

Gaston County Schools Scholarship Newsletter

SAT Test Dates - School Code - 341451		
Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Deadline
March 9	February 8	February 27
May 4	April 5	April 24
June 1	May 3	May 22
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<p>Register online at www.collegeboard.org</p>		

ACT Test Dates - School Code - 341451		
Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Deadline
February 9	January 11	January 18
April 13	March 8	March 25
June 8	May 3	May 20
July 13	June 14	June 24
<p>Search for Dallas, NC (Gaston College Test Site) Register online at www.actstudent.org</p>		

Important Information

- Take/Retake the SAT or ACT as soon as possible. Take in October and at least twice - SUPER SCORE!
- Create an [Activity Sheet/Brag Sheet](#) and send a copy to your Counselor.
- Request recommendations from teachers if necessary, giving them as much notice as possible. Also give them a copy of your [Resume AND Brag Sheet](#).
- Check each College's website for admissions and scholarship/financial aid information.
- Send your transcript electronically through <https://gastonnc.scribborder.com> or www.cfnc.org for NC Colleges
- Get prior approval before any Off Campus College visit.
- Create a FASTWEB account at www.fastweb.com. This is a FREE Scholarship search just for you.
- Complete the Residency Determination Service at www.ncresidency.org
- To obtain any financial aid or scholarships from colleges and universities, you MUST complete the FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.gov> ASAP.
- Turn in all financial aid/scholarship award letters Mrs. Brooks!
- Follow these steps to register for or send your [ACT](#) scores to any college or university

Reminders:

- **ANYTIME** you receive (non-loan) money from a college or scholarship organization, bring the letter or share the email with your school counselor so a copy can be made for our records and for our county's scholarship totaling.
- Remember that many scholarship opportunities exist for Early Action or Early Decision applicants and are based on your freshman admission application. Check each college's website for admission and scholarship/financial aid information.
- Request **Hard Copies** of your *Transcripts* from the Student Services Secretary, Mr. Durham. Your counselor does not fax or email transcripts.

- Please contact SAT or ACT centers directly if you have any trouble accessing test registration or retrieving scores. You will have to create accounts for both (SAT & ACT) and have your account information handy when calling. **SAT 1-866-756-7346; ACT 1-319-337-1270** *See your counselor for information on how to obtain your 11th grade ACT score.

FREE Scholarship Search Engines

FastWeb - www.fastweb.com

Scholarships - www.scholarships.com

FastAid - www.fastaid.com

Nerd Wallet - <http://www.nerdwallet.com/nerdscholar/scholarships/>

Tuition Funding Sources (powered by Wells Fargo) - www.tuitionfundingsources.com

UNCF Scholarships for minority students: scholarships.uncf.org

Scholarship Guidance - <http://scholarshipguidance.com/>

Foundation for the Carolinas - <https://fftcsholarships.communityforce.com/Funds/Search.aspx>

Additional Scholarship Newsletter - <https://www.studentscholarships.org/newsletter.php>

Gaston County Schools Scholarships - www.gastoncountyscholarships.com

Gaston College Scholarships - <https://gaston.academicworks.com/>

Community Foundation Gaston County - <http://www.cfgaston.org/Receive/Scholarships.aspx>

Student Scholarships - www.studentscholarships.org/newsletter.php

Big Future - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

Upcoming Events:

What's New:

- **RaiseMe** <https://www.raise.me/> See how you can get paid scholarship money making an A. Inquire with the college financial aid offices to see if they participate in this scholarship program.
- Don't forget to complete your **NC Residency Determination** if you are applying to NC colleges <https://ncresidency.cfnc.org/residencyInfo/> this is how you get a **RCN** (Residency Certification Number) that many NC college applications will require. Contact 844-319-3640 or 919-835-2290 for troubleshooting.
- **Community Foundation Gaston County Scholarships** - More than two dozen scholarships that recognize achievement, respond to financial need and help to build a future generation of community leaders. The criteria, application process and annual award amounts vary.
- **FAFSA Video** - This link is a great tool that will help you and your parents understand and complete the FAFSA.

Scholarships with February Deadlines

This is not an all-inclusive list. Please check individual college websites and other scholarship search engines for more opportunities.

