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--IMPORTANT DEADLINES--

- Dalton State College deadline July 1, 2017
- If you need a **letter of recommendation** be sure to give Mr. Svoboda and/or your teachers at least 10 days' notice.
- **APPLY for Financial Aid** now by completing the FAFSA!!!
Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov and find out how much you are eligible to receive. There is not a deadline for FAFSA but it must be filled out early to qualify for most scholarships and financial aid awards.
- **NOW IS THE TIME TO BE APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND COLLEGES!!!!!!**

Remember, many scholarships will run out of funds based on the number of applicants! So, even if you are eligible **you may not get it if you wait too long!**

~~~~~**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**~~~~~

**UTC- University of Tennessee Chattanooga**  
**If you live outside of Tennessee and want to attend UT Chattanooga,**  
**then you qualify for the GOLD SCHOLARSHIP.**  
**Out of state students can qualify for in-state tuition or in-state tuition**  
**plus 25% of the out of state fee.**

| <b>GPA</b> | <b>ACT/SAT SCORE</b>          | <b>YOU PAY</b>                                 |
|------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>3.5</b> | <b>Min. 24 ACT (1110 SAT)</b> | <b>In-state tuition + 25% out of state fee</b> |
| <b>3.5</b> | <b>Min. 27 ACT (1220 SAT)</b> | <b>In-state tuition</b>                        |

\*Gold scholarships are for first time freshman\*

# College Application Timeline

## ✓ September

- ✓ Your counselor plays a big role in helping you get into college, so keep her informed. Meet to talk about your college plans and review your transcript.
- ✓ Get started on your applications right away if you plan to apply through an early decision or early action program. Deadlines for early applications tend to fall in October or November.
- ✓ Start working on your college essays. Write essays that focus on your experiences and make you stand out from the crowd.

## ✓ October

- ✓ Ask your counselor, teachers, and coaches or employers for letters of recommendation. Give them plenty of time to meet your deadlines and make sure to provide them with stamped and addressed envelopes.
- ✓ Take SAT tests. Make sure your scores are sent to each of your colleges.
- ✓ If you are applying under an early decision or early action program, be sure to get all forms in as soon as possible. Applying online might be the right option for you.

## ✓ November

- ✓ Submit early decision and early action applications on time.
- ✓ Work hard at completing your college essays. Proofread them rigorously for mistakes.
- ✓ Follow up with your teachers to ensure that letters of recommendation are sent on time to meet your deadlines.
- ✓ Mail applications as early as possible for colleges with rolling deadlines (admissions decisions are made as applications are received).

## ✓ December

- ✓ Try to wrap up college applications before winter break. Make copies of each application before you send it.
- ✓ Early decision and early application responses arrive this month.

## ✓ January

- ✓ Early decision and early application responses arrive this month.
- ✓ Some colleges include your first-semester grades as part of your application folder. This is called the mid-year grade report. Have your counselor send your grades to colleges that require them.

## ✓ February

- ✓ Contact your colleges and confirm that all necessary application materials have been received.
- ✓ Don't get senioritis! Colleges want to see strong second half grades.  
<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/apply/the-application/8626.html>

## ✓ March

- ✓ Some admissions decisions arrive this month. Read everything you receive carefully, as some of it may require action on your part.

## ✓ April

- ✓ Most admissions decisions and financial aid award letters arrive this month. Read everything you receive carefully, as some of it may require action on your part.
- ✓ Make a final decision, and mail the enrollment form and deposit check to the school you select before May 1 (the enrollment deadline for most schools).
- ✓ Notify each of the schools to which you were accepted that you will not be attending in writing so that your spot can be freed up for another student.
- ✓ On the waiting list? Contact the admissions office and let them know of your continued interest in the college and update them on your spring semester grades and activities.

## ✓ May

- ✓ AP Exams are administered. Make sure your AP score report is sent to your college.
- ✓ Study hard for final exams. Most admissions offers are contingent on your final grades.

**Thank your counselor, teachers, coaches, and anyone else who wrote you recommendations or otherwise helped with your college application.**

