



GCPS Foundation Scholarship Catalog Spring 2023

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Note to students: Please read the criteria for each scholarship carefully. Pay close attention to the unique requirements of each (such as essay topic) and whether the **GCPS Foundation Scholarship Application** can be used. Many of scholarships listed in this catalog can be submitted using the **GCPS Foundation Scholarship Application**.

The GCPS Foundation Scholarship Application can be found at <https://gcps-foundation.org/scholarships>

For scholarships using the GCPS Foundation Scholarship Application, the deadline is **Monday, December 5, 2022, 5:00 p.m.** for students.

The deadline for faculty to submit letters of recommendation is **Monday, December 12, 2022, 5:00 p.m.**

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- **African American Boys Sowers Scholarship** (Open to African American Boys participants only)

This \$2,500 scholarship is a one-time award to a GCPS high school graduating male senior who plans to enroll full time to continue his education at a Historically Black College or University (HBCU).

Deadline: March 31, 2023

Requirements:

- Minimum GPA on a 4.0 scale is 2.75
- Provide two letters of recommendation (non-family member)
- Submit a 750 word essay to describe yourself, your college plans, and how you are going to make a difference in your community.

[Application](#)

- **NEW! Akilah Bateman Band Scholarship** (open to Meadowcreek HS graduating seniors only)

A one-time award of \$300 sponsored by the family and friends in memory of Akilah Bateman to a graduating senior of Meadowcreek High School who has demonstrated proficiency in music with plans to enroll full-time in an undergraduate course of study in the field of music.

Requirements:

- Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Submit a letter of recommendation by a music teacher or administrator
- Have plans to enroll in an accredited college, university, or music school the fall following graduation
- Submit a one-page essay on how music makes a difference our everyday lives

* Contact the counseling office at Meadowcreek for application and details.

Deadline: January 30, 2023

- **Alton C. Crews Educator Scholarship** (open to applicants districtwide)

A one-time award of \$1,000 sponsored by the GCPS Foundation will be presented to a graduating senior who has met the following requirements. One or more recipient may be named.

Requirements:

- Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Exhibit good character and leadership skills
- Submit a letter of recommendation from a faculty member
- Submit a two-page essay describing interest in the teaching profession [Application](#)

- **Area 2 Gwinnett County Council of PTA Scholarship** (open to applicants who attend Area 2 School: Peachtree Ridge, Lanier, North Gwinnett, Paul Duke STEM, Collins Hill, Duluth, GSMST, Mountain View, Norcross)

A one-time award of \$750 solely funded through the local PTA council membership and council contributions. Area 2 is proud to present this scholarship to one deserving high school senior attending each of the Area 2

high schools listed above (a total of 8 scholarships awarded) and has successfully met or exceeded the State of Georgia graduation requirements, with plans to continue their education by attending an accredited two or four-year college or university, vocational/trade school, or pursue other post-graduate education/training.

Requirements:

- Applicant must be a graduating senior of an Area 2 high school with a PTA/PTSA
- The PTA must be in good standing (ie. Paid dues, approved bylaws on file)
- The applicant and at least 1 adult from their household must be a PTSA member
- Applicant is planning to attend an accredited two or four-year college or university, vocational/trade school, or pursue other post-graduate education/training.
- Applicant has a satisfactory scholastic record acknowledge by an administrator, counselor, or teacher. [Application](#)

Deadline: Applications must be postmarked by Saturday, March 10, 2023.

- **Atlanta Gladiators Aim High Scholarship (open to applicants districtwide)**

A one-time award of \$1,000 will be presented to a GCPS graduating senior(s) with interest in a career in sports medicine, sports management, event planning, or related field. Applicants must have plans to enroll in an accredited college or university for fall 2022. One or more recipient may be named.

* A scholarship recognition event is tentatively planned (barring Covid schedule changes) for the final home game of the Atlanta Gladiators at Gas South Arena. Recipients will be provided with additional details.

Requirements:

- Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Submit a letter of recommendation from a faculty member
- Submit a one-page essay describing interest in a career in sports medicine, sports management, event planning, or related field [Application](#)

Deadline: January 31, 2023

- **Beauty P. Baldwin Scholarship (open to students of African American descent)**

Upsilon Alpha Omega, the Gwinnett Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., was chartered in Gwinnett County on January 29, 1994. One of the first challenges taken on by the chapter was to establish a scholarship for young women in Gwinnett County. The scholarship was named in honor of one of our chartering members, Mrs. Beauty P. Baldwin. Thus far, we have awarded numerous scholarships totaling thousands of dollars to college-bound high school seniors.

