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**~~~Important Testing Information and Deadlines!~~~**

**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!**

**FAFSA DEADLINE** - There is NOT a deadline for the FAFSA.  
However, FAFSA's must be filled out early to qualify for most scholarships  
and financial aid awards. You may estimate and use last year's tax  
information and correct it later.

**- DO NOT WAIT - FILL IT OUT TODAY - BOTH YOU AND YOUR PARENTS MUST SIGN  
THE FAFSA WITH A PIN # FOR IT TO BE COMPLETE!!!**

**[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) (you will be completing the 2016-17 FAFSA form)**

**IF YOU NEED A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION (AND MOST  
SCHOLARSHIPS AND COLLEGES REQUIRE THEM) BE SURE TO GIVE  
MR.SVOBODA AND/OR YOUR TEACHERS AT LEAST 10 DAYS NOTICE  
- THERE ARE A LOT OF STUDENTS SO DECIDE NOW AND ASK NOW!**

**Chattanooga State  
Spring Open House**

**Saturday, March 19, 10am - 1pm**

**Student Center**

**RSVP at 423-697-2689**

~~~Important Testing information!~~~

## 2015-2016 RHS Testing Calendar

### First Semester

~~Nov. 19 – Dec. SLOs 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Post-test window~~

~~Dec. 10-18 End of Course Tests~~

### Second Semester

~~Jan. 13 – 26 SLOs 2<sup>nd</sup> semester Pre-test window~~

~~Apr. 27 - May 10 2<sup>nd</sup> semester Post-test window~~

~~May 11-19 End of Course Tests~~

## 2015-2016 SAT Test Dates

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

| <u>SAT Date</u>  | <u>Register-By-Date</u> | <u>Late Registration</u> |
|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| October 3, 2015  | September 3, 2015       | September 18, 2015       |
| November 7, 2015 | October 9, 2015         | October 23, 2015         |
| December 5, 2015 | November 5, 2015        | November 20, 2015        |
| January 23, 2016 | December 28, 2015       | January 18, 2016         |
| March 5, 2016    | February 5, 2016        | February 19, 2016        |
| May 7, 2016      | April 8, 2016           | April 22, 2016           |
| June 4, 2016     | May 5, 2016             | May 20, 2016             |

### What does it Cost?

| <b>Test</b>                                   | <b>Fees</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|
| SAT Reasoning Test*                           | \$52.50     |
| Late registration fee                         | \$28.00     |
| Change Fee(test type, center, or date change) | \$28.00     |

## 2015-2016 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, 2015 | August 7, 2015        | August 8 – August 21, 2015     |
| October 24, 2015   | September 18, 2015    | September 19 – October 2, 2015 |
| December 12, 2015  | November 6, 2015      | November 7 – 20, 2015          |
| February 6, 2016   | January 8, 2016       | January 9 – 15, 2016           |
| April 9, 2016      | March 4, 2016         | March 5–18, 2016               |
| June 11, 2016      | May 6, 2016           | May 7– 20, 2016                |

### What does it cost?

| Test             | Fees    |
|------------------|---------|
| ACT (no writing) | \$39.50 |
| ACT plus Writing | \$56.50 |
| Late Fee         | \$25.00 |

## ACT Training

Looking to Improve Your Scores?

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

4/2, or 6/4

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)**

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

### **Johnny O'Keefe Memorial Scholarship**

**\*\*\*See Mr. Svoboda for application**

1. \$1,000 to two graduating seniors from Ringgold High
2. Based on need and educational qualifications
3. Application deadline **March 21, 2016**

### **Cancer Survivors' Fund *From Surviving to Thriving***

<http://www.cancersurvivorsfund.org/ScholarshipEligibilityRequirements.htm>

1. Online application required w/essay
2. Must agree to do volunteer work
3. Application Deadline **March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

### **University of Georgia Scholarships**

<https://www.admissions.uga.edu/article/spanish>

1. *The Goizueta Foundation Scholarship* \$3,000 per year
2. Deadline for applications **March 20, 2016**

### **Catoosa Retired Educators Association Scholarship**

**\*\*\*\*See Mr. Svoboda for application**

1. For seniors who are interested in a career as an educator
2. Based on merit not on finances
3. Application Deadline **March 25, 2016**

### **Chattanooga Coca-Cola Centennial Scholarship**

**\*\*\*See Mr. Svoboda for application**

1. Scholarships range from \$500-\$1,000 renewable per year
2. Must have 2.7 GPA
3. Must complete FAFSA
4. Application must be received in the scholarship office by **March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

### **Dalton State Freshman Scholarships**

<https://www.daltonstate.edu/admissions/scholarships-overview.cms>

1. Must be admitted to DSC
2. Multiple deadlines

### **Odenza Marketing Group Scholarship**

[http://www.odenzascholarships.com/awards/8/eligibility\\_odenza\\_marketing\\_group\\_scholarship.php](http://www.odenzascholarships.com/awards/8/eligibility_odenza_marketing_group_scholarship.php)

1. Must be between the ages of 16-25 on March 30, 2016
2. \$500...GPA 2.5 or higher
3. Application deadline **March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

