

If you are applying to UGA for fall 2019 admission, this is a reminder that the deadline to submit the recommendation request to your counselor is December 12th. You will need to complete the recommendation link on our school counseling website by this date as well. See your counselor if you have any questions.

Nominations are being accepted for the **Footlocker Scholar Athlete program**. This program 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, 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 14, 2018.**

The **Better Business Bureau's** Center of Character Ethics invites to apply for their college scholarship. This annual awards program selects and honors high school seniors who display exceptional character traits and who plan to attend an accredited college of choice. For more information, please visit: <http://go.bbb.org/atl-scholarship-form>. **Deadline: December 14, 2018.**

GE-Reagan Foundation is accepting applications for their 2019 scholarship program. This program honors the legacy and character of our nation's 40th President. To qualify, you must demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship. You must also have at least a 3.0 GPA and be a U.S. citizen. Winners will receive a \$10,000 scholarship that is renewable for an additional three years. For additional information and to access the online application, please visit: www.reaganfoundation.org/scholarships. **Deadline: January 4, 2019.**

Ron Brown Scholar Program will award scholarships to student who meet the following criteria: Must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, Black/African American, excel academically, exhibit exceptional leadership potential, participate in community service activities, demonstrate financial need and be a U.S. citizen or hold a permanent resident visa card. Winners will receive \$10,000 annually for four years. Application can be downloaded at: www.ronbrown.org. **Deadline: January 9, 2019.**

APIASF and the **United Health Foundation** have partnered to provide financial assistance to Asian and Pacific Islander students who plan to pursue a degree that will lead to a career in the health field. Visit: <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-state/georgia-scholarships/apiasf-united-health-foundation-scholarship/> for additional information. **Deadline: January 11, 2019.**

Southern Association for College Admission Counselling (SACAC) will award a \$1,000 scholarship to five high school seniors for one-time use at their chosen college or university. For more information and to access the application, visit: www.sacac.org/knowledge-center/for-students-and-parents/horizon-award/. **Deadline: January 15, 2019.**

Entries are being accepted for the **2019 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 who served during or after 1917, the year that John F. Kennedy was born. For additional instructions, please visit: www.jfklibrary.org. **Deadline: January 18, 2019.**

Applications are being accepted for the **Coolidge Scholarship**. This full-ride scholarship covers tuition, room, board, and expenses for four year of undergraduate study at any accredited U.S. college or university. Coolidge Scholars are selected primarily on academic excellence. Visit: www.coolidgescholars.org for additional information. **Deadline: January 23, 2019.**

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 positive race relations. The Application can be downloaded at: www.princeton.edu/PrincetonPrize. A \$1,000 cash award is available. **Deadline: January 31, 2019.**

The Rho Epsilon Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated is accepting applications for their scholarship program. To qualify, you must be an African American female students who reside in Cobb County. Please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/rhoepsilonzeta-scholarship>. **Deadline: January 31, 2019.**

Goizueta Foundation is accepting applications for the **Scholars Fund Award** 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 March 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: February 1, 2019.**

The Jackie Robinson Foundation is accepting applications for their scholarship program. Once chosen from a national selective process, “Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholars” receive a generous four-year grant to assist with the costs of attending the college or university of their choice and are enrolled in JRF’s celebrated mentoring curriculum. Visit: www.jackierobinson.org for additional information and application. **Deadline: February 1, 2019.**

University of North Georgia is accepting applications for their **Military Scholarship** program. The scholarship covers room, meals, tuition, books, uniforms and fees. Visit: <https://ung.edu/military-college-admissions/costs-financial-aid/scholarships-and-grants/georgia-military-scholarship.php> for application and additional information. **Deadline: February 1, 2019.**

National Commission for Cooperative Education is accepting applications for their sixteenth annual co-op scholarship program. Interested students must have at least a GPA of 3.5 or better. You can complete an online application at: www.waceinc.org. **Deadline: February 15, 2018.**

