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# SENIOR NEWS

~~~Important Deadlines!!~~~

**FAFSA application began October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

The sooner you complete it the quicker you learn about financial aid! Your college choice needs this info in order to offer you the most financial aid!!

**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!~~~

## 2017-2018 ACT® TEST DATES



|  |                |               |              |                                |
|--|----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| 2017 Test Dates  | <b>SEP 9</b>   | <b>OCT 28</b> | <b>DEC 9</b> | <b>Register at<br/>act.org</b> |
| Deadlines  |                |               |              |                                |
| Registration   | AUG 4          | SEP 22        | NOV 3        |                                |
| **Late Registration  | AUG 5-18       | SEP 23-OCT 6  | NOV 4-17     |                                |
| Photo Upload   | SEP 1          | OCT 20        | DEC 1        |                                |
| <hr/>  |                |               |              |                                |
| 2018 Test Dates  | <b>FEB 10*</b> | <b>APR 14</b> | <b>JUN 9</b> | <b>JUL 14*</b>                 |
| Deadlines  |                |               |              |                                |
| Registration   | JAN 12         | MAR 9         | MAY 4        | JUN 15                         |
| **Late Registration  | JAN 13-19      | MAR 10-23     | MAY 5-18     | JUN 16-22                      |
| Photo Upload   | FEB 2          | APR 6         | JUN 1        | JUL 6                          |
| <p>School code: <u>112535</u></p>    |                |               |              |                                |
| <p>  </p> <p><small>*No test centers are scheduled in New York for the February and July test dates.<br/>**All material sent by mail must be RECEIVED by the last date of the late period, regardless of postmark date.</small></p> |                |               |              |                                |



## Providing opportunities that open doors

### TEST FEES\*

ACT \$46.00

ACT with writing \$62.50

\* If you cannot afford the test fee, ask your counselor about requesting a fee waiver.

Join the millions of students who have taken the ACT. It's the leading college admissions test in the United States.



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### Register at [act.org](http://act.org)

Registering for the ACT is more than just signing up for a test. The information you provide is used to make recommendations for majors and careers. Here's what you'll need:

- About 45 minutes to complete the registration process.
- A credit card or fee waiver.
- A laptop or desktop computer is preferred.
- Your high school course list and grades.
- Your interests - our interest survey will match you to academic programs and jobs you might enjoy.
- Up to four colleges and universities to send your score reports for free during registration (additional score reports can be purchased later).
- Your photo to upload during registration or later.

### Get Discovered

- Opt in to the ACT Educational Opportunity Service, which connects you with universities and financial aid institutions, based on your plans and interests.
- Access college scholarships. Academic scholarships are often awarded, in part, on your ACT scores.
- The ACT is accepted by all four-year US colleges and universities. Let your favorites know you are interested in them by sending your score reports.

### Accommodations & English Learner Supports

- During the registration process, you can indicate a need for accommodations and/or English learner supports.
- After registering, we'll email you instructions on how to work with your school to request your accommodations or supports.

### Be Ready for Test Day

- The ACT is based on what you learn in high school, but a variety of ACT test prep options are available to help you feel comfortable and confident on test day.
- Review what you can and cannot bring into the test room with you.

### Your Scores and More

- Most scores are available through your ACT account within 2 weeks after testing (or 5 weeks for the writing test) but can take up to 8 weeks from the testing date.
- Using information you provide during registration, the ACT score report gives you research-backed guidance about your needs, interests, and possible career options that you can share with colleges.



For more information, visit  
[act.org](http://act.org)

# The SAT® and SAT Subject Tests™ Calendar 2017-18

Deadlines expire at 11:59 p.m. U.S. ET.

