

SENIOR NEWS

~~~Important Deadlines~~~

## FAFSA application opened October 1<sup>st</sup>

The sooner you complete it the quicker you learn about financial aid! (required by all colleges)

### University of Tennessee at Chattanooga campus tour Thursday, Nov. 15th

We will leave RHS at 8:05am and the tour will begin at 9:00am. Must sign up in the guidance office, limited to the first 40 seniors to turn in the signed permission from and turn in \$5 to cover cost of transportation.

GA Apply to College Day November 16<sup>th</sup> 8:30-2:30 in the RHS Media Center  
Counselors and college admissions officers will assist you with applying to the schools of your choice. Several colleges will waive their application fee on this day.

### \*Dalton State College campus group tour Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 9:30a

(We will leave RHS at 8:45) must sign up in the guidance office, limited to the first 40 seniors to turn in the signed permission from and turn in \$5 to cover cost of transportation.

### \*Kennesaw State University campus tour Wednesday, January 30th

We will be leaving RHS at approx. 7:30a and the tour will begin promptly at 10:00am. Must sign up in the guidance office, limited to the first 40 seniors to turn in the signed permission from and turn in \$10 to cover cost of transportation.

# 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 ACT/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!~~~

The ACT[®] 2018-2019 TEST DATES

| 2018 Test Dates | SEP 8 | OCT 27 | DEC 8 |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Registration Deadline | AUG 10 | SEP 28 | NOV 2 |
| **Late Registration Deadline | AUG 26 | OCT 14 | NOV 19 |



| 2019 Test Dates | FEB 9* | APR 13 | JUN 8 | JUL 13* |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Registration Deadline | JAN 11 | MAR 8 | MAY 3 | JUN 14 |
| **Late Registration Deadline | JAN 18 | MAR 25 | MAY 20 | JUN 24 |

*No test centers are scheduled in California for the July test date or New York for the February and July test dates.
**All material sent by mail must be RECEIVED by the late registration deadline, regardless of postmark date.

**YOUR JOURNEY.
YOUR ACT.**

TEST FEES
ACT \$50.50
ACT with writing \$67.00
If you cannot afford the test fee, ask your counselor about requesting a fee waiver.

SAT and SAT Subject Tests

SAT

The SAT® is a globally available test accepted by all U.S. and many international colleges and universities. It is offered seven times a year in the United States and U.S. territories, and four times a year internationally. Visit sat.org to learn more.

SAT SUBJECT TESTS

The SAT Subject Tests™ are hour-long, content-based tests that let students distinguish themselves in the college admission process by highlighting their strengths and interests in specific subject areas, including math, science, history, literature, and languages. satsubjecttests.org

PRACTICE

The College Board and Khan Academy® have partnered to offer free, personalized practice for the SAT Suite of Assessments. Students can visit Khan Academy at satpractice.org to get SAT practice resources based on their results for any test in the SAT Suite of Assessments (SAT, PSAT/NMSQT®, PSAT™ 10, or PSAT™ 8/9).

Students can also visit sat.org/practice to access a free official SAT practice app, full SAT practice tests, and sample SAT questions.

To prepare for SAT Subject Tests, students can access free online practice questions at satsubjecttests.org as well as video lesson playlists for science subjects from Khan Academy.

FEE WAIVERS

Eligible students who demonstrate financial need can take two free SAT tests, with or without the essay, and six free SAT Subject Tests (they can take their free Subject Tests during two registrations and schedule up to three tests each time). Fee waivers cover unlimited score reports sent to colleges, waived application fees at participating colleges, and free CSS Profile™ applications to apply for financial aid from participating schools. Visit sat.org/feewaivers to learn more.

ORDER BACK-TO-SCHOOL RESOURCES

Our free ordering system is open from mid-April until October 30, 2018, at sat.org/order-resources.

CONTACT US

Students' Phone.....866-756-7346
 Students' Email.....sat@info.collegeboard.org
 International Students' Phone.....+1 212-713-7789
 Counselors' Email.....sat.help@info.collegeboard.org
 SAT Educator Help Line.....888-SAT-HELP (728-4357)
 M-F, 8 a.m.–9 p.m. ET
 International Counselors' Phone.....+1 212-520-8600

Registration Fees

SAT with Essay: **\$64.50**

SAT (no Essay): **\$47.50**

Subject Test Registration Fee: **\$26**

Each Subject Test: **Add \$22 each**

Each Language Subject Test with Listening*: **Add \$26 each**

*Only one Language with Listening Test can be taken each year. (November only)

Score Reporting Fees

(Four score report requests are included with registration)

Each additional score report request: **\$12**

Rush order (per order): **\$31**

Scores by phone (per call): **\$15**

Scores by web: **Free**

Non-U.S. Regional Fees**

Africa (sub-Saharan): **\$41**

Americas: **\$41**

East Asia/Pacific: **\$53**

Europe & Eurasia: **\$43**

Middle East/N. Africa: **\$47**

South & Central Asia: **\$49**

**See the Student Registration Booklet or go to sat.org/international for a list of countries and their regional designations, as well as centers subject to the special administrative fee.

Processing Fees

Reregistration by phone: **\$15**

Late registration (U.S. only): **\$29**

Waitlist request: **\$51**

Test center, date, or test change: **\$29**

Special administrative fee**: **\$24**

SAT AND SAT SUBJECT TESTS DATES

| Test Date | AUG 25 | OCT 6 | NOV 3 | DEC 1 | MAR 9 | MAY 4 | JUN 1 |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Early Registration
<i>(International only)</i> | – | AUG 22 | SEP 19 | OCT 17 | JAN 23 | MAR 20 | APR 17 |
| Regular Registration | JUL 27 | SEP 7 | OCT 5 | NOV 2 | FEB 8 | APR 5 | MAY 3 |
| Late Registration <i>(for online or phone registrations; domestic only)</i> | AUG 15 | SEP 26 | OCT 24 | NOV 20 | FEB 27 | APR 24 | MAY 22 |
| SSD Accommodations Request Deadlines | JUL 6 | AUG 17 | SEP 14 | OCT 12 | JAN 18 | MAR 15 | APR 12 |
| SAT | • | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| SAT Subject Tests | • | • | • | • | • | • | • |

Notes

Registration deadlines expire at 11:59 p.m. U.S. Eastern Time.

