

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
-----	-----	-----
Register online at www.collegeboard.org		

ACT Test Dates - School Code - 341451		
Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Deadline
April 13	March 8	March 25
June 8	May 3	May 20
July 13	June 14	June 24
July 13	June 14	June 24

Important Information

- 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.
- 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://fftc-scholarships.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/>

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 March Deadlines

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

Deadlines before March 1

Dr. Grover W. White Scholarship *Discipline:* Medical *Award:* \$1,500 renewable *Requirements:* Must be seeking an advanced degree in a medical related field; i.e. MSN, or Nurse Practitioner, MD, DDS, PA, PT, must already hold a bachelor's degree or higher and must be seeking an advanced degree in a medical related field; i.e. MSN, or Nurse Practitioner, MD, DDS, PA, PT, must already hold a bachelor's degree or higher with a 3.50 GPA minimum, and must be attending or have been accepted at an appropriate school for the chosen field at the time of application. Must be a resident of Gaston, Cleveland or Lincoln County, North Carolina or York County, South Carolina who will attend an educational institution in North or South Carolina. **Deadline: Feb 28, 2019** *Contact:* <http://www.cfgaston.org/grantseekers/scholarships.aspx>

Girl Scouts Sylvia L. Holmes Scholarship *Discipline:* General *Award:* \$500.00 (Renewal not automatic but previous year's winner shall be eligible to reapply). *Requirements:* Female high school senior and resident of Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, Polk, and Rutherford counties. Young woman does not have to be a Girl Scout to apply, but participation in the Pioneer Council will be looked upon with favor. Attendance at a N.C. college or university will also be looked upon with favor. **Deadline: Feb 28, 2019**
Contact: <http://www.cfgaston.org/Receive/Scholarships.aspx#60966-the-sylvia-l-holmes-scholarship>

March 1 Scholarship Deadlines

2019 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 1, 2019**
Visit: <https://fftcships.com/communityforce.com>

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, 2019** *Visit:* <https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding-and-awards/scholarships/acsscholars/apply.html>

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 1, 2019** *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, 2019** *Visit:* www.cfnc.org/FELS

Gaston Alumnae 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: March 1, 2019** (Postmarked) If selected, interviews will be scheduled the week of March 25, 2019 *Contact:* *Visit* www.GastonCountyScholarships.com

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, 2019** *Visit:* <http://www.lifehappens.org/life-lessons-scholarship-program/>

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 1, 2019** *Visit:* www.mcsf.org

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 1, 2019** Visit: <https://www.blumenthalarts.org/www.blumenthalarts.org/blumenthal-enrichment/community-outreach/scholarships/mary-doctor-scholarship>

National Press Club Scholarship for Journalism Diversity *Discipline:* Journalism *Award:* \$2,000 one-year scholarship, which can be renewed for up to three years at \$2,500 per year. The first-year scholarship includes an additional \$500 book stipend, the Ellen Masin Persina Scholarship. *Requirements:* Open to high school seniors who are preparing to enter college and intend to become a journalist and who will bring diversity to U.S. journalism. **Deadline: March 1, 2019** Visit: <http://www.press.org/about/scholarships/diversity>

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, 2019** Contact: <http://www.nspe.org/Students/Scholarships/blitman.html>

NC Bowling Scholarship - USBC Association, Inc. *Discipline:* General Bowling *Award:* \$1,500 *Requirements:* Any senior student in a NC high school prior to the age of 22 (as of February 28); must be a current member of the NCS USBCA and bowling in a certified USBC North Carolina league; files a completed application with the Association Manager of the NCS USBCA; the applicant must have an unimpaired amateur standing in bowling; and must have a GPA at the school with expectations of admissions to a recognized institution. **Deadline: March 1, 2019** Contact: Mail completed applications, transcript, and letters of recommendation to Mr. Tom McBride, Association Manager, NCS/USBCA, Inc., 2701 Hampton Meadows Lane, Cramerton, NC 28032-1450. For questions, call 704-824-7795. Visit: <https://www.ncbowls.com/forms>

UNC-Chapel Hill Aid & Scholarships *Discipline:* General *Award:* Carolina Scholars, Pogue, Colonel Robinson, Old Well and Founders, College Fellows and National Merit awards vary from \$2,500 - \$8,500. *Requirements:* Top of the class, high standardized test scores, leadership, community service; Financial need is not a consideration. **Deadline: Apply for aid by March 1, 2019.** Visit: <https://admissions.unc.edu/afford/scholarships/>