|   | 2017                 |              |              |              | 2018         |              |              |
|---|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Test Dates*   | Aug 26               | Oct 7        | Nov 4        | Dec 2        | Mar 10       | May 5        | Jun 2        |
| <b>Domestic Registration Deadline</b>                 | <b>July 28</b>       | <b>Sep 8</b> | <b>Oct 5</b> | <b>Nov 2</b> | <b>Feb 9</b> | <b>Apr 6</b> | <b>May 3</b> |
| Domestic Late Registration Deadline, Paper            | Aug 8                | Sep 19       | Oct 17       | Nov 14       | Feb 20       | Apr 17       | May 15       |
| Domestic Late Registration Deadline, Online and Phone | Aug 15               | Sep 27       | Oct 25       | Nov 21       | Feb 28       | Apr 25       | May 23       |
| <b>International Registration Deadline</b>            | <i>Not Available</i> | <b>Sep 8</b> | <b>Oct 5</b> | <b>Nov 2</b> | <b>Feb 9</b> | <b>Apr 6</b> | <b>May 3</b> |
| International Early Registration Deadline**           |                      | Aug 23       | Sep 20       | Oct 18       | Jan 24       | Mar 21       | Apr 18       |
| SAT   | •                    | •            | •            | •            | •            | •            | •            |

**Score Reports:** Most scores are available online and by phone several weeks after the test date. Some scores may take longer to report. Visit [sat.org/scores](http://sat.org/scores) for a list of approximate score availability dates.

## Fees for 2017-18

### Registration and Testing

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| SAT with Essay                                     | \$60          |
| SAT  | \$46          |
| <b>Subject Tests</b>                               |               |
| Registration Fee                                   | \$26          |
| Each Subject Test (except Language with Listening) | add \$21 each |
| Language with Listening Test                       | add \$26      |

### Additional Processing (Add to total testing fees)

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Register by phone (available only if you have registered before) | \$15 |
| Test Type, Center, or Date Change Fee                            | \$29 |
| Late Fee   | \$29 |
| Waitlist Fee   | \$49 |

**NOTE:** Walk-in registration, changes from SAT to SAT Subject Tests (or the reverse), and changes to test center or test date are not permitted on test day. Test-day changes to the individual Subject Tests selected or the Essay option may be possible but are not guaranteed. See [sat.org/test-day](http://sat.org/test-day) for more information.

### Receiving Your Scores

|                            |      |
|----------------------------|------|
| Scores by Web              | FREE |
| Official Score Report      | FREE |
| Scores by phone (per call) | \$15 |

### Sending Your Scores

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Score report requests at registration  | 4 included |
| Each additional score report request*  | \$12       |
| (Fee-waiver users, see the <i>SAT and SAT Subject Tests Student Registration Booklet</i> for information about additional score reports at no charge.) |            |
| RUSH order (per order)   | \$31       |
| Archived (older) scores (per order)  | \$31       |

### Refunds

If you decide not to take a test you registered for, you may request a partial refund up to five days before the test by calling Customer Service.

\*Fees noted with an asterisk are refundable if you missed your test date. Orders cannot be returned or canceled after shipment. Please see [sat.org/fees](http://sat.org/fees) for more information about our refund policies.

Refunds for overpayments and duplicate payments are subject to a \$7 processing fee.

### Score Verification Services

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| SAT Question-and-Answer Service*                | \$18    |
| SAT Student Answer Service*                     | \$13.50 |
| <b>Hand-Scoring/Score Verification Request:</b> |         |
| Multiple-choice score verification              | \$55    |
| Essay score verification                        | \$55    |

### Payment Notes

**Do not send cash.** We will return unprocessed all registrations and orders received with cash or checks drawn on non-U.S. banks or other forms of payment not listed as acceptable in this booklet. We reserve the right to electronically collect payments by check. Checks returned to the College Board for insufficient funds will be re-presented electronically and your account will be debited for the amount of the check plus the state-allowed fee. See the *SAT and SAT Subject Tests Student Registration Booklet* for more information.



## **College Fairs**

### **Atlanta National College Fair**

Free and open to the public, NACAC fairs connect you to hundreds of colleges and universities in one location.

**Sunday, March 25, 2018, 12:30 P.M. to 4 P.M.**

Register for free at

[www.nacafairs.org/NCF](http://www.nacafairs.org/NCF)

### **Black College Expo**

All students are welcome to learn about over 50 Historically Black Colleges and Universities from around the country. Discover on-the-spot scholarships and college admissions. See a step show and a dance off. \$10 at the door, \$8 online.

