

Senior Scholarship Bulletin

November 2014

Please mark your calendar for our **Financial Aid Night** which will be held on **Monday, December 8, 2014 at 7:00PM** in the auditorium. A representative from the Georgia Student Finance Commission will be here to discuss the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**, the **HOPE Scholarship**, and **Federal/State loans and grants**. Lots of great information will be provided. *You and your parents are strongly encouraged to attend.*

Duke University/University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill is accepting applications for the **Robertson Scholars Program**. They are seeking high school leaders of outstanding academic potential and character. This scholarship program provides eight semesters of full tuition, room & board and mandatory fees. For application and additional information, please visit: www.robertsonscholars.org. **Deadline: November 15, 2014.**

Atlanta Association of Insurance Professionals is accepting applications for the **T.M. Alexander Scholarship**. They will award three \$500 scholarships. To be eligible, you must meet the following criteria: 3.2 minimum GPA, minority (American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian American, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, and Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander) and be a U.S. citizen. Application can be downloaded at: [AAIP 2014 Scholarship Application](#). **Deadline: November 16, 2014.**

Sussle will award a \$500 scholarship each month to a senior. There is no application, essay or GPA requirement for this scholarship. All you have to do is post and vote for interesting stuff. Visit: <http://sussle.org/scholarship> for additional information. **Deadline: November 30, 2014.**

University of Kentucky is accepting applications for several scholarships. Please visit: www.seeblue.com for requirements for each and additional information. **Deadline: December 1, 2014.**

AXA Achievement is accepting applications for their 2015 scholarship program. Applicants must demonstrate ambition and self-drive as evidenced by outstanding achievement in an activity in school, the community or the workplace. A \$10,000 one-time award available. Applications can be downloaded at: www.axa-achievement.com. **Deadline: December 15, 2014.**

Burger King is accepting applications for their **2015 Scholars Program**. Recipients will be selected based on GPA, work experience, extracurricular activities and/or community service. Scholarship grants range from \$1,000 to \$50,000. To apply, please visit: www.bkmclamorefoundation.org. **Deadline: December 15, 2014.**

University of Alabama is accepting applications for their scholarship program for the 2015-2016 academic year. Go to www.scholarships.ua.edu for a list of available scholarships and the requirements for each. For consideration, the completed admissions and scholarship application will need to be submitted to the university by **December 15, 2014.**

Young Entrepreneur Foundation is accepting applications for the **2015 NFIB Young Entrepreneur Program**. If you operate your own small business, you are eligible to apply. You must also plan to attend an accredited two- or four-year college/university or technical/vocational college in the fall. Visit: www.NFIB.com/YEA for more information. **Deadline: December 18, 2014.**

Bank of America is accepting applications for their **Student Leaders** program. Selected students will work as a paid intern at a local non-profit for eight weeks, attend a week-long Student Leaders Summit in Washington, DC, develop leadership skills and connect with like-minded students from your community and across the country. Visit: www.bankofamerica.com/studentleaders for more information and application. **Deadline: January 31, 2015.**

Columbus State University is accepting applications for their **Servant Leadership Program Scholarship**. This is a four-year leadership development program that focuses on leadership through service. They are looking for students who have leadership experience, academic ability, community service, extracurricular activities, and a commitment to develop self and others. Students are expected to have at least a 3.0 GPA. The application is available at: <http://servant.columbusstate.edu>. **Deadline: January 31, 2015.**

Georgia Southern University is seeking students for their **Scholars' Day**. Scholars' Day is a scholarship interview weekend for select students who have a minimum SAT score of 1200 (math + critical reading) or a 27 ACT composite score and have a strong academic record in their high school courses. They are also looking for students for their **Leadership Conference**. This is a scholarship interview and leadership education event for students who have earned a minimum 3.0 GPA, a minimum 1100 SAT or 24 ACT, have outstanding leadership in high school, and leadership and involvement in the community through volunteer activities. Visit: www.georgiasouthern.edu for additional information. **Deadline: February 1, 2015.**

