

Starting with this month's newsletter, all new scholarships will be listed first.

Applications are being accepted for the **Golden Door Scholars** program. This scholarship program is for DACA recipients attending college in the fall. Strong preference is given to those interested in one of the following fields: Engineering, Computer Science, Technology or Math. **Deadline: October 25, 2018.**

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. **Deadline: November 1, 2018** to be considered for scholarships in addition to the Ron Brown scholarship. **Deadline: January 9, 2019**, to be considered for the Ron Brown Scholarship only. Application can be downloaded at: www.ronbrown.org.

Prudential is accepting applications for their **2019 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards** program. If you have made a difference by volunteering in your community over the past year, you could win \$1,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C. All you have to do is visit: <http://spirit.prudential.com>, click on the "Apply Now" link, and follow the on-screen instructions. **Deadline: November 6, 2018.**

Mercer University is accepting applications for their **School of Engineering Scholarship Challenge**. The challenge is a day on the Macon campus, where students are given a test of math skills, which is used to help make scholarship recommendations. While there, students will be given a tour of the campus, labs and technology, and they will also have the opportunity to meet with faculty and current students. The challenge date is scheduled for **November 10, 2018**. If you are interested in Mercer's engineering, industrial management and technical communications program, please visit: <http://engineering.mercer.edu/admissions/challenge.cfm> for the application.

Emory University is accepting applications for their **Emory Scholars Program**. Please visit: www.apply.emory.edu/apply/scholars.php for application and additional information. **Deadline: November 15, 2018.**

The **Law Office of Jeffrey B. Kelly** is accepting entries for their scholarship contest. Students must create a two-to-four minute video on why Congress should change bankruptcy laws to allow student loans to be discharged in bankruptcy. The video must be posted on YouTube by **December 1, 2018**. The winner will receive a \$1,000 award. Visit: <https://www.kellycanhelp.com/about-us/scholarship/> for additional information.

Nominations are being accepted for the **Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program**. To qualify, you must demonstrate a commitment to community service, outstanding quality in character, integrity & leadership, and have a minimum 3.0 GPA. For more information, visit: <https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/leadersandachievers/>. **Deadline: December 7, 2018.**

Clemson University is accepting applications for their **Lyceum Scholarship Program**. Lyceum Scholars study the moral, political and economic foundations of a free society. This unique curriculum develops students' intellectual faculties, ignites their passion for knowledge, and promotes the development of character traits necessary to succeed in life. Scholars will receive scholarships worth \$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 10, 2018.**

Applications are being accepted for the **Footlocker Scholar Athlete** program. This programs honors student-athletes who demonstrate exceptional academic ability and strong leadership skills in sports, school and community. Visit: <https://footlockerscholarathletes.com/about#eligibility> for additional information. **Deadline: December 14, 2018.**

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (Marietta-Roswell Alumnae Chapter) is accepting applications for their scholarship program. Applicants must be female, African-American, and have at least a 3.0 GPA. Applications are available in the scholarship drawer in the career center. The application can be found at: https://mracforms.formstack.com/forms/201819_mrac_scholarship_application. If you have questions, please email them to: scholarship@dstmrac.com. **Deadline: December 15, 2018.**

Applications are being accepted for the **Greenhouse Scholars** program. This opportunity is available to students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, served his or her community, shown accountability, and overcome obstacles to relentlessly pursue higher education. Eligible students must also have an un-weighted GPA of 3.5 or higher and demonstrate financial need (annual income no greater than \$70,000). Visit: www.greenhousescholars.fluidreview.com. **Deadline: December 17, 2018.**

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.**

Andrew College will award two full academic scholarships (tuition, room and board) and a number of partial scholarships to incoming freshmen through the **Pitts Academic Scholarship Competition**. You must have a 3.0 or higher GPA, record of leadership/service to school community or church and you must meet the following testing requirements: SAT – 500 EBRW and 500 Math, or ACT – 19 English, 19 Math and 19 Composite. Visit: www.andrewcollege.edu for additional information. You must submit a complete admissions application by **February 1, 2019.**

National Commission for Cooperative Education is accepting applications for their seventeenth annual National 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, 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 as a professional pilot, up to \$3,000 for aviation operations, aviation management, and aeronautical engineering and \$2,000 for those pursuing an education in aviation maintenance technology and aviation operations. The application can be downloaded at: www.gbaa.org. **Deadline: March 1, 2019.**