~~~Important Testing information!~~~

2016-2017 RHS Testing Calendar

First Semester

Dec. 12-22 End of Course Tests

Second Semester

May 10-19 End of Course Tests

2016-2017 SAT Test Dates

<http://sat.collegeboard.com/register/sat-dates>

| <u>SAT Date</u> | <u>Register-By-Date</u> | <u>Late Registration</u> |
|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| October 1, 2016 | September 1, 2016 | September 20, 2016 |
| November 5, 2016 | October 7, 2016 | October 25, 2016 |
| December 3, 2016 | November 3, 2016 | November 22, 2016 |
| January 21, 2017 | December 21, 2016 | January 10, 2017 |
| March 11, 2017 | February 10, 2017 | February 28, 2017 |
| May 6, 2017 | April 7, 2017 | April 25, 2017 |
| June 3, 2017 | May 9, 2017 | May 24, 2017 |

What does it Cost?

| Test | Fees |
|---|-------------|
| SAT | \$45.00 |
| SAT w/essay | \$57.00 |
| Late registration fee | \$28.00 |
| Change Fee(test type, center, or date change) | \$28.00 |
| Waitlist fee | \$46.00 |

2016-2017 ACT Test Dates

For the United States, U.S. Territories, Puerto Rico, and Canada

<http://www.actstudent.org/regist/currentdates.html>

| Test Date | Registration Deadline | (Late Fee Required) |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| September 12, 2016 | August 5, 2016 | August 6—August 19, 2016 |
| October 22, 2016 | September 16, 2016 | September 17—September 30, 2016 |
| December 10, 2016 | November 4, 2016 | November 5—18, 2016 |
| February 11, 2017 | January 13, 2017 | January 14—20, 2017 |
| April 8, 2017 | March 3, 2017 | March 4—17, 2017 |
| June 10, 2017 | May 5, 2017 | May 6—19, 2017 |

What does it cost?

| Test | Fees |
|------------------|---------|
| ACT (no writing) | \$42.50 |
| ACT plus Writing | \$58.50 |
| Late Fee | \$27.50 |
| Standby testing | \$51.00 |

ACT Training

Looking to Improve Your Scores?

www.36university.com/chattanooga

Hamilton Place YMCA

Cost: \$50

More info? 423-505-8558

~~~~~College Fairs~~~~~

There are many other College Fairs statewide that you may be interested in attending. Please check online at:

http://www.gaprobe.org/tour_dates.asp

**National College Resources Foundation
in Atlanta on Sat. Feb. 4, 2017 from 9am to 5pm
Free admission before 1pm. Application fees waived. Get accepted on
the spot, and receive info about scholarships and more.**

www.blackcollegexpo.org

