

**Greetings, Class of 2019!** Welcome to the first monthly issue of **The Senior Scholarship Bulletin**, your monthly guide to scholarships and money for college. Each month this newsletter will give you information on scholarship opportunities that come through the counseling office, plus general financial aid, and HOPE scholarship information. Please remember that this list is not inclusive of **all** scholarships that are available to you and that more scholarship information is available online and directly from colleges. Please obtain copies of applications in the scholarship drawer, located in the Career Center or see **Mrs. Wright** for information on any of the following scholarships unless otherwise indicated.

Parents and students, mark your calendars!

We will be having a college information Night on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm in the CHS auditorium. This is your opportunity to learn about the college application process and post-secondary options.

**Davidson College** is accepting nominations for their **Bryan Scholarship**. To qualify for this scholarship, you must participate in athletics, be nominated by your counselor or coach, provide stats and your player profile, and submit an application for admission no later than October 15<sup>th</sup>. Visit: [www.davidson.edu/bryan](http://www.davidson.edu/bryan) for additional information. Please see Mrs. Wright if you have any questions. **Deadline: September 20, 2018.**

**QuestBridge** is accepting applications for their **College Match Program**. This program pairs academically outstanding students (top 5-10%) with early admission and full four-year scholarships to top-ranked colleges. Some of which are: University of Chicago, Emory, Northwestern, Yale, Columbia, and Princeton. All College Match scholarships are loan-free. Please visit: [www.questbridge.org](http://www.questbridge.org) for application and additional information. **Deadline: September 27, 2018.**

**Covenant House Georgia (CHGA)** will select 40 students for their **2018 Scholars in Service** program. Through this program, there will be a scholarship competition designed to cultivate a spirit of service in high school students. Those selected will learn the ins and outs of the non-profit community in Atlanta and contribute their own strengths and skill sets to the continual improvement of the city. Please visit: <http://www.covenanthousega.org/ScholarsinService-285> for additional information. **Deadline September 30, 2018.**

**The Georgia Society of CPA's** is accepting applications for their scholarship program. If you have at least a 3.0 GPA and are interested in studying Accounting or Finance, please consider applying. Completed applications must be returned to Callie Hammond at: [chammond@gscpa.org](mailto:chammond@gscpa.org). **Deadline: October 1, 2018.**

**AES Engineering Solutions** is accepting entries for their scholarship program. Interested students must submit between a 500 - 1,000 word essay on the following: When you look back on your life in 30 years, what would it take for you to consider your life successful? What relationships or accomplishments will be important on this journey? Visit: <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.php> for additional information. Scholarship is valued at \$500. **Deadline: October 6, 2018.**

**The University of North Carolina Charlotte** is accepting nominations for their **Levine Scholars Program**. The program seeks outstanding seniors that have an excellent academic record, demonstrate a commitment to community service and possess a capacity for ethical leadership. Recipients of this scholarship met or exceeded the following averages: GPA – 3.9 (un-weighted); SAT – 1397; and ACT – 31. **You must be nominated by your counselor.** This four-year scholarship package is estimated to be worth over \$155,000, which includes: full tuition, room, board, books and mandatory fees. Visit:

[www.levinescholars.uncc.edu](http://www.levinescholars.uncc.edu) for additional information. Please **see Mrs. Wright** if you have any questions. **Nomination Deadline: October 8, 2018.**

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> and you must complete the scholarship application **no later than December 1<sup>st</sup>**. Please visit: [www.auburn.edu/scholarship](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.bit.ly/FIDMScholarship) for details. **Deadline: March 29, 2019.**

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## 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](http://www.collegeboard.org) for the SAT, and [www.act.org](http://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 **October 6<sup>th</sup>, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>.** **ACT** test dates for this semester are **October 27<sup>th</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup>.** 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 25<sup>th</sup>.** Please sign up in the school counseling office by October 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.

- Probe Fair – September 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Marietta High School)
- NACAC – October 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center)
- Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. (Turner Chapel AME Church)

**Georgia Gwinnett College** will host **Preview Day on October 13<sup>th</sup>** from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Fees will be waived for students applying for admission from September 15-21. Visit: [www.ggc.edu](http://www.ggc.edu) for more information.

