



Gaston County Schools Scholarship Report, Class of 2016

Our graduates in the Class of 2016 are ready for the future!

The comprehensive instructional program and many academic and extracurricular opportunities in Gaston County Schools prepare our graduates for college and careers.

We are extremely proud of the seniors in the Class of 2016 for their outstanding achievements in academics, athletics, fine arts, and extracurricular programs.

At A Glance: The Numbers

- Total scholarship money offered to the Class of 2016: **\$53,058,200 million**
 - *This is a record amount for a graduating class.*
- Number of scholarships offered to the Class of 2016: **1,392**
- Number of scholarships offered to the Class of 2016 valued at \$100,000 or greater: **96**
- Number of colleges/universities presenting scholarships to the Class of 2016: **More than 170**

Scholarship Breakdown

More than **1,300** academic/merit scholarships (which includes military and fine arts) and **60** athletic scholarships were made available to the Class of 2016.

- Academic/Merit Scholarships: More than \$48.6 million
 - Military Scholarships: More than \$1.4 million
 - Fine Arts Scholarships: More than \$484,000
- Athletic Scholarships: More than \$4.4 million

TOTAL: More than \$53 million in scholarships offered to the Class of 2016

Scholarship Highlights

- Two seniors received a prestigious appointment to the United States Air Force Academy, which includes a scholarship that exceeds \$400,000 for each student.
- Two seniors received scholarships through the QuestBridge program – one to attend Emory University in Atlanta and one to attend the University of Virginia. Each scholarship was valued at more than \$250,000.
- Several seniors were among the Park Scholars at N.C. State University and the Levine Scholars at UNC-Charlotte. These awards provide a full-tuition scholarship along with many academic, extracurricular, and study abroad opportunities.

At A Glance: The Schools

More than 170 colleges and universities from across the state and country offered scholarships to our seniors in the Class of 2016. To get an idea of who wanted our students, here is a short list of 30 schools (some far away and others close to home) that offered scholarships to graduates in Gaston County Schools:

Appalachian State University

Auburn University

Brevard College

The Citadel

Clemson University

College of Charleston

Davidson College

Duke University

East Carolina University

Erskine College

Fayetteville State University

Furman University

Gaston College

Georgia Institute of Technology
High Point University
Lees-McRae College
Marshall University
N.C. A&T State University
Ohio State University
Pfeiffer University
Queens University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Shaw University
Syracuse University
University of Alabama
University of Florida
University of Tennessee
Wake Forest University
West Virginia University
Winston-Salem State University

■ **Top Schools by Number of Scholarships offered to the Class of 2016**

The following schools offered at least 20 scholarships:

Belmont Abbey College
Campbell University
Gardner-Webb University
Johnson & Wales University

Lenoir-Rhyne University

Mars Hill University

N.C. State University

UNC-Asheville

UNC-Chapel Hill

UNC-Charlotte

UNC-Greensboro

University of South Carolina

Western Carolina University

Wingate University

School-By-School Totals for the Class of 2016

■ Ashbrook High School

Scholarship Total: \$5,622,671

Number of Scholarships: 206

Number of Seniors: 360

■ Bessemer City High School

Scholarship Total: \$2,088,325

Number of Scholarships: 80

Number of Seniors: 121

■ Cherryville High School

Scholarship Total: \$1,287,439

Number of Scholarships: 76

Number of Seniors: 103

■ Stuart W. Cramer High School

Scholarship Total: \$5,917,766

Number of Scholarships: 126

Number of Seniors: 231

■ East Gaston High School

Scholarship Total: \$2,784,876

Number of Scholarships: 91

Number of Seniors: 227

- **Forestview High School**
 Scholarship Total: \$11,078,966
 Number of Scholarships: 196
 Number of Seniors: 276
- **Gaston Early College High School**
 Scholarship Total: \$371,952
 Number of Scholarships: 19
 Number of Seniors: 20
- **Highland School of Technology**
 Scholarship Total: \$8,595,275
 Number of Scholarships: 208
 Number of Seniors: 129
- **Hunter Huss High School**
 Scholarship Total: \$6,078,914
 Number of Scholarships: 153
 Number of Seniors: 235
- **North Gaston High School**
 Scholarship Total: \$2,685,342
 Number of Scholarships: 84
 Number of Seniors: 236
- **South Point High School**
 Scholarship Total: \$6,546,674
 Number of Scholarships: 153
 Number of Seniors: 232

How does this year compare to previous years?

The amount of scholarship money offered to students in Gaston County Schools has increased significantly over the years.

- Last year, the Class of 2015 was awarded more than \$45 million.
- Five years ago, the Class of 2011 was awarded more than \$38 million.
- Ten years ago, the Class of 2006 was awarded more than \$14 million.

We congratulate all of our outstanding scholarship recipients in the Class of 2016!