February 2019 (day of month TBD) - Albert G. Myers Scholarship *Discipline:* General *Award:* \$5,000 per year renewable for four years. *Requirements:* Must be a resident of Gaston County and attend a public or private high school in Gaston County. Recipients must also be US Citizens. Awards are based on financial need, purpose in life, character, qualities of leadership, participation in student and community activities, & high school scholastic achievement. *Deadline:* **February 2019** to school counselor. *Contact:* Visit www.gastoncountyscholarships.com to download application. It is recommended that applicants let their school counselor know of their intent to apply for this scholarship prior to submitting a completed application.

February 2019 (day of month TBD) - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Scholarship *Discipline:* General *Award:* \$500 *Requirements:* All Applicants Must: " Be a male or female high school senior planning to enroll in a Four-year College or University " Reside in Gaston County or a Gaston County High School and graduate by June of their senior year " Have a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale " Have applied for admission/enrollment in a Four-year College or University for the upcoming fall semester. " Have November or December SAT scores and 1st Semester Grades *Deadline:* **February 2019**
(Postmarked) *Contact:* Visit www.GastonCountyScholarships.com or see School Counselor.

February 6, 2019 - America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship *Discipline:* Students interested in Agriculture, Forestry, Landscape Design, Marine Biology, and more.... *Award:* \$1,500 *Requirements:* To qualify, a high school senior from a farm family must have an above-average academic record and plan to enroll as a full-time student in an agriculture-related academic major at an accredited school. *Deadline: Online Application Deadline: February 6, 2019* Visit <http://www.americasfarmers.com/community-outreach/grow-ag-leaders/>

February 1, 2019 - Dixie Youth Baseball Scholarship *Discipline:* General *Award:* \$2,000 *Requirements:* There are two different scholarships. One if you participated in Dixie Youth Baseball (years 12 and under) or Dixie Baseball ages 13-18, transcript, financial need, recommendations. *Deadline: February 1, 2019.* To apply visit: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.leagueathletics.com/Images/Club/22268/2019%20Youth%20Scholarship%20Application.pdf>

February 15, 2019 - NC State University - Gatling/Gatlin Scholarship *Discipline:* General *Award:* \$10,000 (in-state) \$15,000 (out-of-state) *Requirements:* Must have been born with the last name Gatling or Gatlin. Must be eligible for admission in 4-year program. Must apply for admission by Feb. 1 *Deadline:* February 1 For more information contact: **Contact Office of Financial Aid Box 7302, 2016 Harris Hall Raleigh, NC 27695** financialaid@ncsu.edu 919-515-2424

February 1, 2019- Roothbert Fund Scholarship *Discipline:* General *Award:* \$2000-\$3000
Requirements: While the Fund does not emphasize any particular form of religious practice or worship, it seeks to provide support to persons motivated by spiritual values. The Fund has awarded grants to persons entering a wide range of careers. However, preference will be given to those who can satisfy high scholastic requirements and are considering careers in education. *Deadline:* Upload application by **February 1st each year.** *Contact:* <http://www.roothbertfund.org/scholarshipsprogram.php?p=the-application-process>

February 1, 2019 - Seton Hall Clare Boothe Luce Scholarship *Discipline:* Teaching or Research *Award:* Full tuition, fees, room and board and a small stipend; renewable. *Requirements:* Incoming female freshmen who are U.S. citizens and intend to major in biology, biochemistry, chemistry, computer science, engineering, mathematics or physics (excludes pre-medical, pre-dental, pre-veterinary, PA, PT, AT, OT and nursing programs). Application form and essay must be submitted along with application for admission by scholarship deadline. In order to remain