**Jacksonville State University** will host **Preview Days on September 22, 2018, October 13, 2018 and March 9, 2019.** Visit: [www.jsu.edu/previewday](http://www.jsu.edu/previewday) for additional information.

**Tuskegee University** will host **Open House on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.** During this event, you will be able to meet with academic deans and department heads, student group leaders and members, get information on admissions, scholarships and financial aid, plus tour and explore the campus. For more information, visit: <https://www.tuskegee.edu/admissions/open-house>.

**Mississippi State University** will host their **Fall Preview Days on October 8<sup>th</sup>, October 29<sup>th</sup> and November 12<sup>th</sup>.** There is a \$10 charge/person and space is limited. For more information, visit: [www.admissions.msstate.edu/events](http://www.admissions.msstate.edu/events).

**Georgia State University** will host **Panther Preview** on the following dates: **September 28<sup>th</sup>, October 8<sup>th</sup>, October 12<sup>th</sup>, October 19<sup>th</sup>, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and November 9<sup>th</sup>.** 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/>.

Barbara Lewis King Scholarship Foundation will host a **College Preparation & Scholarship Workshop on Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** This event will take place at Hillside International Truth Center, 2450 Cascade Road, Atlanta 30311. Please register at: [blksf.net/pages/preparation-workshop](http://blksf.net/pages/preparation-workshop) by October 11<sup>th</sup>.

**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. 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. [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net).

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

#### September

20<sup>th</sup> - Gordon State College (9:00)

#### October

1<sup>st</sup> – Furman University (11:00)

5<sup>th</sup> – Georgia College (2:30)

9<sup>th</sup> – Georgia Highlands (10:30)

15<sup>th</sup> – Columbus State University (10:30) & Dillard University (2:30)

#### 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](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com)

[www.wiredscholar.com](http://www.wiredscholar.com)

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

[www.srnexpress.com](http://www.srnexpress.com)

[www.salliemae.com](http://www.salliemae.com)

[www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)

[www.scholarshipexperts.com](http://www.scholarshipexperts.com)

[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

[www.littleafrica.com/resources/scholarships.htm](http://www.littleafrica.com/resources/scholarships.htm)

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

[www.college-scholarships.com](http://www.college-scholarships.com)

[www.guaranteed-scholarships.com](http://www.guaranteed-scholarships.com)

[www.get-recruited.com](http://www.get-recruited.com)

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

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

[www.hsf.net](http://www.hsf.net)

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

[www.MeritAid.com](http://www.MeritAid.com)

[www.atlantascholarships.com](http://www.atlantascholarships.com)

[www.varsitytutors.com/college-scholarship](http://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 need to be completed when requesting letters of recommendation. See your counselor for more information. **Allow two weeks** for letters to be written, so please plan accordingly.

## September “To Do” List

- 1) If you are unsure about your post-secondary plans, sign up to see your counselor to discuss your options.
- 2) Athletes, submit clearinghouse application and transcript. Website: [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net). See your counselor if you used a waiver to take the SAT/ACT.
- 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 – **at least 2 weeks**.
- 5) Download/request college applications and financial aid materials.
- 6) Sign up to take the fall SAT ([www.sat.org/register](http://www.sat.org/register)) and ACT ([www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)). If you qualify, waivers can be used for these tests, during the regular deadline period.
- 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 (check the bulletin in the counseling office for updates).
- 10) Prepare your list of activities/awards, and create a résumé.

# Scholarship Myths (Scholarships.com)

There are so many different types of scholarships available these days and, naturally, almost as many scholarship myths. Some of us might be aware of the more commonly held beliefs about the variety and relative availability of scholarships, both local and national, but I was surprised to discover how many people are almost completely misinformed and stand a much better chance than they think of qualifying for dozens of scholarships, even several dozen in many cases and well over a hundred more often than you might think. Below are some attempts to set the record straight about scholarships and to encourage and inspire you to at least conduct a free college [scholarship search](#) at Scholarships.com.

- **Scholarships are only for top scholars and athletes.**

This one is definitely false. There are so many scholarships that do not take grades or athletic ability/participation into consideration whatsoever and some, while they do consider your GPA, the minimum may be 2.5, rather than 4.0. A lot of high school students have, or can achieve, a 2.5 GPA.

