

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER

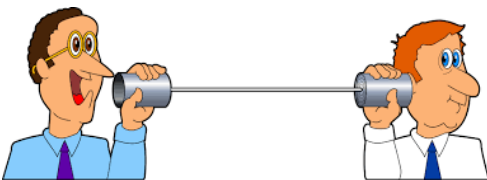
CHECKLIST:



- ACT and SAT scores are the student's responsibility to provide with their college and scholarship applications
[How to Send SAT Scores](#) [How to Send Junior year ACT Scores](#)
Please contact the SAT or ACT organizations directly if you have any trouble.
- It is recommended that you have your original (non plagiarized) essays reviewed for grammatical errors before submitting them with your application. It's highly suggested that you save your essays and modify them later for different applications.
- Always keep your passwords and login information in a reliable place because you will access them again, not having this information causes unnecessary delays.

REMINDERS: Proofread your entire application, **use black ink when completing documents OR TYPE THEM**, **use N/A instead of leaving questions blank (this means non applicable)**, **KEEP COPIES of everything**, **meet "Postmarked" deadlines when applicable (the date an item arrives and is stamped by the U.S. Postal Service).**

In the event that you have technology barriers, please work with your school counselor in order to work around your issues.



HOW ARE COUNSELORS COMMUNICATING?

Certainly not like these guys! Check in to see what is being used at your school!

- Monthly scholarship newsletters- sign up on the counseling website
- Remind Text Messages- sign up code on counseling website
- Senior email group
- Counseling Website and Instagram
- Scrolling and Audio announcements [Coming Soon: Google Classroom](#)

2018-19 Test Dates

SAT Test Dates -		
Test Date	Regular Deadline	Online Late Deadline
August	July	August
October 6	September 7	September 26
<u>November 3</u>	<u>October 5</u>	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		

ACT Test Dates -		
Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Deadline
September	August	August
<u>October 27</u>	<u>September 28</u>	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		

Student/Parent Support: 1-866-756-7346

Student/Parent Support: 1-319-337-1270

Important Information

- Take/Retake the SAT or ACT** as soon as possible- October! Take at least twice - for SUPER SCORING (ask your counselor for details).
- Create a document that lists your activities** and send a copy to your counselor and others who you will choose to write your recommendations. Give ample time for completion such as 2 weeks for a written letter or 1 week for a form.
[Brag Sheet Template](#)
[Resume Template](#)
- Apply Early!** Many Colleges have application deadlines of **mid October** and **November 1st** for early notification. Some schools require you to complete the application by the early deadline to be eligible for scholarships.
- Request recommendations** from those who know you best (teachers, counselors, community figures)
- Check each college's website** for admissions and scholarship/financial aid information.
- Send your transcript electronically** through www.cfnc.org for NC Colleges or through <https://gastonnc.scriborder.com/> out-of-state. **mailing is a "thing of the past."*
- Remember that applying for colleges and applying for scholarships are sometimes separate processes** (although in some cases scholarships are offered based on your received application to a college). This is where the newsletter becomes beneficial!
- Get prior approval before any Off Campus College visit.**
- Create a FASTWEB account** at www.fastweb.com. This is a **FREE** Scholarship search with over 1.5 million opportunities.
- Hard Copy of Unofficial Transcripts** needed to help you complete applications can be obtained from the Student Services Secretary, Mrs. Patterson.
- Playing Sports in College?** Create NCAA account <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/> NCAA Eligibility registration should have been completed by the end of junior year *if not complete immediately
- ANYTIME you receive (non loan or non grant-based) money from a college or scholarship, bring the letter/share the email with your school counselor** so a copy can be made for our records and for our county's scholarship totaling.

SPECIFIC RESOURCES

GCS OFFERS <http://scholarshipplus.com/Gaston/>

RDS - Residency Determination Service www.NCresidency.org - Do this before you apply to Colleges to get a Residency Certification # for your applications!

Everyone applying to a NC college will need to complete RDS to get in state tuition or state grants at private colleges. **RDS at 844-319-3640**



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

- Click Register for [FAFSA Day - October 27, 2018](#) look for nearest location. **FAFSA questions?** Get answers every Tuesday in October from 5-8 pm at 866-866-CFNC; **Click here** [October 16th Gaston College](#) Financial Aid Office will render FASFA assistance to those who register.

- **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/>

- **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>



BRING ALL OF YOUR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS LETTERS TO YOUR COUNSELOR EVEN IF YOU DON'T PLAN TO ATTEND THE AWARDING SCHOOL.



HERE WE GO....

Scholarships with Late October - November Deadlines

MERIT SCHOLARSHIP REMINDERS:

UNC Chapel Hill Morehead-Cain Scholarship- Deadline: Applicant's Application Deadline - October 15, 2018 **Applicants are not permitted to apply Early Decision to any University.

NC State University Park Scholarship- NCSU Application and Park Scholarship Application
Deadline: October 15, 2018

UNC Charlotte Levine Scholars Program- Admissions application must be completed by Nov. 1, 2018. Scholarship Applications completed by Nov. 8, 2018.

