



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 **Daniel Miongo** (dmiongo@spencerville.org or 240-883-3510).

To be eligible for any scholarship in any grade a student must be fully registered, accepted, attending, and not subject to disciplinary measures. Students who withdraw or who are dismissed will forfeit their eligibility for unfulfilled scholarships.

Available to All Students

Local Church Subsidy: Students who are not members of Spencerville SDA Church may be eligible to receive tuition assistance through their local church. The eligibility requirements differ for each church, so the family will need to check with their local church to request assistance. Once the local church has approved a subsidy, the family should present to the Business Office a letter of intent from the local church treasurer or pastor which names the eligible student(s) and quantifies the 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 online through the school website 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 no later than 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 admissions 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.

Available to High School Students Only

Academic Scholarships: This scholarship is available to students entering their first year of attendance at SAA High School. The Academic Scholarship reflects the school's commitment to fostering academic excellence and supporting students in their pursuit of educational success. To qualify, students must have a minimum GPA of 3.75 and submit their final transcript from the previous school year, or their 3rd quarter transcript if the final transcript is not yet available.

Awarded as a four-year commitment, the scholarship amount is distributed evenly over the recipient's high school years. To maintain the scholarship, students must uphold a GPA of 3.75 throughout their time at SAA.

Leadership Scholarship: The Leadership Scholarship recognizes students in grades 8 through 11 who exemplify outstanding leadership qualities in their grade. At the end of each school year, teachers will nominate and select one male and one female from each of these grades who have demonstrated exceptional leadership throughout the year. These students will receive the Leadership Scholarship for the next upcoming school year. This is a one-year scholarship.

Spiritual Leadership Scholarship: Each year the Chaplain will select one male and one female student who exhibit remarkable spiritual leadership, inspire others, and make a positive impact within their school community. These students will receive the Spiritual Leadership Scholarship for the next upcoming school year. This is a one-year scholarship.

Fine Arts Scholarship: The Fine Arts Scholarship celebrates and supports talented students who demonstrate exceptional skill and dedication in the arts. Scholarships are awarded based on auditions conducted by the SAA music teachers, who evaluate students in areas such as choir, band, bells, drama, orchestra, and piano. Auditions must be completed by the annually published deadline, with in-person auditions being the preferred method. Alternative submissions may be considered on a case-by-case basis, provided they meet the same deadline.

In addition to the music audition, a recommendation letter is required from a music teacher that is familiar with the student's abilities. Students should provide the following guidelines to the person they ask to write the recommendation letter.

Recommenders: In addition to the student's musical skills, we'd love for your recommendation letter to also speak to the student's work ethic, dedication, and character. Please share any observations about their commitment to practice, attitude in class, how they support their peers, or any qualities that make them stand out as a musician. Recommendation letters should be submitted online through SAA's website no later than May 1: <https://spencervilleacademy.org/financial/scholarshipsubmission/>

This scholarship is awarded as a four-year commitment, with the total scholarship amount distributed evenly across the recipient's high school years. Eligibility is limited to students auditioning in the Spring

prior to their first year of attendance at SAA High School. Scholarship recipients are required to maintain active participation in an SAA Fine Arts program to continue receiving the award.

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

Local Church Matching Scholarship: High school students who have received financial support from their local church may also receive a matching scholarship up to \$960 for the 2025-2026 school year (amount subject to change annually based on tuition rates). This matching scholarship will help to reduce the amount of the constituent vs. non-constituent tuition differential. The sum of the local church subsidy and SAA matching scholarship should not exceed the total amount of the tuition differential. To receive this scholarship, the family should present to the Business Office a letter of intent from the local church treasurer or pastor which names the eligible student(s) and quantifies the 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 technical specifications of 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 elect 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 Incidental 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 will be awarded to the top male and top female applicant by the STEM scholarship review committee. 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.
6. This scholarship is awarded as a four-year commitment, with the total scholarship amount distributed evenly across the recipient's high school years.

All STEM scholarship portfolios and recommendation forms 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 paystips or verification of net amount earned from the Conference. The matching amount will not be applied until the student has given their tuition payment to the SAA Business Office.