For the most up-to-date information on the SAT and SAT Subject Tests, including late deadlines for paper registrations, see sat.org/register.

Sunday test dates immediately follow the Saturday test dates.

For International Testing: The SAT and SAT with Essay are available in October, December, March, and May. The Subject Tests are available in October, November, December, May, and June.

College Fairs

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

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
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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!

Burger King Scholars & James W. McLamore WHOPPER Scholarship Program

<https://bkmclamorefoundation.org/who-we-are/programs/burger-king-scholars-program/>

1. Can be an BK employee or family member of employee
2. Must be US citizen and plan to enroll full time in college/university-Fall 2019
3. Awards range from \$5,000 - \$50,000
4. Application deadline **December 15, 2018**

Discover Student Loans Scholarship

https://www.discover.com/student-loans/scholarships/award.html?acmpgn=E_SCH_XXXX_BM_X_CNLS2

1. Win \$2,500 scholarship
2. Sign up to receive helpful tips on planning and paying for college
3. Automatically entered through **December 31, 2018**

Mary Ellen Locher Foundation Scholarship

<http://www.melfoundation.org/#/scholarships/scholarship-information>

1. Given to children of breast cancer patients, either survivors or deceased.
2. Must live within a 50 mile radius of Chattanooga, TN.
3. Minimum GPA of 2.5
4. Application deadline **January 2019**

2019 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest

<https://www.jfklibrary.org/Education/Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest.aspx>

1. Write an essay about a U.S. elected official who served during or after 1956
2. 1st place-\$20,000, cash awards for top 25 essays
3. Deadline for completed essay **January 4, 2019**

2019 GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program

<http://www.reaganfoundation.org/GE-RFScholarships.aspx>

1. Must demonstrate at school, workplace, and the community the attributes of leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship. Minimum GPA of 3.0
2. Demonstrate financial need, be a current high school student, and US citizen
3. Plan to enroll full-time in a 4-year college or university
4. Application Deadline **January 4, 2019**

North Georgia EMC – TVA Howard Baker Memorial Scholarship

<http://www.ngemc.com/Scholarships>

1. Must reside in household with electricity provided by NGEMC
2. Graduating senior planning to attend accredited college or technical school
3. \$1,000 scholarship
4. Deadline to apply **January 7, 2019**

Georgia EMC – North GA EMC Walter Harrison Scholarship

<http://www.ngemc.com/Scholarships>

1. Must reside in household with electricity provided by NGEMC
2. Graduating senior planning to attend accredited college or technical school
3. \$1,000 scholarship
4. Deadline to apply **January 7, 2019**

Ronald McDonald House Charities Scholarship Program

<https://www.rmhcattanooga.com/what-we-do/rmhc-us-scholarship-program/>

1. Must be a United States citizen or eligible noncitizen*
2. Must be a 2019 graduating high school senior
3. Award...\$2,000 for one academic year
4. Must have at least a 2.7 cumulative grade point average
5. Must have demonstrated financial need
6. Plan to attend a regionally accredited, non-proprietary, technical, community or four-year college/university the fall following their graduation
7. Deadline to apply **January 23, 2019**

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 14, 2019**

16th Annual National Co-op Scholarship Program

<http://www.waccinc.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, 2019 but each institution may vary!**

Jacksonville State University 2019-20 Scholarships

www.jsu.edu/scholarships

1. Academic scholarships start at 23+ ACT or 1100+ SAT and 3.0+ GPA
2. JSU Honors – 30+ ACT or 1340+ SAT and 3.75+ GPA to apply
3. Leadership - 20-25 ACT or 950-1180 SAT and 3.0+ GPA to apply
4. General Scholarships – All accepted students may apply
5. Scholarship deadline **March 1, 2019**

University of North Georgia Military Scholarship

<http://ung.edu/military-college-admissions/costs-financial-aid/scholarships-and-grants/armv-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 **March 1, 2019**

2019 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 5, 2019**

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. Winners randomly chosen every two weeks from **Oct. 30, 2018- May 13, 2019**

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

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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

America Legion Scholarships

<http://legion.org>

Methodist Scholarships

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

FMA, Fabricators & Manufactures Assoc. Foundation

www.fmafoundation.com

American Legion Scholarships

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

United Negro College Fund

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

Other Useful websites for Scholarship and Financial Aid information

www.goingmerry.com

www.usascholarships.com

www.cappex.com

www.supercollege.com

www.scholarships.com

www.schoolsoup.com

www.fastweb.com

www.fafsa.ed.gov

www.finaid.org

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.college-scholarships.com

www.scholarshipguidance.com

www.studentscholarships.org

Campus Visits

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

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
Email admissions@gsw.edu

Jacksonville State University www.jsu.edu/previewday
Campus tours 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>

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) www.mitadmissions.org/visit/travel

Tuskegee University <https://www.tuskegee.edu/admissions/open-house>
For more info contact admissions@mytu.tuskegee.edu

University of Georgia
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

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga <https://www.utc.edu/admissions/visit.php>

Valdosta State University www.valdosta.edu/admissions/
Campus tours are offered twice daily Mon-Friday (by Appointment)