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 November 5, 2018 . 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>

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Military Opportunities: *Discipline:* Varies by enlistment. See visiting recruiters about options that could help pay for college.

Marine or Navy: <http://www.nrotc.navy.mil/scholarships.html>

Navy: Nuclear Propulsion Program current sign on bonus starting at \$35,000 with training that awards Associate level certificate

Army: Most jobs offer sign on bonuses based on test scores

NC National Guard: Minuteman Scholarship

Air Force: College tuition/expenses paid up to \$83,000 with a 4 year commitment but money can be accessed after 36 months of service. Good for 15 years after service.

Community College Opportunities:

Gaston College Scholarships- *Discipline:* All including minority scholarships

<https://www.gaston.edu/pay-for-college/types-of-aid/scholarships/>

CCP Students: <https://www.gaston.edu/pay-for-college/gc-promise/>

Central Piedmont Community College Scholarships- *Discipline:* All including academic and community scholarships. http://www.cpcc.edu/scholarships/financial_aid/assistance/scholarships

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

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 PaskAssist. 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, 2018** *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. *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 by October 9, 2018 for school nomination** or self-nominate at 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** *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 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**,
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** Description: Scholarships are open to high school seniors through college juniors who are Eagle Scouts. <https://nesa.academicworks.com/>

ACT Student Champion Award- *Discipline:* General: Student who is tenacious and persistent, no matter the challenge, and is prepared for life after high school with a goal in mind and plan in place. \$500 non-renewable scholarship. Apply at www.act.org/readinesschampions **Deadline: October 31**

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: October 26, 2018.** 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.** <http://www.nccu.edu/admissionsandaid/scholarshipandaid/cheatham-white-scholarship/>

Ron Brown Scholar Program *Discipline:* General. \$40,000 scholarship (\$10,000 per year). *Criteria:* Must be academically talented, highly motivated African American student who is currently a high school senior planning to pursue a full-time undergraduate degree. Students must be U.S. citizens or permanent U.S. residents. *Deadline: November 1:* Early Applicant Students who apply under this deadline must make the appropriate designation on their application or **January 9:** Final postmarked (the date the post office receives the packet)

<https://www.ronbrown.org/section/apply/rbsp-application> Submit: to address on the application

Voice of Democracy National Audio Essay (VFW) *Discipline:* General. The first-place winner, who competes with all the first-place VFW Department winners, receives a \$30,000 scholarship that is paid directly to the recipient's American University, college or vocational/technical school and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, DC. Also, national scholarships ranging from \$1,000-\$16,000. *Criteria:* Must write and record an essay of between 3-5 minutes. Essay themes are listed on the website. *Deadline: November 1.* Apply: <https://www.vfw.org/VOD/>

National Beta Scholarship Program- *Discipline:* General. 12th grade Senior Beta members, registered with the national headquarters as of November 1, 2018, are eligible to apply for a National Beta Scholarship. Apply: access the National Beta Scholarship application online opens **November 1** visit <http://www.betaclub.org/scholarship/scholarship-info> for additional requirements and dates.

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 November 5, 2018** 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>

Prudential Spirit of Community Award Community service based. Award: \$1000 and/or trip to Washington, D.C.. Be a student in grades 5-12, who has engaged in a volunteer or self-initiated community service activity performed at least partly during the last 12 months; submit completed application to school counselor. **Deadline (Students): November 6; November 16 for certifiers.** Apply: <https://spirit.prudential.com/> or call 1-888-450-9961. Address is Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, CSFA, 1505 Riverview Road, PO Box 297, St. Peter, MN 56082

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: November** . December 3, 2018 is the deadline for nominated students to complete the application process. <http://www.jeffersonscholars.org/scholarship>

Emory University (Atlanta) Scholars Programs *Discipline:* General. Partial-Full scholarships *Criteria:* Emory Merit candidate, extraordinary personal qualities, leadership, & scholastic excellence. **Deadline:** must submit all required application materials by November 15 (Early Decision I) for one of Emory's three admission decision plans Apply: <http://apply.emory.edu/apply/scholar.php>

Appalachian State University - Diversity Scholarship *Discipline:* General can pursue any major. Full in-state tuition and fees with one study-abroad stipend. *Criteria:* average weighted 4.71 high school GPA and 1242 SAT (critical reading + math combined score), demonstrate and values academic achievement, exhibit strong leadership potential, eagerly identify ways to implement positive change, demonstrates and values academic achievement, demonstrate a commitment to principles of diversity. *Apply:*

<https://scholarships.appstate.edu/apply/first-year-students>

must complete your application for admission before **November 15** and follow the [scholarship application steps](#), involves an interview in later stage of the process.

