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**~~~Important Deadlines!!~~~**

**\*Dalton State College deadline July 1, 2017**

**APPLY for Financial Aid now by completing the FAFSA!!!  
Go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and find out how much you are  
eligible to receive.**

**\*Washington Youth Tour - deadline to apply February 15, 2017  
(A leadership experience from North Georgia EMC)  
Win an all-expense paid trip to D.C., meet senators and representatives!**

**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!**

### 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 applications.**

~~~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?

| <b>Test</b>                                   | <b>Fees</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 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 |

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## ACT Training

Looking to Improve Your Scores?

[www.36university.com/chattanooga](http://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](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](http://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~~~~~

### **2017 APCA Scholarship Program**

<http://apca-att.org/programs/apca-scholarship-program/>

1. Must be a full-time graduating senior with minimum unweighted GPA 3.40
2. Must be attending an accredited college or university (2-year and 4-year)
3. Will need to include student essay in application and provide one recommendation letter.
4. Application deadline is **January 31, 2017**

### **AIS Scholarships -\$10,000 – 35 awards**

[https://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9648/ais\\_scholarships\\_scholarships.php](https://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9648/ais_scholarships_scholarships.php)

1. Must be enrolled in a university, college, junior college or technical school
2. Must be one-quarter  $\frac{1}{4}$  enrolled member of a Federally Recognized Native American Tribe.
3. Minimum GPA pf 2.25
4. Application deadline is **February 15, 2017**

### **ELKS National Foundation Scholarship \$4,000 – 250 Awards**

[https://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/12293/elks\\_national\\_foundation\\_legacy\\_awards\\_scholarship.php](https://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/12293/elks_national_foundation_legacy_awards_scholarship.php)

1. Application must be completed online.
2. Must be a child or grandchild of a living Elk who joined the order before April 1, 2014.
3. Application deadline is **February 3, 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**

### **S-STEM Scholarship Program - up to \$10,000 annually**

<http://www.chatham.edu/academics/sstem/>

1. Must major in Biology, Chemistry, or Biochemistry
2. Must be a first year undergraduate accepted at Chatham
3. Must demonstrate financial need
4. Deadline is **February 1, 2017**

### **Pedro Del Valle 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

### **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](http://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!**

### **University of North Georgia Military Scholarship**

<http://ung.edu/military-college-admissions/costs-financial-aid/scholarships-and-grants/army-rotc-scholarship.php>

1. Award worth approx. \$70,000 over 4 years
2. Only 42 scholarships available, 3 per GA Congressional District
3. Must be nominated by the GA General Assembly
4. Must have a 3.0 GPA and be legal resident of GA
5. Application Deadline **February 1, 2017**

### **Georgia Farm Bureau 2017 Scholarship for Agriculture**

[http://www.gfbfoundation.org/aic\\_scholarships.html](http://www.gfbfoundation.org/aic_scholarships.html)

1. Seniors planning to enroll in the University System of Georgia, Berry College, Emmanuel College or any accredited school with and Agricultural program during the 2017-18 school year
2. Must be pursuing a degree in agricultural or a related agricultural field
3. 5 students will win \$3,000 and 7 will win \$2,000 scholarships
4. Application deadline **February 3, 2017**

### **Georgia Farm Bureau 2016 Technical College Scholarship for Agriculture**

[http://www.gfbfoundation.org/aic\\_scholarships.html](http://www.gfbfoundation.org/aic_scholarships.html)

1. Must plan to major in agriculture or related field of study
2. Must be planning to enroll in GA accredited technical college 2017-18
3. Must have minimum GPA of 2.8
4. Deadline to apply **February 3, 2017**

### **Bill Of Rights Institute “We the Students” Essay Contest**

<https://www.billofrightsinstitute.org/engage/students-programs-events/scholarship/>

1. 500-800 word essay answering a question about Bill of Rights
2. Open to all US citizens or legal residents between ages 14-19
3. Grand prize of \$5,000 +
4. Deadline for entry **February 5, 2017**

### **Grote Chemistry Scholarship from UTC**

<http://www.utc.edu/chemistry/scholarships/grote-application.php>

1. Student must complete high school chemistry course with A or B
2. High School GPA of 3.5 or above
3. Must have ACT score of 26 or SAT 1170, high school GPA of 3.5 or above
