

HST SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER #5

SAT Test Dates - School Code - 341450

Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Deadline
March 14	February 14	March 3
May 2	April 3	April 21
June 6	May 8	May 27

Register online at www.collegeboard.org

ACT Test Dates - School Code - 341450

Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Deadline
April 4	February 28	March 13
June 13	May 8	May 22
July 18	June 19	June 26

Search for Dallas, NC (Gaston College Test Site)
Register online at www.actstudent.org

Scholarships with March Deadlines

American Chemical Society Scholars Program *Discipline:* Chemistry, Biochemistry, or Chemical Engineering. *Award:* Up to \$3,000 a year *Requirements:* The ACS Scholars Program awards renewable scholarships to underrepresented minority students majoring in undergraduate chemistry-related disciplines, and are also intending to pursue careers in chemistry-related fields. Selected recipients are awarded up to \$5,000* per academic year. **Deadline: March 1, 2020**

Visit: <https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding-and-awards/scholarships/acsscholars/apply.html>

Gaston County Honor Guard Scholarship *Award:* \$1,000 *Requirements:* Parent must be active, retired, or honorably discharged veteran **Deadline: postmarked by March 1, 2020** Visit: gastoncountyscholarships.com mail to: Gaston County Honor Guard Attn: S Botka 1723 Timberlane Street Gastonia, NC 28054

Create-A-Greeting Card Scholarship Contest *Discipline:* General *Award:* \$10,000 *Requirements:* Must be 14 years or older by time of entry. <https://www.gallerycollection.com/ScholarshipOfficialRules.pdf> **Deadline: Submit entry by March 2, 2020** Visit: <https://www.gallerycollection.com/greetingcardscontests.htm>

Forgivable Education Loans for Service *Discipline:* Varies. Must be committed to working in NC in fields designated as critical employment shortage areas. *Award:* Annual loan amounts vary from \$3,000 to \$14,000. *Requirements:* NC resident; minimum weighted GPA of 3.00; must register with Selective Service, if required; recipients must not be in default, or does not owe a refund, under any federal or State loan or grant program; must maintain satisfactory academic progress according to the enrolling policy of the institution; must be willing to work in NC in a designated critical employment area. **Deadline: March 1, 2020** Visit: www.cfnc.org/FELS

LIFE Lessons Essay Contest *Discipline:* General *Award:* \$2000-\$15,000 *Requirements:* available to legal residents of the 50 United States and the District of Columbia, who are between 17 and 24 years of age and have experienced the death of a parent or legal guardian. You must be currently enrolled in, or have been accepted to, a college, university or trade school within the 50 United States or District of Columbia. In addition to the application form, you must submit an essay of no more than 500-words describing how you have experienced the personal and financial challenges caused by the death of a parent or legal guardian. **Deadline: March 1, 2020 4pm** Visit: <http://www.lifehappens.org/life-lessons-scholarship-program/>

UNC Light on a Hill Scholarship - Two (2) \$2,000 LOTH Julius Peppers scholarships (renewable up to three years) Eight (8) one-time \$2,500 LOTH scholarships **Deadline:** March 1, 2020 Visit: <https://alumni.unc.edu/light-on-the-hill-society-scholarship/>

Marine Corps Scholarship *Discipline:* General *Award:* One-year scholarships are awarded annually ranging from \$1,000-\$10,000. *Requirements:* The son/daughter of one of the following: Active duty or reserve U.S. Marine; U.S. Marine who has received an Honorable Discharge, Medical Discharge, or was killed while serving in the U.S. Marine Corps; Active duty or reserve U.S. Navy Corpsman who is serving or has served with the U.S. Marine Corps; or U.S. Navy Corpsman who has served with the U.S. Marine Corps and has received an Honorable Discharge, Medical Discharge, or was killed while serving in the U.S. Navy AND High school senior AND Scholarships are targeted at eligible applicants from families with a maximum adjusted gross income of \$77,000 or less AND Your GPA is at least 2.0 or better. **Deadline: March 3, 2020** Visit: www.mcsf.org

National Society of Professional Engineers - Maureen L. & Howard N. Blitman, P.E. Scholarship to Promote Diversity in Engineering *Discipline:* Engineering *Award:* \$5,000 for freshman year *Requirements:* Awarded to a high school senior (male or female), from an ethnic minority, who has been accepted into an ABET- accredited engineering program at a four-year college or university. **Deadline: March 1, 2020** Contact: <http://www.nspe.org/Students/Scholarships/blitman.html>