Upsilon Alpha Omega is offering a scholarship to African American high school seniors to further their educational opportunities. It is the chapter's goal to promote post-secondary education endeavors. The scholarship will be awarded to students who meet the following scholarship qualifications:

Requirements:

- Must be a Gwinnett County Public School senior
- Of African American descent (male or female)
- Must already be accepted to an accredited four-year college or university
- Must possess leadership potential and discernible good character

- Must demonstrate superior scholastic achievement (minimum 3.0 GPA)

*The Scholarship process will open in January 2023 with additional directions provided at that time.
[Application](#)

Deadline: March 1, 2023

- **Beth Rihm Global Language Scholarship** (open to Brookwood HS students only)

This scholarship is a one-time award of up to \$1,000 that will be awarded to a GCPS senior who has demonstrated a proficiency in a spoken foreign language and is seeking to deepen fluency through cultural immersion or extracurricular study.

One or more recipient may be named.

This scholarship was reestablished in 2015 by Rachel B. Mehravari, a Brookwood HS alumna and former Beth Rihm memorial scholarship recipient. Ms. Mehravari credits a Rihm scholarship with helping her achieve her goal of becoming a member of the Foreign Service in the Diplomatic Service of the United States of America.

Requirements:

- Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Submit a letter of recommendation from a foreign language faculty member
- Submit a one-page essay describing an interest in foreign languages. [Application](#)

- **Brenden and Alex Elbaz Scholarship** (open to applicants districtwide)

The Brenden and Alex Elbaz Memorial Scholarship was initially established through the Gwinnett County Public Schools Foundation and was exclusive to a Lanier High School Student where his mother Joy Crowe was a teacher.

In 2011 Brenden Elbaz, at the age of 23, tragically died of a drug overdose. Nine years later, in 2020, Alex Elbaz at the age of 27, lost his life to Fentanyl Poisoning. Brothers Brenden and Alex were 5 years apart and very close. Both college students at the time. Brenden was a political science major at University of North Ga., formerly known as Gainesville State University, and Alex was a month from graduating Georgia Gwinnett College with a degree in accounting, which was received posthumously.

Brenden and Alex were loved immensely by their family, friends and all those that knew them. They both encountered personal challenges which they battled to overcome, and each will be remembered in that spirit.

Scholarship Criteria:

- Acceptance to any accredited post- secondary institution
- Write a one-page essay explaining how you faced adversity in your life and exhibited strength in the face of personal challenges. Your essay must include how you were able to overcome the hardship and how it changed you; please share your dreams and aspirations as well

[Application](#)

Deadline: March 15, 2023

- **Brothers Making Moves LLC Scholarship** (open to Lanier HS students only)

This scholarship is a one-time award up to \$1000 to a senior at Lanier High School who is the first in his/her family to attend college. Applicants must have a 2.5 GPA and have applied to a two or four-year program at an accredited technical school, college, or university. Application can be requested through the counseling office at Lanier High School. **Deadline: March 15, 2023**

- **Celeste Norton Wilbanks Memorial Scholarship** (open to applicants districtwide)

Established in 2021 in honor of Celeste Norton Wilbanks, wife of former CEO/Superintendent J. Alvin Wilbanks, a one-time \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded by sponsor Peach State Federal Credit Union. In addition, the Gwinnett County Public School Foundation will award a one-time Celeste Norton Wilbanks Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500. No additional application is needed to be considered for both. Applicants will be considered for both, but rules exclude both scholarships going to one winner.

In recognition of Mrs. Wilbanks legacy as a faithful community servant and dedicated friend, applicants must be a college-bound senior who has demonstrated compassion, citizenship, and strong moral character in his/her local school or community.