Appalachian State University Plemmons Fellows Program *Discipline:* Leadership. A four-year scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 per year. *Criteria:* A high school career that shows significant involvement in your school or community, a record of innovation and creativity within a group or community, a passion for leading and setting an example for your peers, strong academic record. Our most recent incoming class of Plemmons Leadership Scholars had an average 1265 SAT (math + critical reading) and 4.81 weighted GPA. *Apply:* <https://scholarships.appstate.edu/scholarships/freshmen/plemmons-fellows> must complete your application for admission by **November 1** and follow the [scholarship application steps](#)

Duke University & University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH) - Robertson Scholars *Discipline:* Leadership. Four-year scholarship, including undergraduate tuition, mandatory fees, room and board, plus three summers of domestic and international experiences *Criteria:* senior applying to enter Duke/UNC in the fall of 2018. Students who have applied to the Morehead-Cain Scholarship are not eligible to apply for the Robertson at UNC-Chapel Hill, but they may apply for the Robertson at Duke **Deadline: November 15** to self-nominate . *Apply:* <https://robertsonscholars.org/apply/>

Johns Hopkins University Hodson Scholarship- *Discipline:* General Merit Based up to \$31,500 renewable each year for full time undergraduate study at Johns Hopkins University *Criteria:* Academic excellence, personal achievement and demonstrated leadership regardless of financial need, must maintain a 3.0 GPA. All freshmen applicants for admissions will be considered. A separate application is not required. **Deadline: November 1** (Early Decision) *Apply:* for undergrad admissions at <https://apply.jhu.edu/application-process/application-information/>

Lynchburg College Freshmen Academic Scholarship- *Discipline:* General. Multiple scholarships awarded to full-time students based on high school academic achievement. All students accepted to Lynchburg are automatically considered. Ranges from \$10,000 to \$21,000 *Criteria:* You are automatically considered for academic scholarships once you are admitted to Lynchburg College – no separate scholarship application is required. Essay is required. *Deadline: November 15* (Early Decision) *Apply:* <https://www.lyncburg.edu/admission/undergraduate-admission/how-to-apply/freshman-application-steps/>

University of Arkansas - Academic Freshman Scholarships- *Discipline:* General. A number of academic scholarships are awarded to entering freshmen. *Criteria:* based on national test scores (ACT or SAT), grade-point average, (for merit-based) National Merit or National Achievement recognition, quality and quantity of courses taken, community service, application materials, and other pertinent factors. *Deadline: November 1* (Priority Admissions Deadline); **November 15** (Priority Scholarship Deadline); **February 1, 2018** (Final Scholarship Deadline). *Apply:* <http://scholarships.uark.edu/guide-to-academic-freshman-scholarships/index.php> Contact scholars@uark.edu or 479-575-4464 for more information.

Elk's National Foundation "Most Valuable Student" Scholarship- *Discipline:*General, must pursue a 4-year degree on a full time basis in a USA college/university. Ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$12,500 per year. **Deadline: November 15.** *Apply:* <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm>

University of South Carolina-Columbia University Scholars- *Discipline:* General. *Criteria:* On average candidates hold 1130 or higher SAT combined reading & math; 25 or higher ACT; weighted GPA 3.6 Unweighted 3.5. Visit http://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/financial_aid/scholarships/scholarships_for_nonresidents/index.php for a host of non-SC-resident scholarships. *Deadline for Scholarships: November 15* (also the date for Honors College application deadline); Regular Admission applications due by **December 1**.

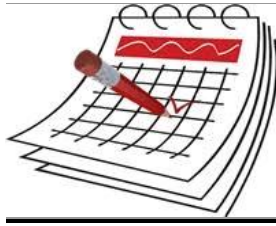
Washington University in St. Louis Danforth Scholars Program- full or partial scholarships. Visit https://admissions.wustl.edu/Financial_Aid_Scholarships/First_Year_Academic_Scholarships/Pages/Danforth-Scholars-Program.aspx for more information. If interested, you must see your school counselor by 10/31 to be nominated by **November 15; January 5** (Application Deadline).

2017 BeSkinHost.com Scholarship Program- \$1500 scholarship for an outstanding student who is interested in natural skincare topics, such as anti-aging or acne treatments. *Criteria:* High school seniors who've been accepted to a college or trade school, requires a 1,500-2,000 words essay, submit scholarship application form obtained <http://www.beskinhost.com/scholarship> along with other requirements. **Deadline: November 25.**

Sixt Scholars- *Discipline:* General \$5,000 scholarship that takes into consideration financial need and extracurricular activities. *Criteria:* Minimum 3.7 GPA and a high school senior. **Deadline: November 30.** Apply: <https://www.sixt.com/sixt-scholars/>

National Honor Society Scholarship- *Discipline* NHS members. **Application open October through December 7.** Apply: See NHS adviser

Mark your Calendars!!!



FAFSA is available for Seniors to complete - October 1, 2018 - <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
Create a FSA ID here -<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid> - Both student and Parent must have an ID.

College Application Week is 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](#). **See counselor for sign-ups!**

Early Action Deadlines- some colleges have deadlines from October 15 to November 1 !

GWU Nursing Preview Day- November 3, 2018- must register to participate <https://gardner-webb.edu/admissions-and-financial-aid/undergraduate-admissions/visit-us/nursingpreviewday>

During the month of November, State Employee Credit Union branches will be available for FAFSA assistance. Students and parents should call their local branch to set up appointments.