

# GCS Scholarship newsletter #1

## SAT Test Dates

Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Deadline
August 25	July 27	August 15
October 6	September 7	September 26
November 3	October 5	October 24
December 1	November 2	November 20
March 9	February 8	February 27
May 4	April 5	April 24
June 1	May 3	May 22

Register online at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

## ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Deadline
September 8	August 12	August 26
October 27	September 28	October 14
December 8	November 2	November 19
February 9	January 11	January 18
April 13	March 8	March 25
June 8	May 3	May 20
July 13	June 14	June 24

Search for Dallas, NC (Gaston College Test Site)  
Register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

## Scholarships with September/October Deadlines

**CareerFitter.com Scholarship** *Discipline:* General *Award:* \$500 *Requirements:* Available to students who are enrolled or planning to participate in a college, university or graduate school program during the spring/summer/fall 2005 term with a minimum 2.5 GPA. Maximum 250 Essay: What is the perfect career for you, and why? Note: it is not required that you take the careerfitter "perfect career test" in order to apply for the scholarship. *Deadline:* **September 15, 2018** *Contact:* <https://www.careerfitter.com/scholarship>

**FormSwift Scholarship Program** Amount: \$1,000 *Deadline:* **September 15, 2018** *Description:* Scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors and current college students. Applicant must create a business plan infographic for one of the given industries provided. <https://formswift.com/startup-scholarship>

**We the Future Contest (9-12)** Sponsor: Constituting America Amount: Varied based on class standing *Deadline:* **September 17, 2018** *Description:* Contest is open to K-12 students, college students, law school students, graduate schools students, adults 25 years of age and older, and seniors 65 years of age and older. Each age group has different requirements, so applicants should visit website for details. <http://constitutingamerica.org/contest-categories/#toggle-id-3>

**Gates Scholarship** Amount: Cost of attendance that is not already covered by other financial aid and the EFC *Deadline:* **September 18, 2018** *Description:* Scholarship is open to exceptional, Pell-eligible, minority, high school seniors who are student leaders. Ideal candidates will have an outstanding academic record in high school (top 10% of graduating class), demonstrated leadership ability, and exceptional personal success skills. <https://www.thegatesscholarship.org/scholarship>

**Davidson College - Bryan Scholar/Athlete Program (School Nomination Required)** *Discipline:* Academic/Athletics *Award:* Offered to one male and one female scholar/athlete scholarship valued at \$30,000 annually. Renewable. *Requirements:* To be considered, you must participate in an eligible sport (football and men's and women's basketball are not eligible). All nomination materials received no later than **September 20, 2018**. Admission application due by October 15. *Deadline:* **See your high school counselor and coach by September 17th if you wish to be considered for nomination. Must have a recommendation by September 20th.** Once nominated, must complete Parts I and II of the Davidson Application no later than October 15. *Contact:* See school counselor to seek nomination and visit [www.davidson.edu/gotgame](http://www.davidson.edu/gotgame). NCAA Eligibility registration. Visit [www.davidson.edu/athletics](http://www.davidson.edu/athletics) to reach Davidson College coach.

**UNC Chapel Hill Morehead-Cain Scholarship (School and Self Nomination)** *Discipline:* General. Must attend UNC-Chapel Hill

*Award:* Fully funded - including full tuition, student fees, housing, meals, books, laptop, travel, supplies and miscellaneous *Requirements:* Evidence of moral force of character, capacity to lead and to motivate fellow students, scholastic ability and extracurricular activities, sports involvement, interview, nomination by school scholarship committee. Must be unmarried & without children. Students can self-nominate online and nominees are also nominated by schools' scholarship committees. *Deadline:* Application Deadline - October 15, 2018 Applicants are not permitted to apply Early Decision to any University. **School Nomination Deadline is determined at each high school** *Contact:* See School Counselor or visit <http://www.moreheadcain.org> for more information or to self-nominate.

**NC State University Park Scholarship (School(2) and Self Nomination)** *Discipline:* General *Award:* All tuition and fees, room and board, textbooks, academic supplies and living expenses including a computer stipend (valued at \$111,000 in-state and \$195,000 out-of-state) *Requirements:* Must apply for fall, first-year admission into a baccalaureate program at NC State; must be a U.S. citizen; may self-nominate or be nominated by high school based on academic merit, exemplary character, exceptional potential for leadership, and the sense of promise that they may one day make contributions of enduring importance to the betterment of the human condition. *Deadline:* Endorsements are Due Oct. 1, 2018, **School Nomination Deadline is determined at each high school** . NCSU Application and Park Scholarship Application Deadline - October 15, 2018 (self endorsement deadline) *Contact:* Visit <http://park.ncsu.edu> or see school counselor.