Requirements:

- Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Submit a typed essay describing (1) what motivated the applicant to become a positive influence and, (2) what effect the applicants' positive example had on his/her local school or community
- Provide a letter of recommendation from a school administrator, counselor or community leader
- Provide a short summary of community volunteer or school leader [Application](#)

- **Courtney S. Blair Women in Business Scholarship** (Open to female Shiloh HS students only)

A one-time award of \$1000 to a female senior at Shiloh High School who is in the top 10% of her class who is interested in pursuing a career in Business or Entrepreneurship.

Requirements:

- Proof of class rank (1st semester senior transcript)
- A two-page double-spaced, typed essay expressing your desire to continue your education in pursuit of a career in Business or Entrepreneurship.
 - Describe experiences you have had which influence your decision regarding a future career in Business or Entrepreneurship.

Complete the scholarship online: <http://bit.ly/CourtneyGCPS>

- **Courtney S. Blair Student Leadership Scholarship** (Open to seniors district-wide)

A one-time award of \$1000 to a senior who is in the top 5% of his or her class and a member of the Gwinnett Student Leadership Team.

Requirements:

- Proof of class rank (1st semester senior transcript)
- A two-page double-spaced, typed essay expressing
 - Reflecting over your high school years, share an experience in which you exercised significant leadership in your school and describe the result of your efforts.

Complete the scholarship online: <http://bit.ly/CourtneyGCPS>

- **Courtney S. Blair Outstanding Excellence in Athletics and Academics Scholarship** (Open to seniors district-wide)

A one-time award of \$2000 to a senior who is in the top 1% of his or her class who letters in two or more varsity sports.

Requirements:

- Proof of class rank (1st semester senior transcript)
- Proof of each varsity letter, signed by the coach.

Complete the scholarship online: <http://bit.ly/CourtneyGCPS>

- **Dolciani Law Enforcement Explorer Scholarship** (open to Explorer Program participants only)
Sponsored by the **Mary P. Dolciani Halloran Foundation**

A one-time award of \$2,500 will be presented to GCPS graduating seniors who are members of the Suwanee Police Department Explorers Program. Application can be picked up fall 2021 through the Explorer program.

- **NEW! Dr. Robert (Bob) Clarke Memorial Scholarship** (open to applicants districtwide)

A one-time award of \$1,000 in honor of Dr. Bob Clarke, a school psychologist at Gwinnett County Public Schools will be presented to a GCPS high school graduating senior with plans to enroll full-time in a course of study in school psychology, social work, or a STEM healthcare field. Association.

Requirements:

- Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0. scale
- Provide a letter of recommendation from a faculty member or community leader
- Submit a one-page essay describing interest in a career in school psychology, social work, or a STEM healthcare field. [Application](#)

- **Dr. Janice L. Calkins Speech Language Pathology Scholarship** (open to applicants districtwide)

An award of \$1,000 will be presented to **one or more** graduating seniors from GCPS seeking to pursue a bachelor's degree in speech language pathology. Upon completion of their bachelors and

acceptance into a Master of Science program in speech language pathology, award recipients with an interest in public education may apply for an additional \$1,000 match. The Master of Science program must be at a college or university accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Requirements:

- Applicants must submit an essay sharing why you desire a career in the field of speech-language pathology.
- High School applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA out of 4.0 scale, have a minimum 20 hours (or more) of observation of a practicing Speech Language Pathologist in any setting
- Submit a copy of your first-semester transcript, SAT and/or ACT scores
- Submit two letters of recommendation (one of which preferably from practicing SLP), other from a teacher, counselor, or administrator,
- Have plans to enroll in an accredited college or university for fall 2022.

Mail all documents to Dr. Janice L. Calkins, HS Scholarship Committee Chair, 6920 Flagstone Way, Flowery Branch, GA 30542 **Deadline: December 6**

- **Dr. Linda Williams Educational Scholarship** (open to Grayson HS, Maxwell HS, and Meadowcreek HS)

This scholarship of \$500 is awarded annually to the student who best exemplifies a dedication to pursuing a degree in teaching and to the principles and high professional standards of Dr. Linda Williams to honor her legacy of excellence in education.