MG Law Office will award one high school senior a \$1,000 scholarship. You must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Visit: <https://www.mg4law.com/scholarship/>. **Deadline: July 1, 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

Wendy's is currently accepting applications for their **"High School Heisman Scholarship"** program. Online applications are now being accepted from both male and female students who are proven leaders/role models within your school and community. You must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and participate in at least one school-sponsored sport to qualify. Please visit: www.wendysheisman.com for application and additional information. See Mrs. Wright in the counseling office if you have any questions. **Deadline: October 17, 2018.**

Horatio Alger Association is accepting applications for their Scholarship Program. This program is designed to assist students who have faced and overcome great obstacles. They are seeking students who have exhibited determination, integrity, and perseverance in overcoming adversity, as well as having a critical financial need. For application and more information, please visit: www.scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships. **Deadline: October 25, 2018.**

2018-19 Military Service Academy nomination application packets are now available online at: www.davidscott.house.gov. Congressman David Scott serves as the representative for Georgia's Thirteenth Congressional District. Interested students are encouraged to take the time to survey each academy and to consider all that each school has to offer, prior to submitting your application packet. Completed applications must be mailed and **received on or before October 26, 2018 in Congressman Scott's Jonesboro or Smyrna District Office.**

Coca-Cola is accepting applications for their scholars program. Applicants will be evaluated on the following: Demonstrated leadership in school, commitment to community, and academic achievement. Each year, they award \$3.55 million in scholarships. **You must apply online** at: www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org. **Deadline: October 31, 2018.**

North Carolina A & T State University is accepting nominations for their ***Cheatham-White scholarship***. Interested students must meet the following criteria: Be admitted as a freshman, U.S. citizen, have a minimum 4.0 GPA and show exceptional qualities of character and leadership. Students are able to nominate themselves. Please visit: www.ncat.edu/academics/honors/cheatham-white. **Deadline: November 10, 2018.**

Auburn University is accepting applications for their scholarship program. Several scholarships (Presidential, Heritage and Charter) are available, and each has specific requirements. If you are planning to apply, you must complete the admission application with all required materials by November 15th and you must complete the scholarship application **no later than December 1st**. Please visit: www.auburn.edu/scholarship for additional information.

Elks National Foundation is accepting applications for their ***2019 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. For an application and additional information, visit: www.enf.elks.org/mvs. **Deadline: November 15, 2018.**

The state of Georgia funds 42 scholarships to students that are interested in joining the Georgia Army National Guard and the **University of North Georgia** Corps of Cadets. This scholarship pays for room, meals, tuition, books, uniforms and fees (totaling over \$70,000). Army ROTC scholarships are also available. Visit: www.ung.edu/cadet for additional information. **Early Action deadline: November 15, 2018. Regular Admission deadline: April 1, 2019.**

Skidmore College is accepting applications for their Science & Math and Music Scholarships. Recipients will receive \$15,000 annually (\$60,000 over four years). Visit: www.skidmo.re/merit. To be considered, you must apply by **January 15, 2019.**

Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (FIDM) is accepting entries for their national scholarship competition. They are seeking students that are interested in the global industries of Fashion, Visual Arts, Graphics, Interior Design, Social Media and Entertainment. Please visit: www.bit.ly/FIDMscholarship for details. **Deadline: March 29, 2019.**

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 this semester are **November 3rd** and **December 1st**. **ACT** test dates for this semester are **October 27th** and **December 8th**. Our school code is 112-745. Please keep in mind that registration deadlines are approximately one month prior to each test administration. **REGISTER EARLY!**

You must be on free or reduced lunch, to qualify for test fee waivers. Waivers **cannot** be used during the late registration period. Please bring proof of your qualification to your counselor to receive your testing waiver(s).

ASVAB test will be given here at CHS on **October 25th**. Please sign up in the school counseling office by October 24th, if interested.

COLLEGE FAIRS

These fairs allow students to interact with admission representatives from a wide range of postsecondary institutions to discuss course offerings, admission and financial aid requirements, college life in general, and other information pertinent to the college selection process.

- Saturday, October 27th – 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. (Turner Chapel AME Church)
- NACAC – October 29th from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center)

Andrew College will host *Preview Days* on **October 27, 2018, February 9, 2019 and April 13, 2019**. These events will take place from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Visit: www.andrewcollege.edu/visitation-days.

