



*The*  
GOVERNOR'S  
INSTITUTES  
*of* VERMONT



# About GIV

**The Governor's Institutes of Vermont** helps Vermont create productive, empowered, and engaged young adults by reaching out to diverse learners with high-impact, world-class learning opportunities that stimulate their personal growth and expand their aspirations, perspectives, and career horizons.

GIV is fully committed to the idea that **high-quality education should be accessible to all** regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, income, or geographic location.

# FY23 Request

**We are asking you to invest in Vermont's youth by doubling our appropriation to \$385,308 in FY23.**

This will allow us to ensure financial accessibility for ALL deserving Vermonters. This increase could support 96 low-income students with full scholarships, or 192 students with partial scholarships.

**We have been level funded at approximately \$200,000 for more than 15 years.**

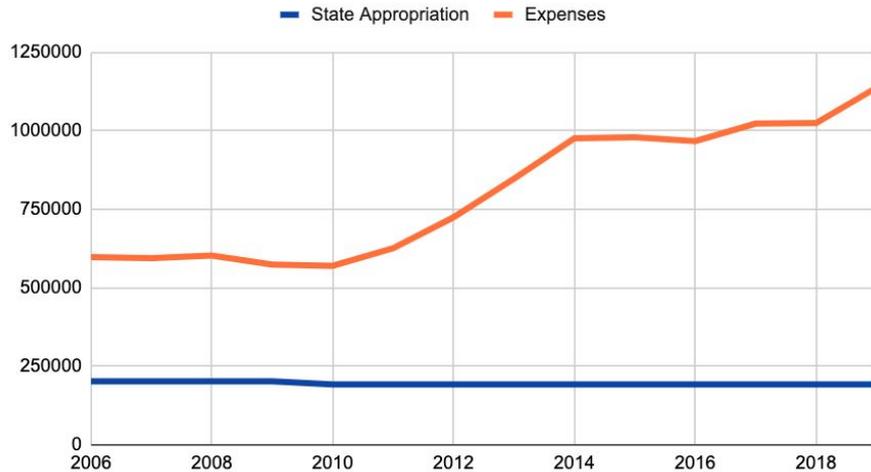
Our FY22 appropriation was \$186,874, a 3% cut from Governor Scott's proposed budget line of \$192,654.

Recently, **we have matched the state's investment 4:1 with private funding**, to ensure that even as we served more Vermont students, we could keep our commitment to need-blind admissions and financial accessibility.

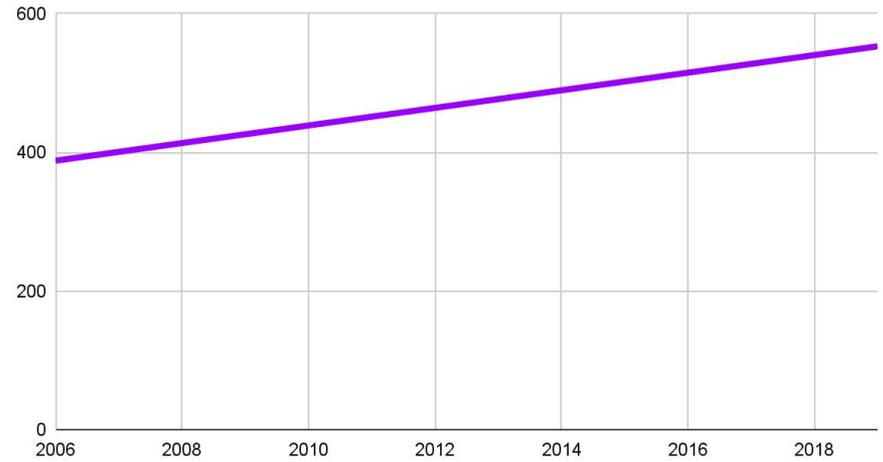
GIV was founded as a partnership with the state, and is part of a long history of Governor's Schools around the country. We appreciate your ongoing support! But we are reaching an unsustainable level - in order to offer this opportunity to more Vermonters, we need increased state investment to keep these opportunities available to all, not just for those who can afford them. **Let's close the opportunity gap!**

# Details on the need for an increase

Governor's Institutes of Vermont



43% more students over the same period



Since 2006, our appropriation has been around \$200k.

Over that time frame, 43% more students took advantage of GIV's opportunities and room & board costs jumped 56%.

80% of our students require financial assistance, paying on a sliding scale based on family income.

# Outcomes

- **98% of alumni reported lasting positive outcomes** in career aspirations, academic trajectory, and personal and social development.
- **88% called GIV “one of their most important high school experiences”**
- **More than 10,000 young Vermonters from every region of the state** have participated since 1983.



# Equity & Access

For many young Vermonters, increasing career and educational aspirations isn't a question of ability or aptitude, it's a matter of access: in small towns, especially, Vermont's most motivated students often have fewer resources for enhancing their education and widening their career prospects.

We know the **opportunity gap** is more pervasive in Vermont's rural communities. Currently about half of our students come from rural areas; our plan to reach more rural students in the coming years, along with maintaining our commitment to BIPOC and other underrepresented youth across the state, likely means GIV will see an increase in requests for financial assistance rather than an increase in tuition revenue.

Increasing our state appropriation - along with our raised dollars from foundations, corporations, and individual donors - is critical to helping close this opportunity gap.



