the student to share his/her Personal Statement with you.

Recommendation

How long have you known this student? _____

How well do you consider you personally know the applicant? Very Well Fairly Well Not very well Slightly

Please rate all areas in which you feel you have adequate knowledge of the student. Check one box for each area and provide an overall recommendation.

Area	Ranking					
	Outstanding (Top 5%)	Excellent (Top 10%)	Good (Top 25%)	Average	Marginal	Inadequate Knowledge
Ability						
Academic Achievement						
Leadership						
Campus Involvement						
Community Service						
Employment Record						
Overall Recommendation						

Comments

In this section, please provide all pertinent information you have regarding the applicant, including character traits and qualities.

Signature

Evaluator's Name (Print): _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____