Georgia College will host a “*Glimpse Weekend*” visit on **November 4-5, 2018**. This will give prospective students the opportunity to experience first-hand how they put their mission into action. During this visit, you will be introduced to the student organizations and services especially committed to supporting and representing their diverse student body. To participate, you must submit an application for fall 2019 and be accepted. Georgia College will organize transportation from Atlanta. The cost to you is \$10. To register and for more information, visit: www.gcsu.edu/glimpse.

Georgia Highlands College will host *Preview Day* according to the following schedule:

Cartersville site – **October 16th** from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Marietta site – **October 23rd** from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Douglasville site – **November 8th** from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Please register at: <https://sites.highlands.edu/admissions/visit/>

Georgia Southwestern State University will host *Campus Preview Days* on the following dates: **November 10th, January 26th and April 6, 2019**. To attend, visit: <https://www.gsw.edu/admissions/visit-gsw-admissions/previewday>.

Georgia State University will host *Panther Preview* on the following dates: **October 19th, November 2nd and November 9th**. During the preview, you will get to participate in mock classes, tour the campus, meet with student leaders and an admissions counselor one-on-one, learn about different academic programs and student opportunities on campus. The hours of the previews are 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. To register, visit: <http://admissions.gsu.edu/panther-preview/>.

Jacksonville State University will host *Preview Days* on **October 13, 2018 and March 9, 2019**. Visit: www.jsu.edu/previewday for additional information.

Kennesaw State University (Marietta Campus) will host Open House on **Saturday, October 20th** from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. To attend, please register at: <http://visit.kennesaw.edu/> by October 19th. **Mississippi State University** will host their **Fall Preview Days on October 8th, October 29th and November 12th**. There is a \$10 charge/person and space is limited. For more information, visit: www.admissions.msstate.edu/events.

Spelman College will host **“A Day in Your Life”** on **October 22nd and November 12, 2018**. 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. Lunch is free for the students, but parents and other guests will have to pay \$7 for their lunch. To register, visit: <http://www.spelman.edu/admissions/admissions-events/a-day-in-your-life>. The program is from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

University of Alabama will host **University Day** on **October 29th**. To register, visit: www.universitydays.ua.edu.

NCAA Eligibility Center applications **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/>.

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

October

19th – Oglethorpe University (2:30)

26th – GSU - Georgia Perimeter College (10:30)

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.collegenet.com

www.wiredscholar.com

www.collegeparents.org

www.srnexpress.com

www.salliemae.com

www.fafsa.gov

www.scholarshipexperts.com

www.scholarships.com

www.littleafrica.com/resources/scholarships.htm

<https://www.tuitionfundingsources.com/>

www.college-scholarships.com

www.guaranteed-scholarships.com

www.get-recruited.com

www.gafutures.org

www.collegesavings.org

www.hsf.net

www.uncf.org

www.MeritAid.com

www.atlantascholarships.com

www.varsitytutors.com/college-scholarship

SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Mrs. Burke-Collins	A-Bo
Mrs. Ellison-Brown	D-H
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.

October “To Do” List

- 1) If you are unsure about your post-secondary plans, sign up to see your counselor.
- 2) Athletes, submit clearinghouse application and transcript. Website: <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>.
- 3) Finalize your college prospect list and investigate school “on the bubble”
- 4) Give your teacher/counselor (recommenders) advanced notice for writing your recommendation letters
- 5) Download college applications and financial aid materials
- 6) Sign up to take the fall SAT www.collegeboard.org and ACT www.act.org exams
- 7) Keep your college information organized in one central area at home. Please be sure to keep up with deadlines.
- 8) Understand the difference between early decision, early action, and regular admission
- 9) Attend college fairs, college information sessions, and college representative school visits
- 10) Prepare your list of activities/awards, and create a résumé

Early Decision & Early Action

What Are They and Are They Right for You?

Have you ever noticed a new buzz in your school hallways or Counselor's office? "I'm applying early decision." "Will I be notified early?" Has all this early talk gotten you prematurely anxious about applying to colleges?

The Early Bird Gets the Worm

This cliché is the basic concept behind early decision and early action plans. Your "worm" is knowing in December whether or not you've been accepted at your first choice college. Then, hopefully, you can enjoy the rest of your senior year without stressing about getting into college. The "worm" for the colleges that offer these plans is locking in students early in the process who really want to go to the school.