Taco Bell will be awarding \$21 million in scholarships over the next two years. To apply, students must submit a two-minute video describing their passion. No grades, essays or test scores are required. Visit: <https://www.cnbc.com/2018/11/30/taco-bells-live-ms-scholarship-awards-21-million-in-aid.html>. **Deadline: February 21, 2019.**

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 in the following areas: professional pilot, 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, 2019.**

American Fire Sprinkler Association is accepting entries for their scholarship program. Ten \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded. Visit: www.afsascholarship.org for additional information. **Deadline: April 1, 2019.**

Community Bankers Association of Georgia is accepting applications for the **Julian & Jan Hester Memorial Scholarship**. This opportunity is open to seniors entering a Georgia university, college or technical institution in the fall. Four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. These awards are based

on academic merit, not financial need. Visit: <http://www.cbaofga.com/hester-scholarship1.html> for application and additional information. **Deadline: April 5, 2019.**

The BigSun Organization will award a \$500 scholarship to student athlete. Visit: www.bigsunathletics.com for application and additional information. **Deadline: June 19, 2019.**

Imagine America Foundation will award scholarships to seniors who have at least a 2.5 GPA, that plan to attend a career school participating in their scholarship program. Visit: www.imagine-america.org/ourschools for a list of participating schools and visit: www.imagine-america.org for additional information. **Deadline: December 31, 2019.**

Varsity Tutors holds a monthly \$200 college scholarship contest, where you must write an essay in response to a monthly prompt. Visitors to the webpage are able to vote and the top five entries with the most votes are reviewed by Varsity Tutors and one winner is selected to receive the \$200 award. Visit: www.varsitytutors.com/college-scholarship.

Scholarships from previous newsletters

AXA Achievement is accepting applications for their 2019 scholarship program. Applicants must possess the following qualities: Ambition and drive, determination to set and reach goals, respect for self, family and community, and the ability to succeed in college. Students have the opportunity to receive a \$2,500, \$10,000 or \$25,000 scholarship. Applications can be downloaded at: www.axa-achievement.com. **Deadline: December 14, 2018 or until 10,000 applications are received.**

Burger King is accepting applications for their **2019 Scholars Program**. Interested students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 and plan to enroll full-time in college during the 2019-20 school year. To apply, please visit: www.scholarsapply.org/burgerkingscholars/information.php. **Deadline: December 15, 2018.**

Several scholarship opportunities are available at www.StudentScholarships.org. Please check the website for criteria under each scholarship. **Deadlines range from November 15 – December 15, 2018.**

National Beta will award over 250 scholarships to 12th grade Beta members. Visit: www.betacub.org/scholarship. **Deadline: January 24, 2019.**

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. Those selected will receive a \$1,250 stipend each semester for successful completion of the program requirements. The application is available at: <http://servant.columbusstate.edu>. **Deadline: January 31, 2019.**

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: January 31, 2019.**

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: February 1, 2019.**

Black College Expo is accepting entries for their essay contest. All you have to do is submit an essay on the following topic: **"Why is a College Education Important to Me?"** Visit: www.thecollegeexpo.org/students/scholarships for additional information. **Deadline: February 19, 2019.**

TheDream is accepting applications for their National Scholarships. This program is for highly motivated DREAMers who need financial assistance with attending college. To further qualify, you must have a current DACA or TPS authorization. For more information, visit: www.thedream.us. **Deadline: February 28, 2019.**

Jacksonville State University will award scholarships to students that have been accepted for fall 2019 admission. Please visit: www.jsu.edu/scholarships for a list of scholarships and the requirements for each. **Deadline: March 1, 2019.**

Suntrust Bank is accepting entries for their 14th Annual **Off To College Scholarship Sweepstakes Program**. Seniors will be randomly chosen every two weeks for a scholarship through **May 13, 2019**. Eligibility is not based on GPA or financial need. For complete details, please visit:

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 school counseling office or you can register on-line (www.collegeboard.org for the SAT, and www.act.org for the ACT). The cost for the SAT is \$47.50 and the cost for the ACT is \$50.50. **SAT** test dates for next semester are **March 9th, May 4th and June 1st**. **ACT** test dates for next semester are **February 9th, April 13th, June 8th and July 13th**. Our school code is 112-745. 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. Sign up to see your counselor for forms and more information. Please keep in mind that you WILL NOT be able to use waivers once you graduate from high school, so please plan accordingly.