**Davidson College - Belk Merit-Based Scholarship (School Nomination required)** *Discipline:* General *Award:* Full-ride and renewable. Includes two summer stipends for international study and enrichment. *Requirements:* High academics and above average test scores, exceptional promise in academics, character, leadership, athletics, and community service *Deadline* , **School Nomination Deadline is determined at each high school** . School's Nominee materials received no later than November 9, 2018\*\*\*. Nominees must submit a completed admission application no later than December 3, 2018. <https://www.davidson.edu/admission-and-financial-aid/john-belk-scholarship>

**NC State University Centennial Scholarship - College of Textiles (School Nomination required)** *Discipline:* Textiles, engineering, chemistry, business management, international studies, design, apparel, sourcing, fashion, merchandising or retail management. *Award:* Each Centennial Scholar will have access to a \$7,500 enrichment fund, bringing the value of the scholarship to \$67,500 over a four-year period. The value of this scholarship covers approx. 80% of all regular expenses necessary to attend NC State University. *Requirements:* Criteria: academic achievement throughout high school, proven and potential leadership qualities, active participation in extracurricular activities, unique experiences and a passion for the textile industry. Between September 1 and October 15, any student not nominated but feels he/she meets or exceeds the selection criteria may nominate themselves by writing or e-mailing the College of Textiles to request access to the online application. (cotscholarships@ncsu.edu) , **School Nomination Deadline is determined at each high school** Self Endorsement - October 15 Applications are due by December 1, 2018. *Contact:* Contact <https://textiles.ncsu.edu/future-students/future-undergraduate/scholarships/>

**QuestBridge National College Match** *Discipline:* General *Award:* Full four year scholarships from 38 of the nation's best colleges. *Requirements:* Seniors who have excelled academically and typically earn A's in the most challenging courses available; Come from households earning less than \$65,000 annually (for a typical family of four), with limited assets; May qualify for free or reduced lunch. You will be able to apply early to highly selective colleges for free using one application. Typical College Match Finalists - top 5-10% of class, >1310 PSAT or SAT score or > 28 ACT, often 1st generation in family to attend college, eligible for free/reduced lunch, *Deadline* Student Application - **September 27, 2018** [www.questbridge.org](http://www.questbridge.org) See a counselor for more details.

**KFC Educational Grant Program** Amount: Up to \$3,000 *Deadline:* **September 27, 2018** Description: Grant is open to KFC U.S. Resident employees who are high school seniors (or equivalent), or college undergraduate, graduate or trade/vocational school students. Applicant must have at least a 2.5 unweighted GPA. <http://programs.applylists.com/reach/>

**PostLocations.com Scholarship** Amount: \$1,000 *Deadline:* **September 30, 2018** Description: Scholarship is open to high school seniors and college students enrolled in an accredited academic institution. Applicant must submit an essay on the most interesting item they have received in the mail. <https://www.postlocations.com/scholarship/>

**Unigo- Shout It Out Scholarship (9-12)** Amount: \$1,500 *Deadline:* **September 30, 2018** Description: Scholarship is open to students 13 years of age or older who are legal residents of the 50 United States or the District of Columbia and are currently enrolled (or will enroll no later than the fall of 2024) in an accredited post-secondary institution of higher education. Applicant will need to submit a short response to a given prompt. <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/shout-it-out-scholarship>

**STEM Scholarship (9-12)** Sponsor: NextStepU Amount: \$1,500 *Deadline:* **September 30, 2018** Description: Scholarship is open to

students who are interested in pursuing a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math) major. Applicant must be 16-22 years old at the time of entry and be a registered user of NextStepU.com <https://www.nextstepu.com/stem-scholarship/>

**Appointment to a Military Academy** *Discipline:* General with military obligation following college graduation *Award:* Most expenses for college education *Requirements:* US citizen, not married, between 17 and 22 years of age, academic excellence, physical aptitude and medical fitness, extracurricular involvement, SAT/ACT scores and recommendations *Deadline:* **Early October** (Students are encouraged to begin the process in spring of Junior year) *Contact:* Congressional Representative or ROTC personnel. - **Senator Thom Tillis - Service Academy Day at Wake Tech - September 22, 2018 10:30am-1pm.** Meet representatives from each Military Academy and speak to a staff member about the nomination process. Wake Technical Community College - Southern Campus - Student Services Building L - 9101 Fayetteville Rd. Raleigh, NC 27603 - Questions call 919-856-4630