eligible, students must maintain a minimum 3.3 GPA. *Deadline: February*

1 Contact: <http://www13.shu.edu/offices/financial-aid/clare-boothe-luce-scholarship.cfm>

February 1, 2019- St. Lawrence University Presidential Diversity Scholars Program *Discipline:* General *Award:* \$32,000 per year merit scholarship *Requirements:* Eligible students include: students of any race who have demonstrated commitment to and appreciation for racial and ethnic diversity, students of African-American, Asian-American, Hispanic American or Native American heritage on the basis of leadership and service to community. Student who are U.S. or Canadian citizens, as well as U.S. permanent residents, applying as first-year or transfer students are eligible to apply for this scholarship. In addition to the merit scholarship award, students who demonstrate additional financial need will be awarded need-based financial aid. Students may apply for the scholarship by completing an essay responding to the following: Describe how your experience will contribute to diversity at St. Lawrence University. Essays should be 200-500 words and may be submitted online or faxed to the Admissions Office at 315-229-5818. Counselors may also nominate students by completing a brief form. *Deadline: February 1st each year* *Contact:* Visit <http://www.stlawu.edu/admissions/presidential-diversity-scholarship> or contact Coordinator of Multicultural Recruitment, Office of Admissions, St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY 13617, (800) 285-1856 or visit website.

February 1, 2019 - USDA/1890 National Scholars Program *Discipline:* Agriculture, Food, and Natural resources *Award:* Varies *Requirements:* 3.0 GPA, 1000+ SAT, attend one of seventeen historically Black land-grant universities *Deadline: February 1, 2019* *Contact:* USDA/1890 Liaison Office NC A&T State University Greensboro, NC 27411 (336) 334-7709
<http://www.ars.usda.gov/sp2userfiles/subsite/careers/2009usda1890scholarsapp.pdf>

February 1, 2019 - Elizabethtown College - Endowed Scholarships *Discipline:* General *Award:* Various; some may be renewable up to four years *Requirements:* Must have taken challenging curriculum in high school, excellent academic record, demonstrated leadership. Endowed scholarships are given to students pursuing certain specific fields of study, or students with particular bio- and demographic information. *To apply: Visit* <https://www.etown.edu/admissions/financial-aid-scholarships.aspx>

February 1, 2019 - Elizabethtown College Presidential Scholarships *Discipline:* General *Award:* Up to \$20,000 renewable for four years *Requirements:* Strong candidates for this award rank in the top percentages of their high school class, have taken a very challenging curriculum, have a combined Critical Reading and Mathematics SAT score of 1300 or an ACT composite score of 29, and display leadership, citizenship and extracurricular achievement. *To apply: Visit* <https://www.etown.edu/admissions/financial-aid-scholarships.aspx>

February 1, 2019 - Elizabethtown College Provost Scholarships *Discipline:* General *Award:* Up to \$17,000 renewable for four years *Requirements:* These merit-based scholarships are offered to academically superior students. Strong candidates for this award rank in the top 10 percent of their high school class, have taken a very challenging curriculum, have a combined Critical Reading and Mathematics SAT score of 1150 or an ACT composite score of 27, and display leadership, citizenship and extracurricular achievement. *To apply: Visit* <https://www.etown.edu/admissions/financial-aid-scholarships.aspx>

February 1, 2019 - UNC-Chapel Hill Jake Wicker Scholarship *Discipline:* General *Award:* \$1,000 *Requirements:* Must be enrolling as a freshman at UNC-CH and have at least one parent who has been continuously employed full-time by a North Carolina city or county government for the past five years immediately before January 1, 2018. Must complete FAFSA by March 1, 2019. *Deadline: For information and an application form, contact Torie Davis Forte at torie_forte@unc.edu or 919.843.1619. The Wicker scholarship is awarded based on relative financial need and academic promise and is non-renewable.* <https://www.sog.unc.edu/about/news/unc-undergraduate-scholarship-offered-local-government-families>

February 1, 2019 - Jagannathan Scholarship (NCSEEA-North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority) *Discipline:* Academic & Financial Need Scholarship *Award:* Varies *Requirements:* Applicant must meet the following eligibility requirements: be a graduating senior planning to enroll as college freshmen in a full-time degree program at one of the constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina. Be a resident of North Carolina for tuition purposes. Have demonstrated academic achievement (as indicated by class rank, cumulative GPA, and SAT scores), leadership, and financial need. To apply: <https://www.cfnc.org/Gateway?command=GetBasedProgramDetail¬e=no&type=7&vocType=10&vocational=no&id=47>