Contact the Grayson High School counseling office for details. **Deadline: January 6, 2023**

- **Dr. Tarece Johnson Scholarship for the Arts** (open to District 5 students only)

A one-time award of \$1000 presented to a college bound GCPS senior from District 5. One or more recipients may be named. Emphasis will be placed on participation in the arts (painting, graphic design, illustration, sculpture, literature, film, music, dance, theater, and/or fashion) and volunteer work demonstrating a commitment to making a difference in the community. **This scholarship is open to District 5 students only.** If preferred, instead of writing an essay, applicants have the option to answer the questions in a 3 - 5 min. video format and demonstrate their art via video or photo images. **Deadline: March 31, 2023**

Application. Send all materials to BOEDistrict5@gmail.com **Documents to include with application:**

- Applicant must be on track to graduate (no GPA/SAT/ACT requirement) include a copy of 1st-semester transcript
- Financial need
- Must major in the arts: painting, graphic design, illustration, sculpture, literature, film, music, dance, theater, and/or fashion

- Submit a two-page, double-spaced, typed essay describing how art has improved your life and what you want to do with your art in the future or answer the questions in a 3 - 5 min. video format and demonstrate their art via video or photo images
 - Provide a letter of recommendation from a faculty member
- Have plans to enroll in an accredited college or university for the fall of the spring graduation.

- **GCPS Foundation Mathematics Scholarship** (open to applicants districtwide)

A one-time award of \$1,500 will be presented to a GCPS graduating senior with plans to enroll full-time in an undergraduate course of study in science, technology, engineering, or math. One or more recipient may be named.

Requirements:

- Applicant must have a minimum 2.7 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Submit a letter of recommendation from a faculty member
- Submit a one-page essay describing interest in a STEM related career. [Application](#)

- **GCPS Foundation Multicultural Scholarship** (open to applicants districtwide)

Established in 2015 and sponsored by the Gwinnett Multicultural Advisory Committee, this Scholarship is a one-time award of \$1,000 presented to a college bound GCPS senior of Hispanic, African American, Asian/Pacific Islander or other minority origin. One or more recipient may be named. Emphasis will be placed on leadership roles, community service or volunteer work demonstrating a commitment to the community.

Requirements:

- Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on 4.0 scale
- Submit a two page, double-spaced, typed essay describing community involvement and the impact from their work
- Provide a letter of recommendation from a faculty member
- Have plans to enroll in an accredited college or university for fall 2022. [Application](#)

- **GCPS Foundation STEM Scholarship** (open to applicants districtwide)

A one-time award of \$1,500 will be presented to a GCPS graduating senior with plans to enroll full-time in an undergraduate course of study in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics. One or more recipient may be named.

Requirements:

- Applicant must have a minimum 2.7 GPA on a 4.0. scale
- Submit a letter of recommendation from a faculty member
- Submit a one-page essay describing an interest in a STEM-related career [Application](#)

- **GCPS Foundation Science, Engineering, and Innovation Scholarship and Grant**

Begun in 1978, the **Gwinnett Regional Science, Engineering and Innovation Fair** is the gateway

event for science, technology, engineering, or mathematics projects (STEM) seeking to advance to state/national competition and the goal of competing against the world's best at the **International Science and Engineering Fair**.

The Gwinnett Regional Science, Engineering, and Innovation Fair hosts' students from middle and high schools representing all Gwinnett County Public School (GCPS) clusters, as well as GCPS special entity schools and participating non-GCPS private or public schools that operate in Gwinnett County. Among the special entity schools competing each year is the **Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science and Technology**, a school consistently ranked as among the top ten best STEM high schools in the nation by U.S. News and World Report.

- **GCPS Foundation Science, Engineering, and Innovation Grant** (open to science fair participants districtwide)

A one-time award of \$500 may be presented to a GCPS junior (or team) demonstrating exceptional creativity and problem solving at the regional level. The grant is intended to reimburse for registration, travel, shipping, and/or STEM project creation expenses related to competition at any level. **No application necessary.**

- **GCPS Foundation Science, Engineering, and Innovation Scholarship** (Open to science fair participants districtwide)

A \$1,000 will be presented in recognition of outstanding performance at the regional level to a one-time to a GCPS senior with plans to enroll full-time at the post-secondary level in a course of study in science, technology, engineering, or math. One or more recipients may be named. **No application necessary.**

- **Georgia United Credit Union Foundation Young Leaders Scholarship** (open to female applicants districtwide)

A one-time award of \$2,000 will be presented to a graduating female that has distinguished herself as a community volunteer, entrepreneur, or school leader with results that make the community a better place for all. One or more recipient may be named.