The Gallery Collection is accepting entries for their **8th annual Create-A-Greeting-Card Scholarship**. A \$10,000 scholarship will be given to the winning student, \$1,000 given to your school and your entry will be produced and sold as a real greeting card. To enter, go to: www.gallerycollection.com and click on contests & scholarships. **Deadline: February 18, 2015.**

Georgia Business Aviation Association & Foundation (GBAA) is accepting applications for their scholarship program. They will award up to \$5,000 to those pursuing an education as a professional pilot, and up to \$2,000 for those pursuing an education in aviation maintenance technology, aviation operations, aviation management, aeronautical engineering and other aviation-related disciplines. The application can be downloaded at: www.gbaa.org. **Deadline: March 1, 2015.**

Knowledge Matters is accepting applications for the annual **Virtual Business Scholarship**. This opportunity is for high school business, marketing and personal finance students. The scholarship applications will be judged nationally and the winner will receive \$2,000. You must get nominated by a teacher in one of the areas listed above. Please visit: www.knowledgematters.com/scholarships for application and additional information. **Deadline: April 1, 2015.**

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, Inc. is accepting applications for their scholarship program. This opportunity is for Latino students who have a history of performing public service-oriented activities in their communities, and who plan to continue contributing in the future. There is no GPA or academic major requirement. Students with excellent leadership potential are encouraged to apply. Please visit: www.chci.org for application and additional information. **Deadline: April 15, 2015.**

Animation Career Review is accepting entries for their 4th Annual "Aspiring Animation Professional" Scholarship Program. \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to students that are interested in pursuing an animation career path, have an academic record of success, and a passion & drive for an animation and/or design related career. Visit: www.animationcareerreview.com. **Deadline: June 1, 2015.**

Please visit <http://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship.php> for a listing of scholarship opportunities that are available. **Deadlines range from November, 2014 – June, 2015.**

Entries are being accepted for the **Wells Fargo CollegeSTEPS** sweepstakes. When you sign up to receive college planning and money management information from Wells Fargo's CollegeSTEPS program, you will automatically be entered in the sweepstakes for a chance to win \$1,000. Please visit: www.wellsfargo.com/collegesteps for your chance to win. **Deadline: August 13, 2015.**

Suntrust Bank is accepting entries for their **2014-2015 Off To College Scholarship Sweepstakes Program**. Seniors have a chance to win a \$500 scholarship for their education expenses at a two or four-year college/university in the U.S. One winner will be chosen every two weeks through **May 15,**

2015. Eligibility is not based on GPA or financial need. For complete details, please visit: www.offtocollege.info.

Scholarships from previous newsletter

Applications are being accepted for the **Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship** program. To qualify, you must intend to enroll full-time in an accredited 4-year college in the fall, earn a cumulative un-weighted GPA of 3.5 or higher, 1200 SAT (Critical Reading +Math) or 26 ACT, and demonstrate a financial need. The Foundation will select up to 40 applicants for this highly selective scholarship. Students selected may receive up to \$30,000 per year. Visit: www.jkcf.org for additional information. **Deadline: Early November (exact date was not specified)**

Davidson College is accepting nominations for their **John Montgomery Belk Scholarship Program**. This program recognizes and rewards students of demonstrated intellectual and personal achievement and significant leadership ability. Up to eight scholars will be chosen. Each recipient will receive an annual renewable scholarship equivalent to the college's comprehensive fees, valued in 2014-15 at \$58,146. In addition, you will receive two special study stipends (up to \$3,000/stipend) to pursue international study and other enrichment opportunities. If you are interested, please see Mrs. Wright for more information. **Deadline: November 7, 2014.**

Emory University is accepting nominations for their **Emory Scholars Program**. There is also a scholarship opportunity for students with a strong interest in business. Students can nominate themselves to be considered for this program directly through Emory's supplemental member's page on the common application. **Deadline: November 15, 2014.**