4. Must declare chemistry, biochemistry or STEM education as major at UTC
5. Scholarship is for \$3,000 each year, renewable for 4 years.
6. ALL information must be postmarked by **February 15, 2017**

### **Discover Student Loans Scholarship**

[https://www.discover.com/student-loans/scholarships/award.html?acmpgn=E\\_SCH\\_XXXX\\_BM\\_X\\_CNSL2](https://www.discover.com/student-loans/scholarships/award.html?acmpgn=E_SCH_XXXX_BM_X_CNSL2)

1. Win \$2,500 scholarship
2. Sign up to receive helpful tips on planning and paying for college
3. Automatically entered through **February 28, 2017**

### **Chattanooga State Community College Scholarships**

<https://www.chattanoogastate.edu/scholarships/types-of-scholarships>

1. Please review scholarship eligibility requirements for each scholarship
2. Priority deadline for applications is **March 1, 2017**

### **Print & Graphics Scholarship Foundation**

<https://pgsf.org/application-information-instructions/>

1. Awards vary from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per academic year for up to four years
2. Must be pursuing career in printing technology or management, publishing or graphic communications
3. Must maintain a 3.0 GPA
4. Application Deadline **March 1, 2017**

### **State Farm Good Neighbor Scholarship Program**

<https://www.scholarsapply.org/statefarmgoodneighborscholarship/>

1. Must be a graduating high school senior w/GPA between 2.5-3.2
2. Plan to enroll in 2-4 year college, university or technical school
3. Must be a US citizen
4. Up to 50 recipients will receive \$2,500 rewards
5. Deadline for application **March 1, 2017 or the first 700 applications**

### **Andrew College (Cuthbert, GA) Pitts Academic Scholarship**

**See Mr. Svoboda for application**

1. Must have 3.0 or higher GPA
2. Need 500 Writing and Reading, 500 Math on the SAT
3. Or 19 English, 19 Math and 19 Composite on ACT
4. Must have record of leadership and/or service to school, community, church
5. Application deadline **March 10, 2017**



### **Discus Awards: Honoring the All-Around High School Student**

<http://www.studentscholarshipsearch.com/scholarships/discus-awards-college-scholarships.php>

1. Scholarships ranging from \$2,000
2. Deadline **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

### **Crystal Green Memorial Scholarship (Blood Assurance)**

<http://www.bloodassurance.org/www/docs/1022>

1. Must have "B" average GPA, 20 ACT or 1100 SAT (cumulative)
2. Must have two letters of recommendation, official transcript
3. Must have marketing plan or a blood drive promotion
4. There are 12 - \$1,500 scholarships to be awarded
5. Application deadline **March 31, 2017**

### **SunTrust Off to College Scholarship Sweepstakes**

[www.suntrustededucation.com/scholarshipsweepstakes](http://www.suntrustededucation.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**

### **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**

### **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](http://www.cappex.com)

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

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

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

<https://scholarshipamerica.org/>

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

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

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

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

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

[www.freschinfo.com/browse.htm](http://www.freschinfo.com/browse.htm)

[www.collegenet.com/mach25/app](http://www.collegenet.com/mach25/app)

[www.osfa.state.la.us](http://www.osfa.state.la.us)

[www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/express.html](http://www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/express.html)

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

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

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

### **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](http://www.ChristianConnector.com)

Methodist Scholarships

[http://www.free-4u.com/methodist\\_scholarships.html](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](http://www.sema.org/scholarships)

FMA, Fabricators & Manufactures Assoc. Foundation

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

American Legion Scholarships

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

# Campus Visits

## **Andrew College Preview Days**

Register online: [andrewcollege.edu/visitation-days](http://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](http://www.fvsu.edu/open-house) to register.

## **Georgia Southwestern State University Preview Days**

October 29<sup>th</sup>, February 4<sup>th</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>

<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 11<sup>th</sup>

Set up by appointment [PreviewDay.msstate.edu](http://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/](http://www.valdosta.edu/admissions/)

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