



Spencerville Adventist Academy

Scholarships and Assistance

*The following scholarships and discounts are available to SAA families and students that meet the outlined criteria. The scholarships are categorized by grade. For more information on any of these opportunities, please contact **Brittany Thorp** (bthorp@spencerville.org or 240-883-3510).*

All Grades

Local Church Subsidy: Students who are not members of Spencerville SDA Church may be eligible to receive tuition assistance through their local church. This assistance helps to reduce the tuition differential. The eligibility requirements differ for each church, so the family will need to check with their local church to request assistance. In order to receive this assistance, the family should present to the Business Office a letter of intent from the local church treasurer or pastor which states the eligible student(s) and annual amount of church assistance.

Volunteer Hours: Families who complete the annual Family Service (volunteer) hours will be refunded the Family Service Fee according to the hours completed. The refund will be pro-rated based on the number of volunteer hours completed. A record of volunteer hours must be submitted to the school's Receptionist for each volunteer activity. The family is responsible for ensuring that the appropriate hours are submitted and recorded; the teacher or sponsoring staff member is not responsible for submitting the hours for the family. Volunteer forms must be submitted to the office before June 30th of each year.

Needs-Based Assistance: SAA offers financial assistance to help address some of the financial needs that may limit a family's ability to pay for a Christian education. The available funds are limited and are distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis, so early application is encouraged. The qualification for this assistance is based on a third-party assessment of income and expenses, and is verified with the most recent year's tax returns. To apply for this assistance, please visit <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>. In order for your application for financial assistance to be considered, the following items must be completed:

1. The student(s) must have completed the application process to SAA and have received confirmation of his/her acceptance from the Registrar's office.
2. The family's FACTS application must be submitted AND verified with necessary tax documents.

High School Only

Academic Scholarships: Incoming students who are entering high school with a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher will automatically qualify for an Academic Scholarship. To determine eligibility for this scholarship, the most recent transcript from the previous school must be submitted to the Business Office. The student must maintain a GPA of 3.00 or higher in order to continue receiving the scholarship. The awarded scholarship amount will be divided over 4 years.

Leadership Scholarship: Incoming students who excel in leadership at his/her school or church may wish to apply for a leadership scholarship. Past leadership positions may include but are not limited to Class or Student Council President, Vice President, Pastor, and other positions. To apply for a leadership scholarship, the student must submit a Leadership Portfolio. The portfolio should include:

1. Introduction Essay (300-500 words): What are some of the qualities of an effective leader and which of those qualities do you possess?
2. Two (2) Leadership Recommendation forms from a recent teacher/pastor (recommendations must be submitted online).
3. Examples of/artifacts from the student's leadership involvement.

The Leadership Portfolio should be submitted by the preferred day of May 1. All portfolios should be submitted online (<https://spencervilleacademy.org/financial/scholarshipsubmission/>). Scholarships will be awarded to the top recipients. A second round of scholarships may be awarded based on availability of funding; the deadline for the second round of scholarships will be August 1. All awarded scholarships amounts will be divided over 4 years.

Fine Arts Scholarship: Incoming students who excel in the fine arts area (vocal, instrumental, drama) are eligible to apply for a fine arts scholarship. To qualify for the scholarship, the student must submit a Fine Arts Portfolio. The portfolio should include:

1. Introduction Essay (300-500 words): In recent years, many schools have discussed eliminating the Fine Arts areas from their programs. Write a persuasive essay supporting why Fine Arts is important to a student's education.
2. Two (2) Fine Arts Recommendation forms from a recent teacher (recommendations must be submitted online).
3. Audition video/recording (maximum length: 2 minutes). Submit electronically to bthorp@spencerville.org.

The Fine Arts Portfolio should be submitted by the preferred date of May 1. All portfolios should be submitted online (<https://spencervilleacademy.org/financial/scholarshipsubmission/>). Scholarships will be awarded to the top recipients. A second round of scholarships may be awarded based on availability of funding; the deadline for the second round of scholarships will be August 1. All awarded scholarship amounts will be divided over 4 years.

Academy Day Scholarship: Students who attend SAA's annual Academy Day may receive a scholarship to be applied toward their first year at SAA. Opportunity and eligibility information will be presented to the

student(s) on Academy Day. The awarded scholarship amount will be applied in full to the student's first year of attendance.

Athletic Scholarship: Per the athletic league that SAA participates in, we are unable to offer athletic scholarships to high school students.

Local Church Matching Scholarship: High school students who have received financial support from their local church may also receive a matching scholarship up to \$1,530 for the 2024-2025 school year (amount subject to change based on annual tuition rate). This matching scholarship will help to reduce the amount of the tuition differential. The sum of the local church subsidy and SAA matching scholarship should not exceed the total amount of the tuition differential. In order to receive this scholarship, the family should present to the Business Office a letter of intent from the local church treasurer or pastor which states the eligible student(s) and annual amount of church assistance.

Bring Your Own Tablet (BYOT): High school tuition includes a laptop/tablet to be provided to the student during their first year of enrollment at SAA. If a student chooses to provide a personal laptop in lieu of the laptop provided by SAA, the student will receive a \$100 credit per year for two consecutive years. The personal laptop must meet or exceed the laptop provided by SAA and be equipped with a keyboard. To see the high school laptop options or to request a credit for bringing your own laptop, [click here](#).

Work Program: A student who chooses to work at SAA may choose to have a portion of his/her earnings contributed toward his/her school tuition account. Students must be at least 14 years old and are responsible for obtaining their own job on campus and must fill out all necessary paperwork before beginning work. A student's projected earnings will not be included in the annual tuition agreement for the family. Any student contribution amount that is applied to his/her tuition account will first be applied toward any outstanding balance in Lunches or Fees, and then to the tuition payments. To learn more about becoming a student worker, [click here](#).

STEM Scholarship: Incoming students who excel in STEM may apply for a STEM scholarship. A \$2,000 STEM scholarship, divided over 4 years, will be awarded to the top male and top female applicant. To apply for a STEM scholarship, the student must meet an academic criteria and submit the following items. The deadline to submit all documents is July 15.

1. Introduction Essay (300-500 words): Explain the importance of having a STEM background in today's society.
2. Two (2) STEM Recommendation forms from a recent teacher/pastor (recommendations must be submitted online).
3. Academic Criteria:
 - a. Cumulative GPA above 3.50
 - b. National Test Composite Score above 85
 - c. Must maintain cumulative GPA of 3.50 throughout high school.
4. Show proven community service to making a positive impact in the area of STEM.
5. Must apply to/participate in STEM Certificate program beginning 10th grade year.

All scholarship portfolios should be submitted online:

<https://spencervilleacademy.org/financial/scholarshipsubmission/>.

Summer Camp Scholarship: SAA will provide a matching scholarship to high school students who work for the Seventh-day Adventist church as a summer camp employee during the summer prior to their fall enrollment. The match will be 50% of the net earnings that are applied to their tuition account, up to a maximum of \$2,000 per year. The preference is for these earnings to be paid directly from the Conference office to SAA. If that option is not available, the student must provide proof of payslips or verification of net amount earned from the Conference.