~~~~~Admission Criteria~~~~~

Dalton State <https://www.daltonstate.edu/admissions/beginning-freshman.cms>

Kennesaw <https://www.daltonstate.edu/admissions/beginning-freshman.cms>

~~~~~Scholarships~~~~~

Vivint Smart Home Scholarship

<https://www.vivint.com/scholarship>

1. Award amount \$5000
2. Applicants required to submit a video
3. Based on college major
4. Deadline is **April 1, 2017**

Rachel Carson Scholarship – Full tuition to Chatham University

<http://www.chatham.edu/admission/aid/undergraduate/scholarships.cfm>

1. Cumulative high school GPA: 3.25
2. SAT minimum 1100old/1170 new
3. ACT composite minimum 24
4. Application deadline is **April 1, 2017**

2017 Julian & Jan Hester Memorial Scholarship

<http://www.cbaofga.com/hester-scholarship1.html>

1. \$1,000 award to seniors entering college in the fall of 2016
2. Must submit applications through CBA member bank (see website for list)
3. Must contact member bank and write essay
4. Application deadline **Monday, April 3, 2017**

Junior Achievement Free Enterprise Cup Scholarship

See **Mr. Svoboda** for Application

1. Four (4) \$1,500 scholarships
2. Must have 2.5 GPA
3. High school transcript and ACT/SAT scores must be submitted along with 2 recommendation letters
4. Deadline **April 5, 2017**

Evitt Foundation Scholarship

<http://evittfoundation.org/application.php>

1. North Georgia and Chattanooga Based
2. 300-500 word essay
3. \$1000
4. Deadline **April 7**

Junior Achievement Free Enterprise Cup Scholarship

www.jachatt.org

1. For high school seniors
2. Awards four \$1,500 scholarships
3. Applications due by 5pm on **April 7, 2017**

The Better Business Bureau

See **Mr. Svoboda** for application

1. Must complete a 500 word essay
2. A current transcript is required
3. Deadline is **April 7, 2017**

Buster Bynum Education Scholarship

See Mr. Svoboda for application

1. Parent/guardian of student must be actively employed in public school transportation since January 1, 2014
2. Must have a 3.0 GPA
3. Deadline is **April 17, 2017**

2016 Student-View Scholarship Program

www.student-view.com

1. One (1) individual prize of a \$4,000 scholarship.
2. Two (2) individual prize of a \$1,000 scholarship.
3. Ten (10) individual prizes, consisting of \$500 scholarships each
4. No minimum SAT/ACT or GPA required
5. No essay, No lengthy application form
6. Application Deadline **April 22, 2017**

OMNOVA Scholarship

See Mr. Svoboda for application

1. \$1,000 Scholarship
2. Senior must major in Science or Technology
3. Cumulative GPA of 3.0
4. **April 25, 2017** Deadline (Turn in to Mr. Svoboda)

Miller and Mixon's 3rd Annual Teen Safety Scholarship

<http://www.millarandmixon.com/scholarships/>

1. 1st \$2,000, 2nd \$1,000, Honorable mention \$500
2. 600 word essay highlighting the dangers of distracted driving
3. Application deadline **May 1st, 2017**

Paradigm Challenge Scholarship

https://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/12702/the_paradigm_challenge_scholarship_scholarship.php

1. \$100.00 – 100 Awards
2. Must be a legal resident of one of the 50 states of the United States or District of Columbia, or are United States citizens with a permanent United States address and are currently resident on an overseas United States military installation
3. Must be between the ages of 7-18 on May 1, 2015
4. Must have their parents'/legal guardians' permission to participate
5. Application deadline **May 1st, 2017**

The Brainerd Optimist Memorial Scholarship

See Mr. Svoboda for application

1. \$1,000 renewable scholarship
2. Actively demonstrating leadership qualities
3. Above average academic achievement
4. Financial need is considered
5. Complete the application
6. Personal letter to scholarship committee, letter of recommendation, transcript, and financial statement required.
7. Deadline **May 9, 2017**

Admiral Grace Murray Hopper Scholarships

www.swe.org

1. 3 Scholarships ranging up to \$1,500
2. Only Women
3. You must be planning to study an ABET-accredited program in engineering, technology, or computing in the upcoming academic year.
4. You must be planning to attend full time
5. You must not be fully funded for tuition, fees, and books and equivalent.
6. Deadline **May 15, 2017**

SunTrust Off to College Scholarship Sweepstakes

www.suntrusteducation.com/scholarshipsweepstakes

1. (30) \$500 scholarships awarded toward education at college or university
2. Open to high school seniors and current undergraduates
3. Free to enter and not based on GPA or financial need
4. 2 winners randomly chosen every two weeks from **Oct. 28- May 12, 2017**

Academic Achiever Scholarship

<http://www.absolutely-not-guilty.com/#academic-achiever-scholarship>

1. Must have 3.75 GPA
2. Must be attending a 4-year college or university
3. 500 word essay
4. Deadline **May 31, 2017**

Webb & Willis Scholarship

<http://www.absolutely-not-guilty.com/#academic-achiever-scholarship>

1. Funds will be sent directly to the college/university
2. Scholarship is one-time award of \$1,000
3. Deadline is **May 31, 2017**

University of Georgia Triangle Achievement Awards

See **Mr. Svoboda for Application**

1. Up to \$1,000
2. Male seniors attending UGA in Fall
3. Deadline **June 1**

Abbott and Fenner Scholarship Program

<http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>

1. \$1000
2. High school seniors
3. Deadline **June 12, 2017**

Catoosa County Children's Fund

See **Mr. Svoboda for Application**

1. \$1,000 for two graduating seniors in Catoosa county
2. \$500 for two students at the PLC
3. Scholarships based on need and educational qualifications