United Methodist Student Loan and Scholarship Programs *Discipline:* For all United Methodists *Award:* Scholarship amounts vary. Loan program: may borrow up to \$5000 per year at 5%. *Requirements:* Applicants must be an ACTIVE, full member of The United Methodist Church for at least ONE year. Membership is determined by the date the applicant was confirmed and took membership vows with a United Methodist church. (Members of other Methodist denominations are not eligible); must be pursuing a degree program at an accredited college or university WITHIN the United States; must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. required to be full-time students according to their schools standards for the program for which they are enrolled. **Deadline: March 5, 2020** Visit <https://www.gbhem.org/loans-scholarships/scholarships/>

2020 African American Network-Carolinas Scholarship Fund *Discipline:* major in engineering, math, science, computer science, accounting, finance, or business administration *Award:* varies up to \$2,000 *Requirements:* Graduating senior from NC or SC, attend a four year college/university in NC or SC, major in engineering, math, science, computer science, accounting, finance, or business administration **Deadline: March 6, 2020** Visit: <https://fftscholarships.communityforce.com/Funds/Search.aspx>

Mary Doctor Performing Arts Scholarship *Discipline:* Performing Arts *Award:* varies Students in the following counties are eligible: Alexander, Anson, Cabarrus, Catawba, Chester (SC), Chesterfield (SC), Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Lancaster (SC), Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Stanley, Union, and York (SC). *Requirements:* Demonstrated ability and great interest in one or more areas of the performing arts Desire to pursue an undergraduate major in a discipline related to the performing arts Financial Need Essay, teacher recommendation, financial need info req. **Deadline: March 6th, 2020** Visit for application: <https://www.blumenthalarts.org/blumenthal-enrichment/community-outreach/scholarships/mary-doctor-scholarship>

Gaston Gazette's Best and Brightest We will honor one outstanding senior in each high school in Gaston, Cleveland and Lincoln counties who personify the community builders of their generation. Selection of the winners will be made by a committee of educators, community leaders and business people based on community and school involvement, academic achievement, an essay and letters of recommendation. The Best and Brightest winners will be recognized by The Gazette and The Star and honored at a reception Thursday, April 18 at the Schiele Museum in Gastonia. Three scholarships, one for \$1,500 and two for \$1,000 each, will be awarded to three of the Best & Brightest students based on meaningful contributions that have led to the betterment of their schools and communities. **Deadline: Completed applications are due by 5 p.m. Thursday, March 12** Visit for application: bit.ly/bestbrightest19 or <https://www.gaston.k12.nc.us/Page/4814> for more information.

George & Patricia Barnard "We Believe In You" Scholarship *Discipline:* General *Award:* \$4000 per year renewable *Requirements:* Must be a Gaston County public high school student; must have at least a 3.0 GPA; must be pursuing a college preparatory course of study; must have strong evidence of financial need, participation in extra-curricular activities, leadership, motivation, & initiative. Preference will be given to student showing perseverance in face of adversity. One student per school will be nominated. **Deadline: March 13, 2020** (To School Counselor) Contact: Visit <https://www.gaston.k12.nc.us/Page/4814>: For questions, see School Counselor.

Michael A. DeMayo Scholarship *Discipline:* General *Award:* \$2,500 *Requirements:* Must have a cumulative 3.0 or better GPA, Must send the following to via Dropbox office: printed application, a presentation (video, powerpoint, brochure, website, essay) that encourages teens to abstain from underage drinking or highlights the dangers of underage drinking and driving; transcript, SAT scores, two letters of recommendation; must be a graduating senior who must have applied for acceptance to will attend a 4-year college or university; must live in Mecklenburg, Gaston, Catawba, Union, Cabarrus, Cleveland, Lincoln, Rowan, Caldwell, York, Stanley, Iredell, Alexander or Burke counties to apply. **Deadline: March 16, 2020**

<https://www.demayolaw.com/scholarship-program/>

Create Real Impact Contest (912) Sponsor: Impact Teen Drivers Amount: Up to \$1,500 **Deadline: March 19, 2020** Description: Contest is open to legal residents of the 50 United States and the District of Columbia between the ages of 14 and 22 years of age. Student must submit an original work (video, music, creative writing, or artwork) showcasing their idea for a solution to the very real problem of reckless and distracted driving. <http://createrealimpact.com/contestrules/>

Tom Browne Scholarship *Discipline:* Construction or related trades and professions. *Award:* \$1,000 *Requirements:* Must be a Gaston County resident for at least two years or a Gaston County High School graduate who demonstrates a strong interest in the professional field of construction or related trades & professions. Open to 2-year or 4-year college applicants. **Deadline March 21st, 2020** *Contact:* Visit <http://www.cfgaston.org/Receive/Scholarships.aspx#60967-tom-browne-scholarship> or click the More Information link to download a copy of the application. For questions, see School Counselor.