Requirements:

- Applicant should have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Submit a letter of recommendation from a school administrator or community leader
- Submit a short essay describing work as a community volunteer, entrepreneur, or school leader.

The scholarship is sponsored by Georgia United Credit Union Foundation and administered by the Gwinnett County Public Schools Foundation.

*A short reception will be held at Georgia United Credit Union in spring 2023. Recipients will be notified of details. [Application](#)

- **Geri Flanary Memorial Scholarship** (open to Duluth HS applicants only)

Annually, a one-time award of \$1,000 will be presented to a GCPS Duluth HS graduating senior with plans to enroll full-time in an undergraduate course of study at an accredited college, university, technical, or trade school. Geri Flanary was the heart and soul of the school and was dedicated to caring for students in need. Because she was dedicated to helping those in true financial need succeed educationally, the ideal candidate will demonstrate financial need and will plan on serving the community to help the greater good.

Requirements:

- Applicants must demonstrate financial need through being a free and reduced lunch recipient, 3.0 GPA
- Submit a letter of recommendation by a faculty member with whom the student works with during their senior year
- Submit a 600-word essay describing a challenge that the student has overcome, the plans the student has for his/her educational future, and how that future will impact the greater good and society. [Application](#)

- **GIVE Center Scholarship** (open to those who have attended the GIVE Center and are graduating seniors only)

This scholarship is a one-time award of \$500 given to one current or former GIVE Center student who plans to attend a trade, technical, or collegiate institution. Applications will be accepted from August 2, 2021, to March 1, 2022. [Application](#)

Contact [Mr. Alex Robson](#) for details and instructions.

Deadline: March 1, 2023

- **GIVE Center West “I DARE YOU” Scholarship** (open to GIVE West HS seniors only)

This scholarship will be given annually to one who plans to attend a trade, technical, or collegiate institution. A one-time award of \$500 made payable to the institution will be presented to a graduating senior who has a minimum 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale and who has positively improved their school-record while enrolled at GIVE West. The ideal candidate is one who has become a role model and leader at GIVE West. [Application](#)

Contact [Mr. Alex Robson](#) for details and instructions.

Deadline: March 1, 2023

- **GSMST Outstanding Senior STEM Scholarship** (open to GSMST HS seniors only)
Sponsored by the GCPS Foundation

This **one-time** award of \$1,500 will recognize exemplary performance by a GSMST graduating senior. One or more recipient may be named. Recipients will have taken classes beyond the required curriculum while at GSMST and participated in STEM-related activities at school and in the

community (clubs, teams, tutoring, etc.). Contact the GSMST Counseling Department for more information.

Requirements:

- Applicants will apply online through the GPCS Foundation website
- Submit an essay detailing the following: "How has your GSMST experience influenced your future college and/or career goals? What STEM activities, courses, and/or clubs had the greatest effect on your career development?"

- **Gwinnett County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Scholarship** (open to all Black/African American high school seniors who attend school in Gwinnett County *(excluding high schools in Centerville, Snellville, and Loganville)*)

Applicants who are the children of members of the Gwinnett County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. are not eligible for this scholarship.

Requirements:

A complete online application that consists of the following:

- A typed essay on a selected topic (*refer to Essay tab*)
- An electronic copy of your high school transcript (*refer to Education tab*)
- Three (3) electronically submitted letters of recommendation (*refer to Recommendations tab*)

All items must be submitted electronically by **Tuesday, January 31, 2023**.

All completed applications will be reviewed and scored by the Scholarship Committee of the Gwinnett County Alumnae Chapter. The top-scoring applicants will be granted an interview in March 2023, to determine the scholarship recipients. All scholarship recipients will be notified no later than April 7, 2023. [Application](#)

- **Gwinnett County Retired Educators Assoc. Student Teaching Scholarship** (open to applicants districtwide)

The purpose of this \$1,500 scholarship award is to honor high school seniors from the Gwinnett County Public School system and/or those from City of Buford HS who are planning to enter teaching as a career. Academic ability and financial need will be reviewed, but the overriding criteria will be the applicant's sincere intention of becoming a teacher. [Application](#) **Deadline: March 7, 2023**

- **Hope McKenzie Scholarship** (open to Grayson HS applicants only)

A one-time award of \$1,000 will be presented to a student excelling in the arts at Grayson High School. The McKenzie family will present the award in honor of Hope McKenzie at Grayson HS Honors Night each year. Contact the Grayson High School counseling office for details.

