



FY24 Governor's Institutes of Vermont (GIV) Overview & Request

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REQUEST

\$385,308 After 17 years of level-funding (iPhones didn't exist yet!), GIV needs your help to continue to serve low-income Vermonters and close the opportunity gap. We are currently level-funded at \$186,874 in the FY24 budget. The requested increase will underwrite full subsidies for 117 low-income students, providing long-term funding security and the ability to develop additional capacity to spark more young Vermonters.

WHAT IS GIV?

The Governor's Institutes of Vermont (GIV) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, founded in partnership with the state, which **brings life-changing career opportunities to ALL motivated Vermont teenagers through intensive summer programs on college campuses.** Topics include STEM, business, social studies, and the arts. Sliding scale tuition ensures access regardless of a family's ability to pay. GIV is part of a network of Governor's Schools around the country, many of which are fully state-funded and tuition-free.

WHO BENEFITS?

- ~ 500 high school students each summer, from every region of Vermont
 - **84% request some amount of financial assistance**
 - ~ 50% from rural areas, 11% first generation, 15% with disabilities
- Vermont colleges and universities: GIV spends ~ \$350k on room & board, and serves as an admissions funnel for these institutions.
- The whole state: GIV is helping to train and retain some of our most motivated young people for Vermont's workforce.

IMPACT

- **98% of alumni report lasting positive outcomes (up to 30 years later!)**
- 93% said GIV influenced their career and educational choices
- 88% called GIV one of their most important high school experiences
- 86% said GIV increased their self-confidence
- More than 12,000 alumni across 40 years

HISTORY OF GIV's STATE FUNDING

GIV's budget is ~ \$1.3M, and the State typically funds almost \$200,000, which **we match 4:1 with intensive private fundraising.** Over the past 17 years of level-funding:

- Now serving 43% more students, and applications numbers are up
- Room & board costs have risen 56%
- Have responded to workforce needs and student interest: added Health & Medicine, Entrepreneurship, and expanded Technology & Design. Hoping to expand further, but reaching a breaking point!

WITHOUT AN INCREASE

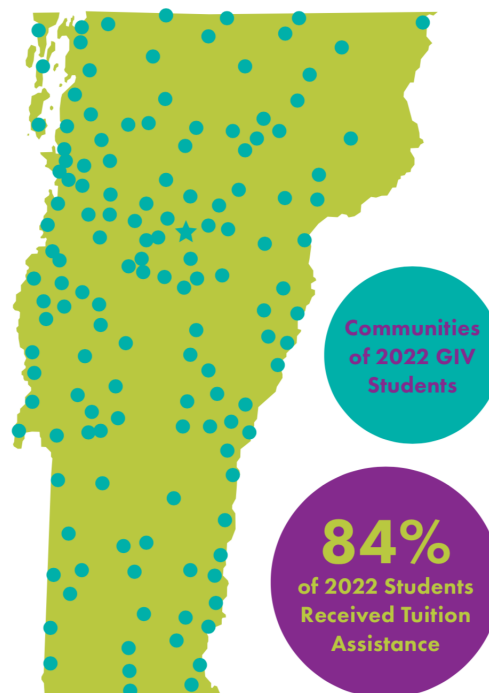
We will be in danger of serving fewer students and only those who can afford it. GIV wants to serve any interested student, and at whatever level of financial need they may have. **You can help!**

*“In my 30 years as a guidance counselor, GIV is the one program where students come back and say it was **life-changing**.” - Joni K, high school counselor*

2023 SUMMER INSTITUTES

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

College partners include: UVM, Castleton University, VTC-Randolph, NVU-Lyndon, Norwich University, Champlain College, and Landmark College.



*“I LOVE GIV. My oldest grown child attended one summer and is now a computer programmer. It was the first time that they really **connected with others with similar aspirations**.” - Rebecca M, parent*

*“I am currently in the plumbing program at Central Vermont Career Center and I really enjoy it. **I would like to explore engineering as I am considering working in this field**. It would be a way for me to incorporate my plumbing experience to work on the infrastructure.” - 2022 alum*

*“**GIV drastically changed my perspective on school and learning**. Although I learned so much about health and medicine... the most important lesson I learned was how capable I actually am.” - 2021 alum*