<https://www.thecollegeexpo.org/>

### **Peach State Tour**

Learn about Georgia State University, Georgia Tech and the University of Georgia. Free event open to students and families.

<http://www.peachstatetour.org/students.html>

**check out the website for a tour nearest you**

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

<http://www.gaprobe.org/tour-information-2/>

## ~~~~~Scholarships~~~~~

### **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)

### **Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) \$200,000 Scholarship**

<https://www.nrotc.navy.mil>

1. Must be a U.S. citizen and 17yrs old by Sept. 1 of first day of college
2. Must have ACT=21 Math, 22 English, SAT=520 Math, 530 Verbal

### **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

### **16th Annual National Co-op Scholarship Program**

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

1. Must have a 3.5 or better GPA on a 4.0 scale
2. Must apply for the 2018-19 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 **February 15, 2018 but each institution may vary!**

### **Earn College Scholarships for Outstanding Service**

<http://whatcauseinspiresyou.org/>

1. Humanity Rising is a movement to inspire and empower students to make a positive difference in their communities.
2. If you are a middle school or high school student, join now for the opportunity to earn scholarships by making a difference in the world!



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

[www.suntrusteducation.com/scholarshipsweepstakes](http://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. Winners randomly chosen every two weeks from **Oct. 30, 2017- May 14, 2018**

### **2018 Carter G. Woodson Legacy Scholar Award**

[www.berea.college/legacy](http://www.berea.college/legacy)

1. Must be high school junior
2. Identify as African American
3. Demonstrate a financial need (household income <\$40,000)
4. GPA between 3.25-4.00, ACT between 20-30 or SAT 1050-1410
5. Application deadline **March 1, 2018**

### **Tusculum College Trustee Honors Scholarship**

<https://my.tusculum.edu/trustee-honors-scholarship/>

1. Minimum GPA of 3.5, 25 on ACT or 1150 on SAT, and top 10% of high school graduating class
2. Submit an essay about Civic Arts and two letters of recommendation
3. Full-tuition scholarship.
4. Complete online application by **March 1, 2018**

### **2018 College Prep Scholars Program**

[www.questbridge.org/refer](http://www.questbridge.org/refer)

1. Must be high school junior, top 5-10% of class
2. Low-income family earning less than \$65,000 annually
3. Demonstrate strength in character and motivation
4. Application due by **March 21, 2018**
5. **Come to guidance office for referral if interested**

### **2018 Julian & Jan Hester Memorial Scholarship**

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

1. \$1,000 award to seniors entering college in the fall of 2018
2. Must submit applications through CBA member bank (see website for list)
3. Must contact member bank and write essay
4. Application deadline **Friday, April 6, 2018**

### **2018 Student-View Scholarship Program**

[www.student-view.com](http://www.student-view.com)

1. Complete 15-20 minute application survey about colleges in your area.
2. Scholarship will be awarded via random drawing of all applications.
3. Application deadline **April 22, 2018**

### **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



### **University of Tennessee Chattanooga Grote Chemistry Scholarships**

<https://www.utc.edu/chemistry-physics/scholarships/chemistry-scholarships/scholarships-grote.php>

1. \$12,000 (\$3,000 per year for four years)
2. Must attain a high school grade point average of 3.5 or above and complete a high school course in chemistry with an A or B
3. Must have a composite score of 26 or above on the ACT exam (or SAT equivalent)
4. Must declare chemistry as the major at UTC

### **Athnet Sports Recruiting Scholarship**

<https://www.athleticscholarships.net/scholarship-contest.htm>

1. Available to: Undergraduates who were athletes at the high school level. You do not need to be an athlete at the college level.
2. Award Amount: \$1,000
3. Eligibility Requirements: Former high school athletes who are enrolled as a full-time student at a two or four-year college.