Deadline: January 9, 2023

- **J. Alvin Wilbanks Educator Scholarship** (open to applicants districtwide)

A one-time \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior from GCPS with plans to enter the teaching profession.

Requirements:

- Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Exhibit good character and leadership skills
- Provide a letter of recommendation from a school administrator or counselor
- Submit a two-page essay describing a desire to enter the teaching profession [Application](#)

• **J. Floyd and Eunice Brannan Scholarships CURRENTLY CLOSED**
(Open to applicants districtwide – 2027-2028)

A **renewable** award of \$1,000 will be presented to three or more GCPS graduating seniors. At least one recipient per award year must be from Central Gwinnett High School. In addition, minority applicants with financial need will be given special consideration in the selection process. The J. Floyd and Eunice Brannan Scholarship is renewable for up to four consecutive years (subject to satisfactory postsecondary progress).

Requirements:

- Applicants should possess a minimum 2.5 high school GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Demonstrate plans to pursue postsecondary study at a four-year college or university
- Provide a letter of recommendation from **two** core-subject area teachers
- Submit a two-page essay describing significant participation in community service.

*It is the responsibility of every Brannan Scholarship recipient, seeking additional disbursements for consecutive years in college, to contact the GCPS Foundation office each spring and provide verification of continued college enrollment and minimum 2.0 college GPA on 4.0 scale. [Application](#)

• **Jason Appling Technical Education Service Scholarship (open to Collins Hill only)** Sponsored by the Collins Hill Cluster Foundation.

Mr. Appling was an avid supporter of technical programs that allowed students to begin careers without a traditional 4-year college degree. In honor of his commitment to service and to students desiring a career in a technical field, we are offering the Jason Appling Technical Education Service Scholarship. The scholarship is a one-time scholarship for \$2,000.

Applications are available through the CHHS Counseling office.

• **Jim Maran STEM Scholarship (open to applicants districtwide)**

A one-time award of \$1,000 will be presented to a GCPS graduating senior in honor of James J. Maran, Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce past president. One or more recipient may be named.

Requirements:

- Applicant must have a minimum 2.7 GPA on a 4.0 scale

- Plans to enroll full-time in an undergraduate course of study in science, technology, engineering, or math
- Submit a letter of recommendation from a faculty member
- Submit a one-page essay describing interest in a STEM related career. [Application](#)

- **Jody Reeves Career & Technology Education Scholarship**

The Career and Technical Education Student of the Year is a competition held every year. Each GCPS high school has their own requirements for choosing its respective school's CTE Student of the Year. See the CTE Department Chair at your school for more information on how to apply.

- **NEW! Joel Alan Rutledge Memorial Scholarship** (open to South Gwinnett HS students only)

A one-time \$1,000 scholarship given annually was established in 2022 in honor of Joel Alan Rutledge, a graduate of South Gwinnett High School in 1967. Joel was a football and basketball player throughout his high school career and continued to film the football games for 48 years and basketball games for 25 years. Joel loved South Gwinnett High School and bled BLUE! Go Comets!

Requirements:

Applicant must have a minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4-pt. scale, a recommendation letter by a faculty member, and has applied to a 2-year college, technical college, or a 4-year college or university. Additionally, the student must be an active football or basketball player during the year of the scholarship award.

Contact the counseling department at South Gwinnett High School for more information and scholarship application.

- **Joseph Abraham Memorial Scholarship** (open to applicants districtwide)

This is awarded in memory of Joe Abraham, who passed away at the young age of 19 due to fentanyl poisoning. The award will provide a one-time \$1,000 scholarship to one or more recipient with plans to attend a two- or four-year college, university, or accredited technical school.

Eligible recipients can include high school seniors who have had issues with substance abuse and have turned their life around. Recipients can also be seniors who are currently in foster care due to a parent's substance abuse issues, or students who have been adversely affected by their parent's drug abuse issues.