Georgia Southwestern State University will host **Campus Preview Days** on the following dates: **January 26th and April 6, 2019**. To attend, visit: admissions@gsw.edu.

Mercer University will host **Saturday Preview Days on January 26th and March 16th**. During these events you will be able to explore their academics and campus life. You will also be able to learn more about the admissions process and opportunities at Mercer. Please visit: www.mercer.edu to schedule your visit.

The Black College Expo will be coming to the Cobb Galleria on **March 9, 2019** from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. During the expo, students will meet one-on-one with top HBCUs and a variety of other colleges & universities. Applications fees will be waived and college acceptances and scholarships will be offered on the spot! Please take several copies of your transcript. There is an entry fee of \$10 at the door.

University of Alabama will host **University Days** on the following dates: **January 28th, February 18th, March 4th & 25th and April 1st**. To register, visit: www.universitydays.ua.edu.

The **National Association for College Admission Counseling** will host their spring college fair on **March 3, 2019** at the Georgia International Convention Center from 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. For more information, visit: www.nationalcollegefairs.org.

NCAA Eligibility Center 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. Jackson** 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. <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>.

SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Mrs. Burke-Collins	A-Bo
Mrs. Ellison-Brown	Br-F
Dr. Amand	G-K
Mrs. Wright	L-Pa
Mrs. Schloemer	Pe-Sam/ESOL/AVID
Mrs. Jackson	San-Z
Mrs. Loftin	Registrar/Dual Enrollment
Mrs. Beasley	Counseling Intern

Mrs. Perez **Counseling Secretary** – Please see for transcript requests and proof of enrollment letters

Mrs. Askew **Counseling Clerk** – Please see for transcript requests, address changes, name or social security number changes.

Requesting letters of recommendation

Please be advised that there is information that you will need to complete when requesting letters of recommendation. Visit our website or see your counselor for more information. **Allow two weeks** for letters to be written, so please plan accordingly.

December “To Do” List

- 1) Continue to attend college information sessions and meet with college representatives that visit our school
- 2) Continue your leadership, service, sports, and activity involvement
- 3) Sign up to take the February ACT (Reg. deadline - January 11th)
- 4) Complete college applications prior to deadlines and ask for assistance if needed
- 5) Request official transcripts and recommendation letters (**for UGA, counselors must have recommendation forms during the week of December 12th – NO EXCEPTIONS!**)
- 6) Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) if you have not already done so. The application window opened on October 1st

2019 College Application Deadlines:

Abraham Baldwin – March 1 st	Georgia Southwestern – December 10 th
Agnes Scott – March 15 th	Georgia State University – March 1 st
Albany State – July 1 st	Georgia Tech – January 1 st
Atlanta Metro State – August 1 st	Gordon State College – July 15 th
Augusta University – July 1 st	Kennesaw State University – June 1 st
Berry College – January 15 th	Life University – September 1 st
Chattahoochee Tech – July 12 th	Mercer University – February 1 st
Clark Atlanta University – May 1 st	Middle Georgia State – July 1 st
Clayton State University– July 15 th	Morehouse College – February 1 st
College of Coastal GA – August 1 st	Oxford College of Emory University – Jan. 1 st
Columbus State Univ. – June 30 th	Reinhardt University - Rolling
Dalton State College – August 8 th	Savannah College of Art & Design - Rolling
East Georgia State – August 6 th	Savannah State University – July 15 th
Emory University – January 1 st	South Georgia State – June 15 th
Fort Valley State – June 15 th	Spelman College – February 1 st
Georgia College & State – April 1 st	University of Georgia – January 1 st
Georgia Gwinnett College – May 1 st	University of North Georgia – March 15 th
Georgia Highlands – July 15 th	University of West Georgia – June 1 st
Georgia Southern University – August 1 st	Valdosta State University – August 1 st