February 1, 2019 - Agnes Scott Merit Scholarships *Discipline:* Various scholarships available *Award:* \$1,000 to full tuition *Requirements:* Academic achievement, community service, evidence of leadership, extracurricular involvement, and state residence *Deadline:* **February 1, 2019** 1. *Contact:* Agnes Scott College 141 East College Avenue Decatur, GA 30030; phone (800)868-8602 ext. 6285 or visit website: <http://www.agnesscott.edu/admission/financial-aid/agnes-scott-scholarships.html#hopkins>

February 1, 2019 - Virginia Military Institute Scholarship *Discipline:* General *Award:* From \$5,000 up to full tuition and fees. *Requirements:* 1300+ SAT or 29+ ACT; 3.7 or higher GPA; top 10% of class; application to university by scholarship deadline, resume and two essays. *Deadline:* received by **February 1, 2019** *Contact:* School Counselor or Virginia Military Institute 309 Letcher Avenue Lexington, VA 24450 (800) 767-4207 or (540) 464-7211 <http://www.vmi.edu/academics/scholarships/>

February 1, 2019 - NC State University College of Education Scholarships *Discipline:* Education *Award:* Varies *Requirements:* Varies *only* students who are currently enrolled in or have been admitted to the College of Education will be eligible for scholarship consideration. Students interested in need-based scholarships must also complete the FAFSA. Scholarship recipients will be selected from among those who are most competitive and best meet the eligibility criterion as outlined by each scholarship. To determine your eligibility for any of the scholarships offered, please take time to carefully read the description and requirements of each scholarship listed on the website: <https://ced.ncsu.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-scholarships-and-financial-aid/>

February 4, 2019 - Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship *Discipline:* General *Award:* Unspecified *Requirements:* Applicants must be NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS enrolled in a public high school in their senior year. Criteria for selection include character, community involvement and scholastic achievement. *Deadline:* **February 4, 2019** (POSTMARKED) *Contact:* <http://www.ncae.org/wp-content/uploads/MLKscholarship1516.pdf>

February 8, 2019 - State Employees; Credit Union People Helping People Scholarship (Scholarship Committee Nomination Required) - Must be a member of State Employees Credit Union or eligible for membership through a parent or guardian (NCSECU will verify); Must file a FAFSA as part of the application; Other eligibility requirements: Must be a US citizen and resident of North Carolina; Must have a 2.5 or better UNWEIGHTED Grade Point Average; Must attend one of the 16 UNC system public universities; Must have demonstrated leadership, excellence of character, integrity and community involvement. **Deadline to school counselor by February 8, 2019. To apply visit:** www.gastoncountyscholarships.com

February 8, 2019 - American Meteorological Society *Discipline:* Science *Award:* \$5,000 renewable for 2 years *Requirements:* Student planning to study atmospheric science. Transcripts, test scores, letter of recommendation required. Visit online: <https://www.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/information-for/students/ams-scholarships-and-fellowships/ams-freshman-undergraduate-scholarship/>

February 13, 2019 - Matthew Graziadei Achievement Award *Discipline:* General *Award:* \$1,500 *Requirements:* Award given to an outstanding senior with a disability. ALL students, including students enrolled in the Future Ready Course of Study, students enrolled in the Occupation Course of Study and students who will be receiving a Graduate Certificate, are eligible for nomination. *Deadline:* **February 13, 2019** (Received by) *Contact:* Visit <https://www.ecac-parentcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/The-2019-Matthew-C.-Graziadei-Achievement-Scholarship-Award-English.pdf> to download application. Please see school counselor for more information.

February 13, 2019 - Davidson Fellows - Davidson Institute *Discipline:* General *Award:* \$10,000 - \$50,000 *Requirements:* Open to young people under age 18 with outstanding achievement(s) who can demonstrate the development of their talents in science, technology, mathematics, music, literature, or philosophy with a significant piece of work. *Deadline:* **February 13, 2019** *Contact:* Visit website <http://www.davidsongifted.org/fellows/>