# Workforce development

GIV opens doors and shows young Vermonters the steps and skills needed for exciting careers:

- **93%** of alumni reported that GIV was influential as they made decisions about the course of their future.
- **79%** reported greater awareness of career or educational opportunities after attending GIV.

*“I think **GIV** came at a pivotal point in my education where I was searching for a path to follow and it really set me onto science, and specifically geology. Now I’m continuing on that path by starting my career as a geologist, working outside and using a lot of the technical skills and teamwork and personal skills I learned at GIV.”*

*(Science & Technology alum, 2001)*

*“Everything I did and experienced at GIV affected my life in a good way. I didn’t know it at the time but **it shaped my attitude towards college and even aimed me towards a career at a local company. Unbelievable!**”*

*(Engineering alum, 2003)*



# Increased aspirations

## GIV strengthens educational aspirations and improves college readiness:

- **More than 99% of the GIV alumni in our long-term study went on to college or post-secondary training.** 71% of them said their experience at GIV affected their choice of major or academic focus, and 71% stated that GIV helped them feel more prepared for college life.

***“I chose to go to UVM and the School of Natural Resources because of my GIV experience.”***

*(Science & Technology alum, 1986)*

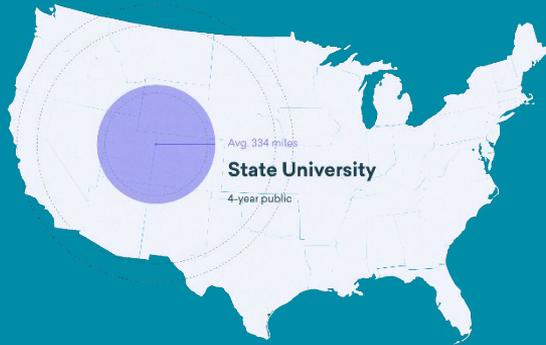
***“GIV was a crash course in University. It helped me choose my academic direction and I was able to walk into my degree with an edge on my classmates.”***

*(Asian Cultures alum, 2004)*



# A long-term investment in Vermont

**GIV showcases Vermont's higher education system to prospective students:**



GIV's summer Institutes, held on college campuses throughout Vermont, expose our young people to higher ed options right here in their home state, increasing the likelihood that they will complete their education in Vermont and join our workforce\*.

*\*According to a recent study by Emsi and The Wall Street Journal, graduates from state colleges and universities generally settle down within state lines, with an average distance of 330 miles from their alma mater, and 40% are within 50 miles of the institution they attended.*

**GIV develops educational offerings that focus on the intersection of student interests and workforce needs:**

For example, in 2021, GIV's Engineering Institute partnered with Norwich Solar Technologies, providing an opportunity for the employees to share their knowledge of green energy production with eager young minds and future members of Vermont's workforce. Collaborating with real-world mentors helps demonstrate to students tangible paths they can follow to fulfilling careers in our state.

# Social & emotional learning

GIV offers social and emotional learning in a supportive environment:

- 86% reported that attending GIV increased their self-confidence
- 82% reported that attending GIV increased their self-esteem

*“GIV was an eye opening experience for me. I had come from a class of 30 individuals situated in a very small town with limited variability. GIV helped me to see that there was a whole world of different ways of thinking and different opinions and interests. I am very glad that I attended GIV when I did so that I was aware that **I could adapt and be comfortable with the world outside my very small town.**”* (Current Issues alum, 1995)

*“GIV contributed to my confidence in myself as a unique and talented individual, regardless of what situation I find myself in. The bonds made at GIV with both faculty and students were a very important part in my feeling accepted, good, and **proud of who I am.**”* (Arts alum, 1988)



# 2022 Institutes

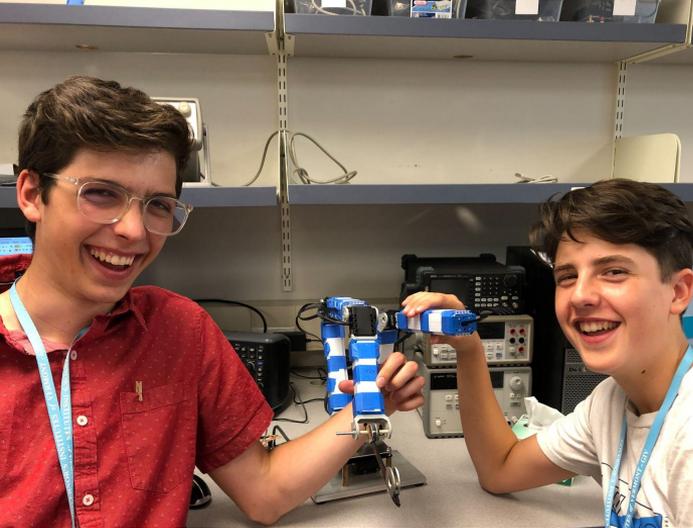
GIV will serve 525 students across 10 programs, from every region of Vermont.

## SUMMER

Arts • Astronomy • Engineering • Entrepreneurship  
Environmental Science & Technology  
Global Issues & Youth Action • Health & Medicine  
Mathematical Sciences • Technology & Design

## WINTER

Climate Change Sprint



# On behalf of Vermont's future scientists, artists, and entrepreneurs, thank you!

**Feb 22, 2022 Testimony to House Education Committee**

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Frascoia

Executive Director (and alum!)

802-865-4448

[elizabeth@giv.org](mailto:elizabeth@giv.org)

[www.giv.org](http://www.giv.org)