**UNC Charlotte - Levine Scholars Program (School Nomination Required)** *Discipline:* General *Award:* full tuition, 4 year value of \$105,000 for in-state students *Requirements:* Completed admissions application to UNC Charlotte; GPA of 3.8 - 4.00 (unweighted); combined SAT score 1350-1400 or 29-36 on the ACT Composite; academic excellence; commitment to community service and ethical leadership. *Deadline:* See a School Counselor to be Nominated (**Request Nomination through Counselor Referral Form**). **School Nomination Deadline is October 1, 2018.** UNCC Counselor Nomination Deadline is October 8, 2018. Admissions application must be completed by Nov. 1, 2018. Scholarship Applications completed by Nov. 8, 2018 *Contact:* <http://levinescholars.uncc.edu/>

**University of Virginia – Jefferson Scholarship (School Nomination required)** - Requirements: Successful candidates have demonstrated uncommon academic abilities, exceptional leadership talents, and an understanding of the broader community around them. Jefferson Scholarship, **School Nomination Deadline is determined at each high school** December 3, 2018 is the deadline for nominated students to complete the application process. <http://www.jeffersonscholars.org/scholarship>

**NC A&T - Cheatham-White Scholarship (School and Self Nomination)** Discipline: General Award: Full tuition, fees, housing, meals, textbooks, laptop, supplies, travel and personal expenses. Also provides four summers of fully funded enrichment and networking opportunities that may include international travel and study. Requirements: Be competitive application for admission, US Citizen or permanent resident, 4.0 weighted GPA or higher, minimum score of 1280 on the SAT or 28 on ACT, Show exceptional qualities of character and leadership, be significantly involved in extracurricular activities and demonstrate a strong commitment to service. Selected based on merit. Financial need shall not be a consideration. Deadline: , **School Nomination Deadline is determined at each high school** NCA&T Deadline to receive fully completed nominations forms from high schools and self-nomination forms. - Nov. 15, 2018. Visit: <http://www.ncat.edu/academics/honors/cheatham-white/index.html>

**NC Central - Cheatham-White Scholarship (School and Self Nomination)** Discipline: General Award: Full tuition, fees, housing, meals, textbooks, laptop, supplies, travel and personal expenses. Also provides four summers of fully funded enrichment and networking opportunities that may include international travel and study. Requirements: Be competitive application for admission, US Citizen or permanent resident, 4.0 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale, minimum score of 1280 on the SAT or 28 on ACT, Show exceptional qualities of character and leadership, be significantly involved in extracurricular activities and demonstrate a strong commitment to service. Selected based on merit. Financial need shall not be a consideration. Deadline: , **School Nomination Deadline is determined at each high school** NCCU deadline to receive fully completed nominations forms from high schools and self-nomination forms. - Nov 1, 2018. <http://www.nccu.edu/admissionsandaid/scholarshipandaid/cheatham-white-scholarship/>

**Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Award (9-12)** Amount: Up to \$10,000 Deadline: **October 1, 2018** Description: Award is open to classical instrumentalists, vocalists, and composers between the ages of 8 and 18 who have not yet entered college during the 2018-2019 academic year. This is the first deadline. Deadline II is January 7, 2019, and Deadline III is March 4, 2019. <https://www.fromthetop.org/apply/scholarship-opportunity-jack-kent-cooke-young-artist-award/>

**AES Engineers Scholarship** Award: \$500 Requirements: Must be a High School Senior and Submit an essay on one of the two topics listed on the scholarship page of their website. "When you look back on your life in 30 years, what would it take for you to consider your life successful? What relationships or accomplishments will be important on this journey? Deadline: **October 6, 2018.** Visit website for full details. <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm>

**Create Real Impact Contest (9-12)** Sponsor: Impact Teen Drivers Amount: Up to \$1,500 Deadline: **October 7, 2018** 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. Applicant must create an original work showcasing their idea for a solution or strategy to fix the very real problem of reckless and distracted driving. <https://createrealimpact.com/contestrules/>