### **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, 2016**

### **CHS Foundation Scholarships**

[http://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9256/chs\\_foundation\\_scholarships\\_scholarship.php](http://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9256/chs_foundation_scholarships_scholarship.php)

1. Must be a high school senior attending college in Fall of 2016
2. 300 awards at \$2,000 each
3. Plan to pursue an agricultural degree
4. Application Deadline **April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

### **2016 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 **Friday, April 8, 2016**

### **Better Business Bureau 2016 Student of Integrity Scholarship**

**\*\*\*See Mr. Svoboda for application**

1. \$1,000 to a graduating senior in 2016
2. Must complete a 500 word or less essay
3. Must submit a current transcript
4. Application Deadline **Friday April 8, 2016**

### **2016 Evitt Foundation Scholarship (Ringgold Telephone Company)**

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

1. Two- \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors, based on financial need
2. 300-500 word essay on aspirations/plans for the future
3. One counselor/teacher recommendation
4. Application deadline **April 15, 2016** to Counselor, RTC business office, or online

### **2016 Student-View Scholarship Program**

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

1. \$11,000 worth of scholarships
2. No minimum SAT/ACT or GPA required
3. No essay, No lengthy application form
4. Application Deadline **April 22, 2016**

### **OMNOVA Scholarship**

**See Mr. Svoboda for application**

1. \$500.00 Scholarship
2. Senior must major in Science or Technology
3. Cumulative GPA of 3.0
4. Application Deadline **April 22, 2016**

### **Miller and Mixon's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Teen Safety Scholarship**

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

1. 1<sup>st</sup> \$2,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$1,000, Honorable mention \$500
2. 600 word essay highlighting the dangers of distracted driving
3. Application deadline **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

### **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. 2 winners randomly chosen every two weeks from Oct. 31- **May 13, 2016**

### **“Aspiring Fashion Professional” Scholarship**

<http://www.fashion-schools.org/aspiring-fashion-professional-scholarship-program>

1. \$1,000 Scholarship
2. Must be pursuing a degree in fashion at an accredited post-secondary school
3. Application deadline **June 1, 2016**

### **“Aspiring Animation Professional” Scholarship**

<http://www.animationcareerreview.com/animationcareerreviewcom-aspiring-animation-professional-scholarship-program>

1. \$1,000 scholarship
2. Pursue an animation career path at an accredited post-secondary school
3. Application deadline **June 1, 2016**

### **Abbott and Fenner Scholarship Program**

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

1. \$1,000 scholarship award, juniors and seniors eligible
2. 500-1000 word essay describing career and life goals
3. Application Deadline **June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

### **Lifestyle Dentistry Scholarship**

[http://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10856/lifestyle\\_dentistry\\_scholarship\\_scholarship.php](http://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10856/lifestyle_dentistry_scholarship_scholarship.php)

1. Must attend college in by Sept. 30, 2016
2. Have a GPA of 2.5 or higher and answer essay questions
3. Application deadline **June 30, 2016**

### **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 or listed as POW/ MIA
3. Deadline to apply **August 31, 2016**

## **More Scholarships**

Alabama Homes Builders Foundation  
Building Construction Technology  
[www.HBAA.org](http://www.HBAA.org)

FREE Christian College information as well as a \$2,500 scholarship drawing  
[www.ChristianConnector.com](http://www.ChristianConnector.com)

College Scholarship.com  
Academic  
<http://www.collegescholarships.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>



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)

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

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

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

[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)

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

# Campus Visits

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

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

**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

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

For reservation call 770-423-6500

**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

**Covenant College – Campus Preview Weekend** [admissions@covenant.edu](mailto:admissions@covenant.edu)

Spring: March 31-April 2, 2016

**Georgia SouthWestern State University - Campus Preview Days** [admissions@gsw.edu](mailto:admissions@gsw.edu)

Spring: January 30 & April 2, 2016

**Reinhardt University** register at [www.reinhardt.edu](http://www.reinhardt.edu) Take a guided tour Monday –Friday

*Experience Reinhardt* - Sat. March 19

*Spring Visit Day* - Friday, April 8, 2016

*Ready. Set. Reinhardt!* - Sat. April 16 (A day for admitted students)

## 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.