

# GRAND VALLEY POWER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

## Your Guide to Submitting an Award-Winning Scholarship Application



# Scholarship Application Checklist



Each year, Grand Valley Power awards over \$20,000 in scholarship funds to students aspiring to continue their education. The checklist below will help keep you organized while preparing your scholarship application to GVP'S Hometown Scholarship Program.



## REQUIRED INFORMATION WHEN APPLYING TO GVP'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### *Academic Information*

- ☐ Current School Info - name of high school or previous college attended.
- ☐ Official transcripts from the last high school or college attended.
- ☐ (2) Letters of Recommendation from non-relatives.
- ☐ List of institution(s) applied for or planning to attend.
- ☐ Intended degree sought or area of study.
- ☐ Academic information - GPA, AP, honors courses

### *Financial Information*

- ☐ Estimated educational expenses for the upcoming school year.
- ☐ List of all other scholarships, grants, or loans applied for and/or received.
- ☐ Family's expected contribution to students' educational costs.
- ☐ Personal contribution to own educational costs.

### *Personal Background Information*

- ☐ Personal Information - name, date of birth, GVP service address, mailing address & phone number.
- ☐ Email Address (one that you check regularly)
- ☐ A current photo of the applicant is to be included with the application.

### *Miscellaneous Information*

- ☐ A written essay that describes the following topics (500-word min.):
  - Why the applicant should be awarded the scholarship,
  - academic achievements,
  - community/school involvement,
  - volunteer experience,
  - leadership and work opportunities,
  - financial need,
  - future plans and career goals.

# How to write an award-winning essay

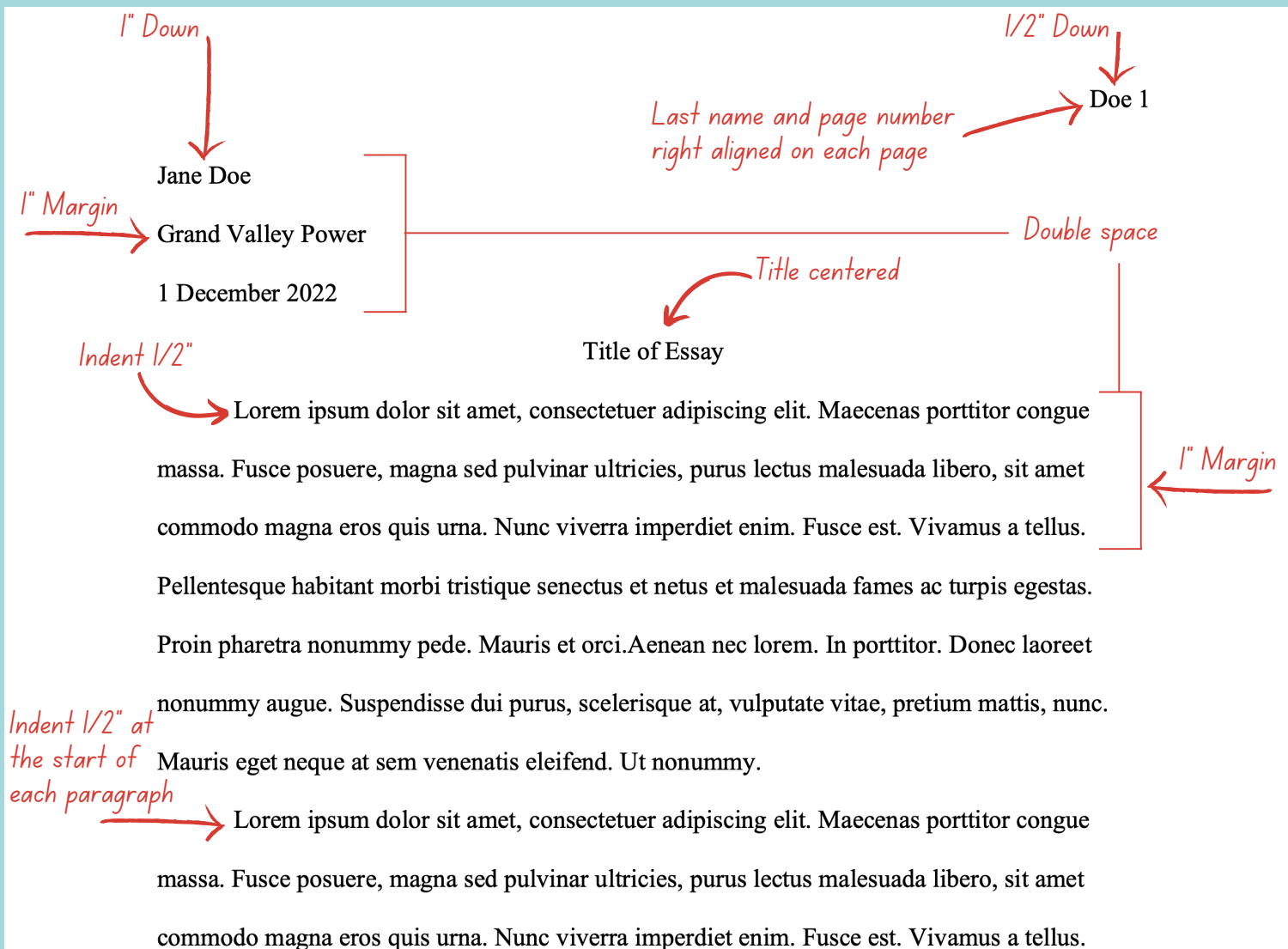
When writing your application essay, it's essential to answer the prompts thoroughly and present your content in a professional manner. We encourage you to use the following example below to help guide you through writing and formatting your scholarship application essay. Students may structure their application essay based upon MLA or APA writing standards.

To begin, use the following formatting rules when writing your essay:

- Font: Times New Roman (12 pt. font size)
- Double Spaced
- Page numbers in the top right margin (last name #)
- 1" margin and 1/2" indent
- Minimum word count: 500 words



## Example Essay Using MLA Format:



# 5 Steps to Submitting Your Scholarship Application Successfully



*December 1, 2021*



Grand Valley Power's scholarship application period opens. Begin your application online and fill out important information like your GVP account number, service address and colleges applied for.

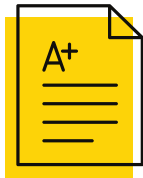
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*Mid-December 2021*

Before leaving for Christmas break, it's best to contact your fellow teachers or advisors for a letter of recommendation. Grand Valley Power requires two letters of recommendation from non-relatives.

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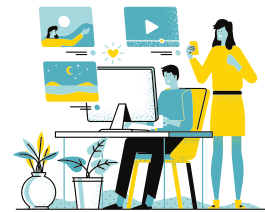


*Beginning of January 2022*

Request official transcripts from the last high school or college attended

Transcripts may be supplied to GVP by dropping them off (sealed), by mail, by fax (970) 242-0612, or by email and MUST be an official record. If applying for multiple scholarships, only one transcript is needed.

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*End of January 2022*

Begin planning your essay. Your essay must describe why you should be awarded a Grand Valley Power Scholarship. Additionally, you should describe your chosen career path and why. Topics covered should also include items like school and community involvement, volunteer experience, leadership and work opportunities and financial need. A minimum of 500 words is required.

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*End of February 2022*

By this time you should have completed all application requirements and submitted all final materials to Grand Valley Power in person or online at [gvp.org/scholarship-program](http://gvp.org/scholarship-program).

**\*\*Please note that if you choose to mail your completed scholarship application, it must arrive prior to the application deadline Note: please accommodate current delivery times.**

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*March 1, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.*

Grand Valley Power's scholarship application period closes.