Clemson University is accepting applications for their **Lyceum Scholarship Program**. Lyceum scholars study the moral, political and economic foundations of a free society. The unique curriculum promotes the development of character traits necessary to succeed in life. Scholars will receive scholarships worth up to \$10,000, which are distributed over their four years at Clemson. The application and additional information can be found at: www.clemson.edu/capitalism/lyceum.html. **Deadline: December 1, 2014.**

U.S. Air Force ROTC is accepting applications for their scholarship programs. Several types of scholarships are available, and each has different requirements, so please visit the website at: www.AFROTC.com for applications, and additional information. Some scholarships will pay full college tuition, most fees and give you an annual textbook allowance. **Deadline: December 1, 2014.**

University of Virginia is accepting nominations for **Jefferson Scholars Foundation**. The foundation seeks to find seniors who possess exceptional ability in leadership and scholarship, who show promise of making a significant contribution to the University community as students and to society at large as graduates. This scholarship covers the cost of tuition (over \$50,000/year), and is renewable annually. Two letters of recommendation are required. If you are interested in competing for this scholarship, please see Mrs. Wright. For more information, visit: www.jeffersonscholars.org. **Deadline: December 1, 2014.**

Nominations are being accepted for the **Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program**. To qualify, you must demonstrate a strong commitment to community service, display leadership abilities in school activities or through work experience, and have a 2.8 GPA or higher. Winners will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. If you are interested in being nominated, please see Mrs. Wright for more information. **Deadline: December 4, 2014.**

Elks National Foundation is accepting applications for their **2015 Most Valuable Student Scholarship**. This scholarship is available to high school seniors who are U.S. citizens. Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership and financial need. Male and female students compete separately. For an application and additional information, visit: www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm. **Deadline: December 5, 2014.**

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. (Rho Xi Zeta Chapter) is accepting applications for their **2015 Five Pearls Book Scholarship**. To qualify, you must meet the following criteria: Female in a Cobb County high school, have a minimum 2.5 GPA, and community service. Applications are available in the scholarship drawer in the school counseling office. **Deadline: December 5, 2014.**

Nominations are being accepted for the **Footlocker Scholar Athlete program**. This programs honors athletes who demonstrate excellence in school, on their sports teams and in their communities. To qualify, you must: be entering college in the fall, 2015 at a four-year college, currently involved in high school sports, have a minimum 3.0 GPA and be a U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident. Twenty Footlocker Scholar Athletes will each receive a \$20,000 scholarship. Visit: <https://footlockerscholarathletes.com/about#eligibility> for additional information. **Deadline: December 18, 2014.**

Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) is accepting entries for their **Free Speech** essay contest. FIRE will award one \$10,000, one \$5,000 and three \$1,000 scholarships. For more information and entry details, visit: www.thefire.org/student-network/essay-contest/. **Deadline: January 1, 2015.**

Entries are being accepted for the **2015 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest**. Write an original and creative essay of 700-1,000 words that describes an act of political courage by a U.S. elected official that occurred during or after 1956, the publication date of Profile in Courage. For additional instructions, please visit: www.jfklibrary.org. **Deadline: January 5, 2015.**

Ron Brown Scholar Program will award scholarships to academically talented, highly motivated Black or African American high school seniors who intend to pursue undergraduate degrees full-time. Applicants must show exceptional leadership potential and make an impact on their communities through service to others. Winners will receive \$10,000 annually for four years. Applications can be downloaded at: www.ronbrown.org. **Deadline: January 9, 2015.**

Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) is accepting applications for their **2015 Scholars Program**. This program is for minority students (African-American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian & Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American) who have at least a 3.3 un-weighted GPA and have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular or other activities, and meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria. The application consists of three parts. Please visit: www.gmsp.org for application and additional information. **Deadline: January 14, 2015.**

Ithaca College is accepting applications for the **Martin Luther King Scholar Program**. This program is open to all academically talented U.S. citizens and permanent residents from ethnic and racial backgrounds that have been historically underrepresented in U.S. higher education. Winners will receive a minimum award of \$25,000 and in some cases up to full tuition annually. To apply, you must complete the Common Application online along with Ithaca's member section questions no later than January 2nd and complete the MLK Scholar Program application (www.my.ithaca.edu). **Deadline: January 15, 2015.**

Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) is accepting applications for their scholarship programs. Parents' financial information is required. For applications and additional information, please visit: www.rmhc.org. Click on the "What We Do" tab and go over to RMHC U.S. Scholarships. **Deadline: January 20, 2015.**

Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) is accepting applications for their scholarship program. Those selected will receive full tuition, book stipend, educational fees and other financial benefits at many colleges and universities. Please visit: www.nrotc.navy.mil for requirements and additional information. **Deadline: January 31, 2015.**

Princeton University is accepting applications for the *Princeton Prize in Race Relations Program*. This program will honor students who are doing outstanding work in their schools or communities to advance the cause of race relations. You must be working to increase understanding and mutual respect among all races. Applications can be downloaded at: www.princeton.edu/PrincetonPrize. A \$1,000 cash award is available. **Deadline: January 31, 2015.**

North Georgia College & State University will award 42 *Georgia Military Scholarships* to seniors that have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA, a minimum SAT score of 440 math & 480 critical reading, or a 20 English, 18 Math and a 20 ACT composite score. You must first be accepted to the university before applying for this scholarship. For additional information, visit: www.northgeorgia.edu/gmssteps. **Deadline: February 1, 2015.**

Auburn University is accepting applications for their scholarship program. Several scholarships (National, Academic, Auburn Spirit Foundation, Auburn Spirit Foundation Legacy, Auburn Sponsored Freshman, General and Departmental) are available, and each has specific requirements. Please visit: www.auburn.edu/scholarship for additional information. **Deadline: February 15, 2015**

National Commission for Cooperative Education is accepting applications for their thirteenth annual co-op scholarship program. Interested students must have at least a GPA of 3.5 or better, and are required to submit a one-page essay. You can complete an online application at: www.waceinc.org. **Deadline: February 15, 2015.**

Goizueta Foundation is accepting applications for the *Scholars Fund Award* and the *Latino Leadership Pipeline* at **Georgia State University**. To qualify, you must meet the following requirements: Be of Hispanic/Latino heritage, demonstrate leadership & service to the Hispanic/Latino community and complete the FAFSA by February 1st. The application can be downloaded at: <http://sfs.gsu.edu/scholarships-grants/goizueta-scholarship-opportunities/> or you can apply online, but you must already be accepted for this option. You will need your GSU student ID and password. **Deadline: March 6, 2015.**

StudentScholarships.org has several scholarships listed on their website. Please visit for the list and requirements. There is also a career and salary section that has lots of great information on many careers. The **deadlines range from October 30, 2014 – May 15, 2015.**

TEST DATES

If you have not done so already, do not forget to register for the SAT and/or the ACT. Registration information is available in the Counseling Office or you can register on-line (www.sat.org/register for the SAT, and www.actstudent.org/start for the ACT). The cost for the SAT is \$52.50 and the cost for the ACT is \$38 (no writing) and \$54.50 (plus writing). **SAT** test dates for this semester are **November 8th** and **December 6th**. Remaining **ACT** test date for this semester is **December 13th**. Please keep in mind that registration deadlines are approximately one month prior to each test administration. **REGISTER EARLY!**

If you are on free or reduced lunch, you qualify for test fee waivers. Waivers **cannot** be used during the late registration period. Sign up to see your counselor for forms and more information.

STAR (Student Teacher Achievement Recognition) is a program that recognizes one senior at each high school that has the highest three-part SAT score in one sitting. You must also be in the top 10%

of your class. The last test date that will be honored for the 2015 competition, will be **November 8, 2014**. There are three levels (system, regional and state) in the competition. Please **see Mrs. Wright** if you have any questions. **Deadline December 19, 2014**.

Clark Atlanta University will host **Fall Open House on November 8, 2014**. This event will take place from 10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Please visit: www.cau.edu for more information.

Alabama A&M University will host **High School Senior Day on Saturday, November 15, 2014**. This will be a full day of activities including: football game, on-site acceptance, campus tour, scholarship information, music auditions, food and more. Visit: www.aamu.edu for registration and additional information.