**The United States Senate Youth Program (Juniors & Seniors)** is a scholarship program that provides an educational opportunity for juniors and seniors interested in pursuing careers in public service. Eligibility requirements and application information can be found at <http://senateyouthnc.webs.com> Deadline - **October 7, 2018** *Eligibility Requirements:* To apply for the United States Senate Youth Scholarship in the state of North Carolina, a student must be a junior or senior in high school who is currently serving in an elected or appointed capacity in student government or a related organization. Specifically, a candidate must be serving in one of the following capacities: Student body president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer; Class president, vice-president, secretary, or treasurer; Student council representative; or Student representative elected or selected/appointed (selected/appointed by a panel, commission, or board) to district, regional, or state-level civic or educational organization. Also, the student must be: A permanent resident of the United States, Currently be enrolled in a public, private, or charter school in North Carolina, and have at least one parent or guardian who is a legal resident of North Carolina.

**National Achievement Scholarship Program (Juniors)** *Discipline:* General *Award:* \$2,500, and some corporate sponsors award scholarships to those students pursuing specific careers. *Requirements:* Competition is for black Americans. Take the PSAT as a junior and request entry to the Merit Program. You request entry by marking section 14 on the PSAT Answer Sheet you will be instructed by the testing administrator to do so. *Deadline:* **October 10, 2018** Visit: [www.nationalmerit.org/nasp](http://www.nationalmerit.org/nasp)

**National Space Club - Olin E. Teague Scholarship** Amount: \$4,000 Deadline: **October 12, 2018** Description: Scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors who are U.S. citizens and plan to pursue careers in the aerospace fields. <http://www.spaceclub.org/education/olin-teague.html>

**AmericanMuscle Automotive Scholarships** Amount: \$2,000 Deadline: **October 15, 2018** Description: Scholarship is open to high school seniors and current college students who are pursuing an automotive degree or related field of study. <https://www.americanmuscle.com/scholarships.html>

**NC State General Hugh Shelton National Leadership Scholarship** *Discipline:* General and Leadership *Award:* valued at \$5,000 per year, renewable upon satisfactory academic progress and leadership involvement. *Requirements:* Leadership, evidence of personal character and integrity, community service, personal growth, physical fitness/wellness, commitment to the program; High school seniors should complete the **admissions application AND PackAssist application by October 15, 2018** Between the months of November and December, the Shelton Leadership Center Staff and Board of Advisors will select students to be invited to apply for the scholarship. Students will have two to three weeks to complete and submit the application on-line through PackAssist. The invitation to apply for the scholarship will be sent through the student's NC State email account from PackAssist. Students will be asked to complete additional short-essay questions by the end of December. **(Students may wish to apply earlier to N. C. State).** *Deadline* **October 15, 2018** <https://sheltonleadership.ncsu.edu/leadership-scholarships/about-shelton-national-leadership-scholarship/>

**Georgia Tech Stamps Presidential Scholarship** *Discipline:* General *Award:* Up to full tuition, room & board, fees *Requirements:* Undergraduate admission application must be submitted by October 15. No separate scholarship application required. *Deadline:* **October 15, 2017** *Contact:* <http://stampspgs.gatech.edu/>

**Wendy's High School Heisman Award** *Discipline:* General *Award:* One-time up to \$5,000 *Requirements:* Top male and female scholar-athlete entering their senior year who exhibit excellence in the classroom, on the field and within their communities. Any eligible student can register/apply online at [www.wendyheisman.com](http://www.wendyheisman.com). *Deadline:* Completed online applications are due by **October 17, 2018** no later than 6:00 pm Eastern. Reviewer Deadline - October 19, 2018. **Complete the application early because your reviewer may need you to change things before the deadline.** School Winners Announced online on October 31, 2018 *Contact:* See school counselor or self-nominate at [www.wendyshighschoolheisman.com](http://www.wendyshighschoolheisman.com).