Early Decision vs. Early Action

Early decision plans allows you to apply early (usually in November) and get an admission decision from the college well in advance of the usual notification date. But there is a catch. Early decision plans are "binding," meaning if you apply as an early decision candidate, you agree to attend the college if it accepts you and offer an adequate financial aid package. Although you can apply to only one college for early decision, you may apply to other colleges under regular admission. If you're accepted by your first-choice college early, you must withdraw all other applications. Usually, colleges insist on a non-refundable deposit will in advance of May 1st.

Early action plans are similar to early decision plans in that you can learn early in the admission cycle (usually in January or February) whether a college has accepted you. But unlike early decision, most early action plans are not binding, meaning you do NOT have to commit to a college to which you've applied for early action. Under these plans, you may apply to other colleges under regular admission plans, but some stipulate that you may not apply early (either early decision or early action) to other colleges. Usually, you can let the college know of your decision in the late spring or when you've decided.

Should I Apply Under One of These Plans?

You should apply under an early decision or action plan only if you are very, very sure of the college you want to attend. These plans make a lot of sense if one college is your clean preference and if your profile closely matches that of the students at that college.

Do not apply under an early decision or action if you plan to weigh offers and financial aid packages from several colleges later in the spring. Also, you shouldn't apply early if it is to your advantage to have more of your senior year work to show a college. If you plan to woo an admission office with your excellent grades this year, you may want to wait until after the semester ends to apply to colleges.

Who Offers Early Plans?

More than 400 colleges offer an early decision plan, an early action plan, or both. You can find this information in The College Board College Handbook, available in the online store.

Do Your Research

Before you apply to an early action and early decision plan, research all your options to decide which college is the right one for you. Does this college have everything you want in a school?

A Last Word of Advice

Get advice from your high school counselor and other trusted advisers before applying to a college as an early decision applicant. In the fall, it may seem appealing to get the college decision over with, but as your senior year progresses, you may be very confident that you will thrive at a certain college. If so, you the type of student for which early decision was created.

HOW TO CHOOSE A COLLEGE

Colleges vary in terms of academic program, length of study, size, type of community, location, admissions policy, affiliation, housing, cost, activities, athletics, and composition of the student body. It is important that you find the right “fit” for you.

Listed below are some things to consider and inquire about as you begin your search:

ADMISSIONS

- What are the requirements for admission and what is the profile of this year’s freshman class (GPA, rank, SAT/ACT scores)?
- What percentage of students fail? Why?
- What percentage of students maintains their scholarships?

STUDENT LIFE

- Availability and types of housing
- Recreational activities and facilities
- Sports
- Clubs and organizations
- Religious activities
- The Greek system
- Home town of students

COLLEGE ATMOSPHERE

- Size and location
- What makes the school unique
- Number of students who return after the freshman year
- Alumni support
- Friendliness of the students
- Popular weekend activities

INSTRUCTION

- Class size
- Availability and helpfulness of professors
- Most popular majors
- Majors available
- Career services after graduation
- Number of graduates going to graduate school

FINANCIAL AID

- Cost
- Percent of students who apply for and receive aid
- Availability and types of scholarships offered
- Co-op programs, internships, campus jobs

HOW COLLEGES CHOOSE AMONG APPLICANTS

When colleges evaluate applicants they look at the following, which are ranked in order of importance:

- High school academic record (courses taken, grades, and rank)
- SAT/ACT scores
- Essays
- Recommendation for personality and character
- Special abilities (art, music, athletics, leadership)
- Service to school and community
- Extracurricular activities
- Interview (if required)
- Neatness and accuracy of the application

POINTS TO CONSIDER

- The admissions requirements of colleges in Georgia have consistently risen every year and it is anticipated that they will continue to do so. See www.usg.edu for current admissions information for all Georgia schools.
- Most colleges only consider academic courses when calculating grade point averages, thus excluding grades from the fine arts, physical education, etc. In most cases the recalculated GPA will be lower than the one stated on your report card.

PRELIMINARY SCHOOLS LIST

Form a list of possible schools. Think in terms of three categories: reach schools, range schools, and safety schools. A “reach” school might be one that is a dream school, but to which you have a slim chance of being admitted or being able to afford. A “range” school is one that you have a 50/50 chance of being admitted and could reasonably handle financially. A “safety” school would be a school where you should definitely expect to be accepted and that you could afford with little or no financial assistance.

- REACH SCHOOLS (*I might be accepted*)_____
- RANGE SCHOOLS (*I should be accepted*)_____
- SAFETY SCHOOLS (*I will be accepted*)_____