Reinhardt University will host **visitation days on November 15, 2014, January 24, 2015 and March 21, 2015**. Register at: www.reinhardt.edu to attend.

Columbus State University will host **Discovery Days** on the following dates: **November 22nd and February 21st**. They will also host a special session for admitted students on **April 18th**. Visit: www.columbusstate.edu for additional information.

Georgia Southwestern State University will host **Campus Preview Days** on the following dates: **January 31st and March 28, 2015**. To attend, contact the admissions office at 1-800-338-0082 or email them at: admissions@gsu.edu or at www.gsu.edu. You will have a chance to win a \$1,000 GSW scholarship.

Spelman College will host **“A Day in Your Life”** on **November 10th and January 26, 2015**. This is an opportunity for you to speak to current Spelman students, meet faculty and staff, tour the campus and your parents will have an opportunity to talk to representatives about housing, student life and the financial aid process. To register, visit: www.selman.edu/adiyl. The program is from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The alumni chapter at **Florida A&M University (FAMU)** invites you to ride on the Fantastic Voyage 2015. They are taking a bus trip to visit FAMU on February 20-21, 2015. This will be an overnight trip. The cost to attend is \$150. For more information, please visit: www.FamuAtlantaAlumni.org.

The **National Association for College Admission Counseling** will host their spring college fair on **March 22, 2015** at the Georgia World Congress Center. For more information, visit: www.nationalcollegefairs.org.

NCAA Clearinghouse applications are available and **must** be completed online. All Prospective student-athletes intending to enroll in an NCAA Division I or II institution for the first time, must complete the NCAA Amateurism Certification questionnaire. If you have used a fee waiver for either the ACT or SAT, you qualify for a clearinghouse waiver. Please **see Mrs. Wright** in the counseling office once you have completed your online application. You are still responsible for sending them an official transcript and an official copy of your test scores. www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.

College Visit *(Please sign up in the counseling office at least 2 days prior to the visits)*

November 6th – Jacksonville State University

SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL AID WEBSITES

The following sites have been recommended in magazine and newspaper articles, library and education journals. We have not evaluated all of them in depth; therefore, as with all Web information, you should carefully evaluate the source in judging the reliability of the information provided.

www.fastweb.com	www.college-scholarships.com
www.collegenet.com	www.guaranteed-scholarships.com
www.wiredscholar.com	www.get-recruited.com
www.collegeparents.org	www.gacollege411.com
www.srnexpress.com	www.collegesavings.org
www.salliemae.com	www.hsf.net
www.fafsa.ed.gov	www.uncf.org
www.scholarshipexperts.com	www.MeritAid.com
www.scholarships.com	www.atlantascholarships.com
www.littleafrica.com/resources/scholarships.htm	www.studentscholarships.org

Requesting letters of recommendation

Please be advised that there are forms that need to be completed when requesting letters of recommendation. See your counselor for a copy of the forms. **Allow two weeks** for letters to be written, so please plan accordingly.

November “To Do” List

- 1) If you are still unsure about your post-secondary plans, sign up to visit the career center. Mrs. Sinclair is available on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- 2) Continue to attend college information sessions and meet with college representatives that visit your school
- 3) Continue your leadership, service, sports, and activity involvement
- 4) Sign up to take the December SAT (Reg. deadline - November 6th) and ACT (Reg. deadline - November 7th)
- 5) Finalize your college list
- 6) Work on completing your college applications
- 7) Request official transcripts and recommendation letters. Transcripts can be requested at: www.gacollege411.org for FREE! **(For UGA, counselors must have recommendation forms during the week of December 8th – NO EXCEPTIONS)!**
- 8) Review/edit your scholarship and college essays
- 9) Schedule an appointment with your counselor to review your application packets
- 10) Make copies of your application packets, and submit them prior to the deadlines

College Application Deadlines:

Agnes Scott – March 1st
Albany State – July 1st
Armstrong State University – July 15th
Berry College – May 1st
Chattahoochee Tech – July 26th
Clark Atlanta University– June 1st
Clayton State – July 15th
Columbus State University – June 30th
Dalton State College – July 1st
Emory University – January 15th
Fort Valley State – July 15th
Georgia Gwinnett College – June 1st
Georgia Highlands – August 1st
Georgia Perimeter – July 1st
Georgia Regents University – June 1st
Georgia Southern – May 1st
Georgia Southwestern – July 21st
Georgia State – March 1st
Georgia Tech – January 10th

Gordon State College – August 1st
Kennesaw State University – May 8th
Life University – September 1st
Mercer University – July 1st
Middle Georgia State College – July 16th
Morehouse College – February 15th
Oxford College of Emory University – January 15th
Paine College – July 1st
Reinhardt University – Rolling admission
Savannah College of Art & Design – Rolling
Savannah State University – July 15th
Spelman College – February 1st
University of Georgia – January 15th
University of North Georgia – July 1st
University of West Georgia – June 1st
Valdosta State University – June 15th

Top 10 College Application Mistakes

Senior year is hectic, but don't let it affect the quality of their college applications. Make sure your students take their time, pay attention to detail and plan ahead to meet the deadlines.

Following are some of the top responses from counselors and admissions staff who shared the most common mistakes on college applications. Be sure to pass along this advice to your students so they can avoid making some common mistakes.

1. **Misspellings and grammatical errors** - This is a big pet peeve of admissions people. If you misspell on something as important as the application, it shows that either you don't care or you aren't good at spelling. Some students even misspell their intended major. But don't stop with a spell check. Proofread for grammatical errors, too.
2. **Applying online, but the application isn't submitted** - If you apply online, you should receive confirmation that the college or university received it. Confirmation could be an email message, a Web page response or a credit card receipt. Follow through and make sure that your application has been received.
3. **Forgotten signatures** - Make sure you sign and date the application form. Often students overlook that part of the form if it's on the back. Check that all spaces are completed.
4. **Not reading carefully** - For example, if the form asks what County you live in, don't misread it as Country and write United States.
5. **Listing extracurricular activities that aren't** - Those that make the list include sports, the arts, formal organizations and volunteer work. Talking on the phone and hanging out with friends don't make the cut. Make sure your activity information is accurate. Colleges may check with your high school.
6. **Not telling your school counselor where you've applied** - Let your counselor know which colleges you're applying to, and ask him or her to review your high school transcript before sending it to colleges. Sometimes transcripts have errors.
7. **Writing illegibly** - First impressions count, so take your time and use your best handwriting. It will make a better impression.
8. **Using an email address that friends might laugh about, but colleges won't** - Select a professional email address. Keep your fun address for friends, but select an address using your name for college admissions.
9. **Not checking your email regularly** - If you've given an email address, the college will use it. You don't want to miss out on anything because you didn't read your email.
10. **Letting Mom or Dad help you fill out your application** - Admissions people know if your parents help, whether you have two different styles of handwriting or your admissions essay sounds more like a 45-year-old than a 17-year-old. It's fine to get advice, but do the work yourself.

COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT



GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

2014-2015 First-year admitted student profile

- Applications received: 25,880
- Admissions offers: 8,560
- New first-year enrolled: 2,800
- GPA – “A” Average
- Middle 50% SAT (M, CR, W): 2050 – 2240
- Middle 50% ACT: 30-33

- Can apply by using the Common Application
- Regular Decision Deadline: January 10th (Admissions decision by Mid-March)
- \$75 application fee
- Tuition, fees, room and board (based on the 2014-15 school year) \$24,748
- Ranked 21st in the nation for top public universities (U.S. News & World Report)
- Six Colleges: Architecture, Business, Computing, Engineering, Liberal Arts and Sciences
- #1 in the nation for Hispanic engineering graduate students
- #2 in the nation for African American engineering graduates
- 12 Undergraduate programs in the top 10
- 96% Freshman to sophomore retention rate
- 61% Male & 39% Female
- 400-acre campus

Visit: www.gatech.edu for additional information and to schedule a campus tour