Nicholas A. Virgilio Memorial Haiku Competition (912) Sponsor: Haiku Society of America Amount: \$50 **Deadline: March 23, 2020** Description: Contest is open to students in grades 7 through 12. Student can submit up to three haiku poems.

<http://www.hsa-haiku.org/virgilioawards/Virgilio-contest-guidelines.htm>

Clyde and Dezaree Brackett Family Scholarship *Discipline:* Seeking college or technical education. *Award:* Up to \$1,000 - Renewable for 4-yr *Requirements:* Must be a resident of a Gaston County for at least one year & graduating from a Gaston County High School OR be a graduate who is a resident of Baptist Children's Home of NC or Boys & Girls Homes of NC; financial need, character, academic achievement **Deadline: March 27, 2020.** To apply:

<http://www.cfgaston.org/Receive/Scholarships.aspx#60968-clyde--dezaree-brackett-family-scholarship>

William & Hazel Hardin Education Scholarship *Discipline:* Education *Award:* \$750. For students pursuing a degree in preschool, elementary or secondary education. For residents of Gaston, Randolph or Richmond counties. Based on character, academic achievement, financial need and desire to work with children. This program is designed to provide financial assistance for graduating high school seniors, current college students full-time or part-time who are pursuing a degree in preschool, elementary or secondary education. **Deadline: March 27th, 2020** Visit:

<http://www.cfgaston.org/Receive/Scholarships.aspx#60981-william--hazel-hardin-education--scholarship>

Honorable Ralph C. Gingles Jr. Scholarship *Discipline:* general; essay *Award:* \$2,000 one time *Requirements:* Gaston County graduating senior, 3.0 or better unweighted GPA, accepted into a 4 year college/ university, show financial need; must complete a 500 word minimum essay discussing the importance of the case *Thornburg v. Gingles* and its effects on voting rights. **Deadline: March 27, 2020.** To apply: <http://www.cfgaston.org/Receive/Scholarships.aspx#609139-honorable-ralph-c-gingles-jr-scholarship>

Jarman Family Scholarship *Discipline:* general *Award:* \$5,000 *Requirements:* based on character, academic achievement and need; for children of full-time religious ministers who are residents of North or South Carolina **Deadline: March 27, 2020.** To apply:

<http://www.cfgaston.org/Receive/Scholarships.aspx#60969-jarman-family--scholarship>

Hispanic Scholarship Fund *Discipline:* General *Award:* Amount varies per scholarship *Requirements:* Be of Hispanic Heritage; Have a minimum of 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for High School Students; Plan to enroll Full-Time in an accredited not-for-profit 4- year university or graduate school during FALL of scholarship cycle year; Be a U.S. Citizen, Permanent Legal Resident, DACA or Eligible Non-Citizen (as defined by FAFSA); Complete FAFSA; Complete state based financial aid application (if applicable) **Deadline: March 30th each year** *Contact:* Visit www.hispanicfund.org or see school counselor.

Energy United Student Scholarship Program *Discipline:* general; essay based *Award:* \$5,000. *Requirements:* currently enrolled HS senior year; plan to pursue post- secondary education; academic success; community involvement; 2 letters of recommendation and essays are required; see website for essay topics and details **Deadline: March 31, 2020** *Contact:*

<https://www.energyunited.com/community/community-youth-programs/scholarships/>

Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship *Discipline:* General *Award:* Between three and five \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded. This scholarship will be offered on a one-time basis. A check for the amount of the scholarship will be mailed directly to the college or university of the recipient for posting to his/her student account. *Requirements:* US Citizen or permanent resident of the US; GPA of 3.0 or higher (out of a 4.0 scale); high school senior entering a US accredited four-year college or university within the 50 states or District of Columbia starting at the beginning of the fall semester of 2012; have demonstrated leadership abilities through participating in community services or other extra curricular activities; combined adjusted income of parents cannot exceed \$100,000. **Deadline:** **March 31 each year** *Contact:* Visit <https://jmscottmemorialfund.org/apply/>

The Paul F. Fuller Scholarship *Award:* \$1,000. To be eligible for the scholarship, the applicant is required to meet the following: Have participated in the Gaston County Schools mentoring program for a minimum of one year at any grade level (elementary, middle, high school). Exhibit strong academic effort toward achievement. Required to write a personal essay of up to 500 words describing "How being mentored has influenced my life". **Deadline: April 1, 2020** *Contact:* Visit <https://www.gaston.k12.nc.us/Page/4814>: For questions, see School Counselor.