February 14, 2019 - N.C. Division of Veterans Affairs - Scholarships for Children of disabled, deceased, combat or POW/MIA war veterans *Discipline:* General; Must attend one of the universities, community colleges, or technical institutes within the state of NC *Award:* Free tuition, certain fees and a reasonable room and board allowance in NC-owned institutions, and \$1,500 to \$4,500 per academic year in private institutions. *Requirements:* Open to children of disabled, deceased, combat, or POW/MIA war veterans. Veteran parent must have been a resident of NC when he/she entered military service or child must be a lifelong resident of NC. *To apply:* <https://www.milvets.nc.gov/services/scholarships>

February 15, 2019 - National Co-Op Scholarship Program *Discipline:* General *Award:* \$6,000 (renewable) *Requirements:* Students must: Have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale; and complete all the required admissions applications material and be accepted for admission at one of the National Commission Partner Institutions, which are: Clarkson University, Drexel University, Merrimack College, Rochester Institute of Technology, State University of New York Oswego, University of Toledo, University of Cincinnati, University of Massachusetts Lowell & Wentworth Institute of Technology. *Deadline:* Postmarked by **February 15, 2019** * Please note deadline exceptions for Clarkson University, Drexel University, Merrimack College, SUNY Oswego and University of Massachusetts Lowell *Contact:* Visit www.co-op.edu for more information. For General Questions, please contact: Marty Ford at marty_ford@uml.edu

February 15, 2019 - Gaston County Police Department- James W Buie Scholarship *Discipline:* criminal justice *Award:* total value \$74,000 and employment in Gaston County Police Department. *Requirements:* HS senior, Preference to residents of Gaston County and underrepresented populations; GPA of at least 3.00 (unweighted); criminal justice major at Belmont Abbey; community involvement, clear criminal history *Deadline:* **February 15** to school counselor *Contact:* School Counselor

February 15, 2019 - NC State University Chancellor's Leadership Scholarship *Discipline:* Leadership and financial need *Award:* \$5,000 per year. Must be an incoming freshman with demonstrated leadership potential, academic achievement, personal talent, unique work/service experience and an understanding of and an appreciation for diversity, demonstrated financial need. Minimum cumulative GPA 3.0. <https://ncsu.academicworks.com/opportunities?utf8=%E2%9C%93&term=chancellor%27s+leadership&commit=Search>

February 15, 2019 - Scholarships for Military Children *Discipline:* General *Award:* min. \$1,500 *Requirements:* Available to the unmarried children (under age 23) of active duty, Reserve/Guard, retired and deceased military personnel. You must be enrolled or plan to enroll full time in an undergraduate program leading to a bachelor's degree at an accredited college or university to be eligible for this award. Additionally, you must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Students attending a community or junior college must be enrolled in a program of studies designed to allow the student to transfer directly into a four-year program. Additional Information: Applicants must ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are currently enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current ID card. Please visit the sponsor's website for additional information. *Deadline:* Received at a commissary by close of business day, **February 15, 2019**. Please note that this is not a postmark deadline date. There will be no exceptions made to this deadline date. *To apply:* <http://www.militaryscholar.org/sfmc/index.html>

February 16, 2019 - Erskine College - Roy M. Smith Scholarship *Discipline:* Mathematics *Award:* Up to \$15,000 *Requirements:* Must be in the top 20% of high school class, minimum SAT of 1300. Must major in Mathematics. *Deadline:* February 16 *Contact:* Visit online: <https://www.collegexpress.com/scholarships/roy-m-smith-mathematics-scholarship/2004514/>

February 28, 2019 - Gertrude Clinton Health Career Scholarship *Discipline:* Health Career *Award:* Varies *Requirements:* Admissions letter stating acceptance in the health career program NOT general admission to college, letter of financial need, three reference letters *Deadline:* March 1 *Contact:* Julie Young, Volunteer Services Coordinator for the Gaston Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; 704-834-2256; <http://www.caromonthhealth.org/about-us/scholarships/>

February 28, 2019 - (postmarked by this date) **Charlotte Metro Area Relocation Council Scholarship** *Discipline:* General *Award:* \$1,000 *Requirements:* Must be a senior in good standing in a greater Charlotte area high school; must have relocated to the Charlotte area between grades 9-12; relocated more than 50 miles & changed schools due to family's relocation; must have a cumulative GPA 3.0 to 4.0 GPA scale. To apply, visit: www.GastonCountyScholarships.com or see school counselor for questions or copy of application.