**Lendedu Scholarship** Amount: \$1,000 Deadline: **October 19, 2018** Description: Scholarship is open to high school seniors and full-time college students who are U.S. citizens with at least a 2.5 GPA. Applicant must submit an essay on a given topic related to financial literacy. <https://lendedu.com/blog/scholarship-application/>

**Horatio Alger National Scholarship Program** *Discipline:* General. Must commit to pursue a bachelor's degree at an accredited institution. *Award:* \$6,000 (13 awarded) *Requirements:* To be eligible to apply for the Horatio Alger North Carolina Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria: Be enrolled full time as a high school senior in NC; be progressing normally toward graduation in spring/summer of 2019 with plans to enter a college in the US no later than the fall following graduation, exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree at an accredited non-profit public or private institution in the US (students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution), demonstrate critical financial need (\$55,000 or lower adjusted gross family income is required) be involved in co-curricular and community service activities, display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity, maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0, be a resident of the State of NC; and be

a US citizen. *Deadline: October 25, 2018* *Contact:* Visit online at <http://scholars.horatioalger.org>

**State of Sleep Scholarship** Sponsor: The Sleep Judge Amount: \$1,500 *Deadline: October 30, 2018* Description: Scholarship is open to high school (or home-schooled) seniors attending school in the United States or Canada OR current college students already studying at an accredited U.S. or Canadian post-secondary institution with at least a 3.0 GPA. Applicant must submit a video on a given topic related to sleep. <https://www.thesleepjudge.com/scholarship/>

**Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation** *Discipline:* General *Award:* (50) 4-year college \$20,000 scholarships and (200) 4-year college \$4,000 scholarships, and (400) 2-year college \$1,000 scholarships *Requirements:* GPA of 3.0; US citizen and current full-time secondary school student planning to pursue a degree at an accredited US post-secondary institution, community service, leadership, academic achievement, very competitive *Deadline: October 31, 2018 at 5:00pm* *Contact:* Apply Online at <http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/applicants/>

**George Montgomery/NRA Youth Wildlife Art Contest (9-12)** Amount: Up to \$1,000 *Deadline: October 31, 2018* Description: Contest is open to students in grades 1-12, including home-schooled students. Student must submit a piece of art on a given topic related to North American game birds or animals that may be legally hunted or trapped. <https://artcontest.nra.org/>

**National Eagle Scout Association Scholarships** Amount: Varies *Deadline: October 31, 2017* Description: Scholarships are open to high school seniors through college juniors who are Eagle Scouts. <https://nesa.academicworks.com/>

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### 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://ivcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/disability/>

#### **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>

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

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## Important Dates and Information

- Take/Retake the SAT or ACT** as soon as possible. Take them in October and at least twice so that you can use the best scores in each section to SUPER SCORE!
- Create** an activity sheet and send a copy to your School Counselor.
- Apply Early!** Many Colleges have early application deadlines on **October 15, November 1, and November 15** for early notification. Some schools require you to complete the application by the early deadline to be eligible for merit scholarships.
- Request recommendations** from teachers if necessary, giving them as much notice as possible. Also give them a copy of your activity sheet and talk to them about why you want to attend the school or are qualified for the scholarship.
- Check each College's website** for admissions and scholarship/financial aid information.
- Send your transcript electronically** through [www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org) for NC Colleges.
- College Day at Gaston College - September 24 or 25, 2018** – make sure to follow your school's guidelines on when permission slips are due. This event is for Juniors and Seniors.
- All Seniors planning to attend College should complete the FAFSA** - FAFSA becomes available on - October 1, 2018 - <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> Create a FSA ID -<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid> - Both student & Parent need an ID.
- FAFSA Day** - Financial aid administrators will be available on FAFSA Day, **Saturday, October 27 from 9-12** to walk you through the FAFSA process. This event will occur at Gaston College. If you need help completing the FAFSA you should register here - <https://www.cfnc.org/fafsaday> Visit the website and click the FAFSA button to register and to find specific location details.
- RDS - Residency Determination Service - Do this before you apply to College!**  
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!!!  
**Residency Determination began last year:** students who wish to be considered in-state residents for tuition purposes must verify their residency through the new Residency Determination Service (RDS). **We recommend that students complete the residency verification process (available at [www.NCresidency.org](http://www.NCresidency.org)) and obtain their Residency Certification Number (RCN) before applying.** This way, students can enter their RCN when filling out our application on CFNC. **This process is important because a student's residency status determines their cost of tuition and eligibility for North Carolina-supported financial aid.** Contact 844-319-3640 or 919-835-2290 for troubleshooting.
- October is Countdown to College Month** - <https://nccountdowntocollege.org/> Students are encouraged to complete RDS, FAFSA, and College Applications. **College Application Week** is the week of **Oct. 15th- 19th**. Several NC Colleges and Universities will be waiving their application fees. For a list of all the colleges where you can apply for free click [HERE](#).

### 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](#)