Horatio Alger National Career & Tech Scholarship Program

www.application.horatioalger.org

1. Must demonstrate financial need
2. Receive up to \$2,500 for career or technical education
3. Deadline **June 15, 2017**

LGMD Awareness Scholarship

https://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10258/10_words_or_less_scholarship.php

1. \$500 Scholarship
2. Must be between the ages of 14-25 attending school in the fall of 2016
3. High School students who are enrolled by September 2016 are eligible
4. Application Deadline **June 30, 2017**

College Press Scholarships

1. \$1,000 – **Due May 31** [C.I.P. Scholarship](#)
2. \$500 – **Due June 30** [10 Words or Less Scholarship](#)

Christensen & Hymas General Scholarship

<https://christensenhymas.com/about-us/community-involvement/general-scholarship/>

1. Must be accepted at a US university or college
2. GPA of 3.5
3. Transcripts needed
4. Deadline **August 1, 2017**

The law of Nancy L. Cavey Scholarship

<http://caveylaw.com/scholarship/>

1. Must be accepted/enrolled at a university
2. Essay required
3. Award amount \$1,000
4. Minimum GPA 3.0
5. Deadline **August 1, 2017**

Frederick C. Branch Leadership Scholarship

<https://www.marines.com/becoming-a-marine/commissioning-programs/four-year-colleges/nrotc>

1. Must be at least 17 yrs. old and high school senior
2. ASVAB score 74 or higher, ACT score 22 or higher, SAT combined score 1000 or higher
3. You must apply to one of the approved NROTC colleges and universities, which include some of the top academic institutions in the nation.
4. Pays 100% of cost of education

The Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund

www.FAScholarship.com

- 1. The dependent son or daughter of a U.S. Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Guardsman or Marine who has become permanently disabled as a result of an operational mission or training accident**
- 2. The dependent son or daughter of a U.S. Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Guardsman or Marine who has been killed in action**
- 3. The dependent son or daughter of a U.S. Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Guardsman, or Marine who has been classified as a (POW) or (MIA)**

15th Annual National Co-op Scholarship Program

<http://www.waceinc.org/scholarship/index.html>

- 1. Must have a 3.5 or better GPA**
- 2. Must apply for the 2017-18 academic year at one of the WACE partner institutions...see website for list of colleges!**
- 3. Scholarships vary with each college \$24,000-\$26,000**
- 4. EARLY APPLICATIONS ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED**
- 5. Application deadline is different for each institution!**

Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

<http://www.artandwriting.org/scholarships/>

- 1. Various awards up to \$10,000**
- 2. Portfolio, Best-in-Grade, New York Life scholarships.**
- 3. Various deadlines with each scholarship**

Other Useful websites for Scholarship and Financial Aid information

www.cappex.com

www.supercollege.com

www.scholarships.com

www.schoolsoup.com

<https://scholarshipamerica.org/>

www.fastweb.com

www.finaid.org

www.fafsa.ed.gov

www.NASFAA.org

www.college-solutions.com

www.freschinfo.com/browse.htm

www.collegenet.com/mach25/app

www.osfa.state.la.us

www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/express.html

www.collegescholarships.com

www.scholarshipguidance.com

www.studentscholarships.org

<http://www.guaranteed-scholarships.com>

[More Scholarships](#)

America Legion Scholarships

<http://legion.org>

United Negro College Fund

<http://www.uncf.org/>

FREE Christian College information as well as a \$2,500 scholarship drawing

www.ChristianConnector.com

Methodist Scholarships

http://www.free-4u.com/methodist_scholarships.html

Walmart Community

<http://www.walmartfoundation.org>

State Farm Scholarships

<https://www.statefarm.com/about-us/community/education-programs/grants-scholarships>

SEMA Memorial Scholarship Fund

www.sema.org/scholarships

FMA, Fabricators & Manufactures Assoc. Foundation

www.fmafoundation.com

American Legion Scholarships

<http://www.legion.org/scholarships>

Campus Visits

Andrew College Preview Days

Register online: andrewcollege.edu/visitation-days

Saturday, January 28 (9am – 1:30pm)

Saturday, April 22 (9am – 1:30pm)

Dalton State College <https://www.daltonstate.edu/admissions/campus-tour.cms>

Information Sessions and Tours every Wednesday @ 2:00

Call 706-272-4436 for more information

Fort Valley State University

www.fvsu.edu/open-house to register.

Georgia Southwestern State University Preview Days

October 29th, February 4th, April 1st

<https://gsw.edu/admissions/preview-day-sign-up-form?view=form> to register

Kennesaw State University <http://visit.kennesaw.edu/info.php>

For reservation call 770-423-6500

Mississippi State University –Fall Preview Days

October 10th, October 24th, November 11th

Set up by appointment PreviewDay.msstate.edu

SCAD Day (Savannah College of Art and Design)

SCAD's open house for prospective students and their families who want to visit professional-caliber spaces, chat with renowned professors, get a taste of SCAD classroom settings and student life, meet with admission representatives and experience life as a SCAD Bee. <https://www.scad.edu/admission/visit-scad/scad-days>

University of Georgia

Campus Tours Monday- Friday 8:00a - 5:00p, select Saturdays 9:30a – 3:00p

for reservations call the visitor center @ 706-542-0842

Valdosta State University www.valdosta.edu/admissions/

Campus tours are offered twice daily Mon-Friday (by Appointment)