UNC-Pembroke Academic Scholarships *Discipline:* General *Award:* *Requirements:* Depends on GPA, Class Rank, & test scores **Deadline: March 1, 2019** Visit: <https://www.uncp.edu/admissions/costs-and-financial-aid/scholarships>

UNC-Wilmington Scholarships *Discipline:* Academic *Award:* Varies *Requirements:* The UNCW scholarship process includes a number of awarding entities throughout the university, to include the Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid, Academic Departments, the Alumni Association and others. **Deadline: March 1, 2019** Contact: <https://uncw.edu/finaid/scholarships.html>

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: March 1, 2019** Contact: Visit website: <http://walmartstores.com/communitygiving/8736.aspx>

UNC Light on a Hill Scholarship (Minority) - Two (2) \$2,000 LOTH Julius Peppers scholarships (renewable up to three years) Eight (8) one-time \$2,500 LOTH scholarships Deadline : March 3 Visit : [Link](#)

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 7, 2019** Visit: <https://www.qbhem.org/loans-and-scholarships/scholarships>

Kettering University *Discipline:* General *Award:* Varies. Merit Scholarships are awarded to students based on academic performance. Academic performance indicators used to assess Merit Awards include a combination of ACT and / or SAT scores, plus GPA. All accepted applicants are reviewed by the scholarship review committee. Kettering uses the cumulative GPA to determine eligibility, as well as the highest scores on the ACT or SAT. Also, if your grades or ACT/SAT scores improve, Kettering reevaluates and adjusts your scholarship accordingly. **Deadline: March 8, 2019** Visit: <https://www.kettering.edu/undergraduate-admissions/financial-aid/scholarships>

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 14, 2019** (To School Counselor)
Contact: Visit For questions, see School Counselor.

Alpha Eta Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority Scholarship *Discipline:* Education *Award:* \$500
Requirements: Female student in a Gaston County School; top 20% class rank, 1150+ SAT OR 20+ ACT composite, attend a NC 2 or 4 year university, education major; community service and extracurricular involvement considered
Deadline: March 15, 2019 *Contact:* gastoncountyscholarships.com

Drum-Wilkinson Educational Foundation, Inc. Scholarship *Discipline:* General; *Award:* varies each year; minimum \$250 *Requirements:* US citizen, excellence of character, a conscientious effort in academics, a concern for others, and an effort on your part to positively expand your knowledge, experiences and abilities. **Deadline: March 15, 2019** postmarked to this address: Drum-Wilkinson Educational Foundation, Inc. Scholarship 2419 Bud Arndt Road, Maiden NC 28650 *Contact:* Betty Griffin at 828-478-2254; leave a message and she will return your call.
<https://www.gaston.k12.nc.us/Page/4814>

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: March 15, 2019** *Contact:* Visit website <http://www.afsa.org/essaycontest>

SAE Engineering Scholarship Program - Society of Automotive Engineers *Discipline:* Engineering or related Science *Award:* \$400-\$10,000 *Requirements:* Intention to earn degree in engineering or a related science; U.S. citizen; meet minimum GPA, SAT or ACT scores as outlined in the individual requirements of each scholarship. **Deadline:** March 15, 2019 *Contact:* <https://www.sae.org/participate/scholarships>

William Peace University Scholarships *Discipline:* General *Award:* Up to \$17,000 per year *Requirements:* Varies **Deadline:** March 15 *Contact:* <https://www.peace.edu/admissions-aid/costs-scholarships-financial-aid/scholarships-and-awards/>

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. Monday, March 18** Visit for application: bit.ly/bestbrightest19 or <https://www.gaston.k12.nc.us/Page/4814> for more information.

Nicholas A. Virgilio Memorial Haiku Competition (912) Sponsor: Haiku Society of America Amount: \$50 **Deadline:** March 21, 2019 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-yrs *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 21, 2019. To apply: <http://www.cfgaston.org/Receive/Scholarships.aspx#60968-clyde--dezaree-brackett-family-scholarship>

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, 2019** *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.

Create Real Impact Contest (912) Sponsor: Impact Teen Drivers Amount: Up to \$1,500 **Deadline:** March 27, 2019 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/>

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 28th, 2019 Visit:

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:** March 29th, 2019. Visit: <https://www.gaston.k12.nc.us/Page/4814>

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 29, 2019 *Contact:* <https://www.energyunited.com/community/community-youth-programs/scholarships/>

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.

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/>