Requirements:

- Submit a written essay on one of the following topics:
 - Personal issues with substance abuse and how a path to success has been found.
 - Personal experience in foster care because of family substance abuse issues and how a personal path to success has been found.
 - Personal experience with a parent or sibling's drug abuse issues and how a personal path to success has been found.
- Submit two letters of recommendation. [Application](#)

- **NEW! Joyce Ann Waters Memorial Scholarship** (open to applicants districtwide)

A one-time award of \$1,000 will be awarded to two graduating seniors from GCPS with plans to enter the teaching profession.

Requirements:

- Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Exhibit good character and leadership skills
- Provide a letter of recommendation from a school administrator, counselor or teacher
- Submit a two-page essay describing a desire to enter the teaching profession [Application](#)

- **Judy Patterson Legacy Memorial Scholarship** (open to Archer HS applicants only)

A one-time award of \$1,000 in honor of community volunteer **Judy Barrow Patterson** will be presented to an Archer High School senior who has demonstrated service to others, leadership ability, good character, and has met the requirements for spring 2022 graduation.

*Attendance at the Archer High School Awards Night in spring 2023 is requested to receive this scholarship. [Application](#)

- **The Kerensa Wing Principals of Service Scholarship** (open to CHHS seniors only)

A one-time award of \$1,000 for a senior wanting to give back to the community by going to a post-secondary school in a service field (teacher, police, firefighter, etc.).

Requirements:

- Submit a written essay describing your career goals and documented volunteer hours must be attached
- Applicant must have a minimum 2.7 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Complete 100 volunteer hours

*The completed application must be returned to the Collins Hill HS Counseling Office by email, mail, or interoffice, on or before the deadline of 2:00 pm, December 6. [Application](#)

- **Louise Radloff Scholarship** (open to applicants districtwide)

A one-time \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior from GCPS who has overcome a significant challenge to become a high school graduate. There is no minimum GPA requirement for this scholarship, and funds can be applied to any form of postsecondary training or study that leads to future employment.

Requirements:

- Applicants should demonstrate good character and involvement in community or school activities
- Provide a letter of recommendation from a school administrator or teacher
- Submit a two-page essay describing their path to graduation success. [Application](#)

- **Mark A. Herndon STEM Scholarship** (open to applicants districtwide)

A one-time award of \$1,000 will be presented to a GCPS high school graduating senior with plans to enroll full-time in a course of study in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.

Requirements:

- Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Provide a letter of recommendation from a faculty member or community leader
- Submit a one-page essay describing interest in a career in technology, mathematics, or science. [Application](#)

- **Maxxis Awards - Valedictorian & Salutatorian Scholarships**

Begun in 2003, corporate partner Maxxis continues its longstanding practice of awarding scholarships to outstanding local students from Gwinnett, with \$500 prizes going to the valedictorian and salutatorian of each high school in Gwinnett County Public Schools. High schools. No application necessary.

<http://www.maxxis.com/news/corporate/maxxis-awards-scholarships-to-local-students>

- **Peach State Federal Credit Union Dr. Frances Davis Student Scholarship**

This \$3,000 scholarship is in honor of Dr. Frances Davis, a former Associate Superintendent of District Performance and Community Engagement at Gwinnett County Public Schools, for more than two decades of service on Peach State FCU's Board of Directors. Awarded to one Gwinnett County Public School graduating senior pursuing a degree in education.

Peach State FCU Scholarships opens December 1 – deadline February 25. [Application](#)

- **Peach State Federal Credit Union Alton C. Crews Educator Scholarship** (open to applicants districtwide)

A one-time award of \$5,000 scholarship sponsored by Peach State Federal Credit Union will be presented to a graduating senior who has met the following requirements. One or more recipient may be named.

Requirements:

- Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Exhibit good character and leadership skills
- Submit a letter of recommendation from a faculty member
- Submit a two-page essay describing interest in the teaching profession [Application](#)

- **J. Alvin Wilbanks Educator Scholarship** (open to applicants districtwide)

A one-time \$5,000 scholarship, sponsored by Peach State Federal Credit Union, will be awarded to a graduating senior from GCPS with plans to enter the teaching profession.