- **You have to be a great essay writer to get one.**

Not so. Often, it is more about what you write than how well it is written. Whether you follow the instructions and address the essay question is often more crucial to your success than how eloquently you write.

- **Most scholarship awards are small and not worth the effort of applying.**

What is small? \$1,000? If you win 7 or 8 scholarships that range from \$1,000 to \$5,000, you could pay for a good deal of your first year in college. Every dollar you are awarded is a LOT more than a dollar you save when you graduate and that money must be repaid with interest if you have to take out loans for 100% of your educational expenses. Sure, you may not pay for ALL of your school with scholarships, but even \$3,000 or \$4,000 per year would be a big help. Just apply to two or three dozen of them to increase the odds you'll win at least one or two.

- **Scholarships are all heavily weighted towards minorities and those with documented financial need.**

There are scholarships for minorities and those with documented financial need, sure. But there are a lot of scholarships that don't take either of those into consideration. The best way to find out what scholarships you qualify for is to complete a profile on Scholarships.com and let US match the scholarships for YOU based on who you are and what your interests, talents and academic credentials are.

- **Scholarship competition is too intense. It's not worth bothering.**

Sure there is competition. But so many of those applying don't take the time to properly read or follow the rules and answer the questions thoughtfully, or even correctly. Do everything correctly and you could be one of a small percentage of applicants who even gets considered. Here's another way to look at it. What if you spent a total of 50 hours searching and applying for scholarships? And, after all that time and effort, you win two or three scholarships, totaling about \$2,000. That's \$40 per hour, which is at least 4 to 5 times more than you can expect to get paid for doing pretty much any other

activity or "job". And that doesn't even include the interest you'd be paying on that money, had you been forced to borrow it from a lender. Apply for as many scholarships as you can and you are bound to win something, provided you make sure to do everything you are asked and follow all of each scholarship provider's instructions.

- **Finding scholarships takes forever and you're ineligible for 90% of what you find.**

Not with Scholarships.com. Set aside twenty minutes and complete a profile and we'll show you which scholarships you are eligible for. Now it's just a matter of reading each description and contacting each award provider **as instructed by that particular scholarship provider**. This is key. As mentioned earlier, if you don't follow the rules, you are probably just going to waste your time applying. Do it right if you want to win.

- **The scholarship application process is a one-time thing.**

Not so. Each year, you need to look for money for the next and, as stated earlier, there is money out there for all of you. High school seniors, college sophomores, graduate students. It's worth searching before the first of January each year to see what is out there.

- **Billions of dollars in scholarship funds go unawarded each year.**

This is a common one, maybe the most common. Sure, there may be a few scholarships that go unawarded each year, it's hard to know for sure, there are so many out there. We have heard this claim roundly rejected time and again, sometimes even countered with a claim that would be hard to back up. The claim that no scholarship money whatsoever goes unawarded might be a bit broad and absolute to actually be 100% accurate. However, you can rest assured it is not some staggering figure, but probably just a few scholarships here and there that don't get marketed to the very specific audience for whom they were founded. This is just something a scholarship scammer might say to tempt you to using their paid service. Never pay to find financial aid for college. You can find it totally free at Scholarships.com



# **COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT**



## **GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**

### **2018-2019 First-year admitted student profile**

- Applications received: 35,613
- GA Admit Rate: 37%
- GPA – “A” Average
- SAT: 1400 – 1520
- ACT: 31-34

- **Early Action deadline: October 15<sup>th</sup> (Decision by mid-January)**
- **Regular Decision Deadline: January 1<sup>st</sup> (Decision by early - March)**
- **Financial Aid application due by January 31<sup>st</sup>**
- **\$75 application fee**
- **Tuition, fees, room and board (based on the 2017-18 school year)  
\$28,368**
- **Ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in best undergraduate Engineering Programs**
- **Six Colleges: Design, Business, Computing, Engineering, Liberal Arts  
and Sciences**
- **#2 in the nation for African American engineering graduates**
- **97% Freshman to sophomore retention rate**
- **60% Male & 40% Female**
- **More than 400 student organizations and more than 50 Greek  
Organizations**
- **400-acre campus**

Visit: [www.gatech.edu](http://www.gatech.edu) for additional information and to schedule a campus tour