4. Application Deadline: **June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

### **2018 Furman Scholar Scholarship Program**

[www.admission.furman.edu/register/FurmanScholar](http://www.admission.furman.edu/register/FurmanScholar)

1. Must have an interest in the liberal arts and sciences
2. Must be current junior
3. 3.5 or > GPA
4. 1300 SAT or 29 ACT
5. Application deadline **June 1, 2018**

### **BigSun Scholarship**

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

1. Must be high school senior student athlete.
2. \$500.00 award amount
3. Application deadline **June 19, 2018**

### **Lupton Scholarship Fund at Wellesley College**

1. Need based aid for students living in the Chattanooga tri-state metropolitan area to attend Wellesley College
2. Lupton scholars can also receive stipends for summer internships
3. **Come to the guidance office for more information**

## **More Scholarships**

Military Officers Association of America

<http://www.moaa.org/Content/About-MOAA/Scholarship-Fund/Scholarship-Fund.aspx>

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

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

United Negro College Fund

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

America Legion Scholarships

<http://legion.org>

Methodist Scholarships

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

Americorps

<http://www.cns.gov/>

Walmart Community

<http://www.walmartfoundation.org>

State Farm Scholarships

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

FinAid: The Smart Students Guide to Financial Aid (scholarships)

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

AXA Achievement Scholarships

[https://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9591/axa\\_achievement\\_scholarship\\_scholarship.php#sthash.pqsFckyW.dpbs](https://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9591/axa_achievement_scholarship_scholarship.php#sthash.pqsFckyW.dpbs)

Other Useful websites for Scholarship and Financial Aid information

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

[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)

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Campus Visits

**Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College Stallion Days** [www.abac.edu](http://www.abac.edu)

Sat. Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, Sat. Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Sat. April 7<sup>th</sup>

Register at <http://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/5QbeGVdUfdD0>

**Augusta University** <http://www.augusta.edu/admissions/visit.php>

Preview Days: Oct. 21, Feb. 3, and April 21 - 10:00am – 3:pm

Daily campus tours: Mon-Fri, 10:00am & 2:00pm

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

Information Sessions and Tours, Call 706-272-4436 for more information

**Georgia SouthWestern State University** [www.gsw.edu](http://www.gsw.edu)

Campus Preview Days: Nov. 11, Jan. 27, April 7

Email [admissions@gsw.edu](mailto:admissions@gsw.edu)

**Jacksonville State University** [www.jsu.edu/previewday](http://www.jsu.edu/previewday) October 14<sup>th</sup> 2017, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018

Campus tours [www.jsu.edu/visit](http://www.jsu.edu/visit)

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

For reservation call 770-423-6500

**LaGrange College** <http://www.lagrange.edu/admission/visit/preview-day.html>

Fall Preview Days: Sept. 23, Oct. 28, or Nov. 11

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)** [www.mitadmissions.org/visit/travel](http://www.mitadmissions.org/visit/travel)

Information session in our area...North Atlanta High School 9/9/2017, 2:00pm

**Pratt Pre-College Summer 2018 Program** [www.pratt.edu/precollege](http://www.pratt.edu/precollege)

Brooklyn Campus July 2-27

See link for further information

**Reinhardt University** [www.reinhardt.edu/visit](http://www.reinhardt.edu/visit)

Preview Days: Oct.9 & Nov.18, 2017, Feb. 19 & March 17, 2018

Campus Tours: Monday-Friday 11:00am or 3:00pm

Spring Visitation Day: Friday, April 6, 2018

**Tuskegee University** <https://www.tuskegee.edu/admissions/open-house>

Fall Open House: September 16, 2017

For more info contact [admissions@mytu.tuskegee.edu](mailto:admissions@mytu.tuskegee.edu)

**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

**University of North Georgia** <https://ung.edu/undergraduate-admissions/visit/index.php>

Check the website for the different campus tours



**Valdosta State University** [www.valdosta.edu/admissions/](http://www.valdosta.edu/admissions/)

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