Walmart Dependent Scholarship *Discipline:* General *Award:* \$13,000 paid out over 4 years. *Requirements:* Applicants must be dependents of Walmart or Sams Club associates in any U.S. division, have at least a 2.0 high school GPA and prove financial need. **Deadline: April 2, 2020** *Contact:* Visit website: <https://programs.applyists.com/walmartdependent/>

National High School Essay Contest *Discipline:* Foreign Policy *Award:* The winning prize is \$2,500 and an all-expense paid trip to Washington, DC for the winner and parents. Also this year, the Semester at Sea program will provide an all-expense paid educational voyage to the winner (to be used once the winner enters an accredited university). *Requirements:* Open to all U.S. citizen high school students whose parents are NOT in the Foreign Service; children of employees at AFSA, Booz Allen Hamilton, and Semester at Sea are also ineligible **Deadline: April 6, 2020** *Contact:* Visit website <http://www.afsa.org/essaycontest>

Other Scholarship Resources

Scholarships for students with Disabilities - Students with disabilities and health conditions have barriers that other students do not have. Luckily, many scholarship providers want to help students with disabilities and health conditions (and sometimes their loved ones and caretakers) by offering scholarships open specifically to students like them. Some scholarships are open to all disabilities, while others are specific about their disability or health condition requirement. <https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/disability/>

March Scholarships from JLV College Counseling <https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/March-scholarships/>

Chegg Monthly Scholarship

This textbook company gives away \$1,000 to a senior each month. **Award:** \$1,000 **To apply:** <https://www.chegg.com/scholarships>

Scholarship Resources for Children of Military Veterans - If you are the dependent of a Military Veteran please check out our resources list we created for our students - <http://bit.ly/Scholarships4VeteranDependents>

Scholarship Resources for Prospective Teachers - <http://bit.ly/teachingscholarshipsHST>

RaiseMe (9-12) - FREE way to earn Micro-Scholarships to over 230 Colleges. Students create a FREE account and earn scholarships for their good grades, their involvement in sports and clubs, community service hours, and taking tests like the PSAT. Students can build a Portfolio of their achievements, Follow Colleges, and watch their scholarship earnings pile up! List of Colleges here - <https://www.raise.me/colleges> Create your FREE account here - <https://www.raise.me>

FASTWEB (9-12) - Provides a FREE college and scholarship search. Students create a FREE account and have access to over 1.5 million scholarships. www.fastweb.com

GoingMerry (9-12) - GoingMerry is a new scholarship resource where you can apply to multiple scholarships for FREE. Create an account and it will match you with scholarships, allow you to apply directly, and auto fill your information for each application. To join click here - <https://app.goingmerry.com/c/mathieuc-oz0k4>

If we receive additional scholarships after the newsletter is published, the information will be added to google classroom.

Helpful Instructions

[How to Send College Board College Waivers](#)

[How to Send Transcripts](#)

[How to Send SAT Scores](#)

[How to Send ACT Scores](#)

[How to Invite Counselors and Recommenders in Common App](#)

Important Dates and Information

- Many Colleges have **FINAL** deadlines in January and February. If you are planning to complete additional college applications, you should do so ASAP!
- If you have already applied to the College(s) of your choice, make sure all of your applications are complete.
Complete Application = application submitted, test scores sent from testing agency, transcript sent, fee paid, and any other additional requirements the school may require.
- Request recommendations** from teachers if necessary, giving them as much notice as possible. Also give them a copy of your [Activity Sheet](#) AND [Brag Sheet](#). **(Share both in Class of 2020 Google Classroom)**
- All Seniors planning to attend College should complete the FAFSA** - FAFSA became available on - October 1, 2019 - <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> Create a FSA ID -<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid> - Both student & Parent need an ID.
- RDS - Residency Determination Service** - Everyone applying to a NC college will need to complete RDS to get in state tuition or state grants at private colleges. You will use your CFNC username and password to login to RDS. Parents should not create a new CFNC account for you! Complete the residency verification process at www.NCresidency.org and obtain your Residency Certification Number (RCN) before applying. Contact 844-319-3640 or 919-835-2290 for troubleshooting.
- Do you have scholarship interview coming up?** Request a mock interview before the real thing. [Counselor Referral Form](#)
- When you receive a Scholarship or Grant** - Please provide your School Counselor with a copy of ANY scholarship or grant you receive, even if it is to a school you don't plan to attend. You can bring in a copy of your award letter, fwd us a copy of the email you received or a screenshot of your award page. We want to keep track of all scholarship and grant money our students receive this year. We will ask you to fill out a google doc later second semester. Thanks for your help!
- FAFSA Help** - Gaston College financial aid officers are available to help seniors and parents submit the FAFSA.
 - WHEN:** Mondays - Thursdays 8am - 6pm and Fridays 8am - 4pm
 - WHERE:** Gaston College Financial Aid Office, second floor of the Myers Building
 - They will help even if you do not plan to go to Gaston College. No appointment is needed but be sure to bring the required documents needed to file for financial aid. The link below shows you the documents needed for Residency Determination and FAFSA.