Requirements:

- Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0. scale
- Exhibit good character and leadership skills
- Provide a letter of recommendation from a school administrator, counselor or faculty member
- Submit a two-page essay describing a desire to enter the teaching profession [Application](#)

- **Peach State Federal Credit Union Legacy Student Scholarship**

This \$5,000 scholarship honors the legacy of past and present board members and employees who have served Peach State Federal Credit Union for 20 years or more. It is awarded to (5) five graduating high school seniors who will be attending college to pursue a degree in any field. Applicants must attend a public school that is in Peach State's service area or a private school that is one of our Select Employee Groups. [View a list of Select Employee Groups.](#)

Peach State FCU Scholarships opens December 1 – deadline February 25. [Application](#)

- **Peach State Federal Credit Union Rick Cost Student Scholarship**

This \$3,000 scholarship is in honor of Rick Cost, retired Chief Financial Officer at Gwinnett County Public Schools, for his contributions to the Gwinnett County school system. Awarded to one Gwinnett County Public School graduating senior pursuing a degree in education.

Peach State FCU Scholarships opens December 1 – deadline February 25. [Application](#)

- **Reid Mullins Scholarship** (open to students who attended Snellville Middle School & South Gwinnett HS)

This scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000, was established in memory of Gwinnett's first middle school principal, Mr. Reid Mullins who served with distinction at Snellville Middle School. One or more seniors from South Gwinnett High School will be awarded.

South Gwinnett High teachers make nominations in March each year.

- **The Deloris and Reid Mullins Scholarship** (open to Archer HS applicants only)

This is a one-time award of \$1,000 awarded to one or more deserving graduating senior(s) in honor of Deloris and Reid Mullins, former GCPS educators and long-time residents of the Archer cluster.

Archer High teachers make nominations in March each year.

- **Rev. In Soo Jung Scholarship I** (open to applicants districtwide)

A one-time award of \$1,000 will be presented to GCPS graduating senior with plans to enroll full-time in an undergraduate course of study at an accredited college or university. One or more recipient may be named. *Priority will be given to Asian Christian Males.

Requirements:

- Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4-pt. scale
- Exhibit good character and leadership skills
- Submit a letter of recommendations by a faculty member
- Submit a letter from your church pastor
- Submit a one-page essay describing how your faith plays a part in your goals. [Application](#)

• **Rev. In Soo Jung Scholarship II** (open to applicants districtwide)

A one-time award of \$1,000 will be presented to a GCPS graduating senior with plans to enroll full-time in an undergraduate course of study at an accredited college or university. *Priority to be given to applicants with financial need, of the Christian faith, who were raised by a single mom.

Requirements:

- Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4:0 scale
- Exhibit good character and leadership skills
- Submit a letter of recommendation from attending church pastor
- Submit a one-page essay describing how your faith plays a part in your goals. [Application](#)

• **Rick Case Automotive Group Scholarship** (open to Maxwell Automotive Students)

Student(s) must be employed at any of the five Atlanta based Rick Case Automotive Dealerships to be considered. Established in 2015 and sponsored by Automotive Group Rick Case, this scholarship is a one-time award of \$2,000 to be presented to one or more GCPS high school graduating senior. The award can be used for the purchase of mechanic tools and/or tuition expense while obtaining an Automotive Service Technology certificate or diploma through any technical college that is accredited by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation, Inc./Automotive Service Excellence (ASE-NATEF) for fall 2023. Student(s) must be actively employed at a Rick Case Dealership while enrolled in college. If tool option is used, student must be employed for at least one year after high school at one of the Rick Case Automotive Dealerships.

Requirements:

- Submit an essay to instructor Max Chavez, Maxwell Automotive Program, describing interest and experience in the automotive technology field.

Deadline: February 28, 2023

• **Robert L. Campbell Memorial Scholarship** (open to Phoenix HS applicants only)

This is a one-time award of \$1,000 in honor of Robert L. Campbell. The faculty of Phoenix High School will select the winner. One or more recipients may be named. Contact the Phoenix High School counseling office for details. Application and information are posted on the Phoenix HS website.

Deadline: April 15, 2023

• **Susan D. Headley Scholarship** (open to Archer HS applicants only)

A one-time award of \$500 to a student who exhibits good character, a love of learning, a desire to further his/her education, and is eligible for postsecondary education. [Application](#)

- **Sweetwater Scholarship** (open to Berkmar HS applicants only)

The purpose of the Sweetwater Middle School Scholarship is to raise college awareness at Sweetwater MS, affect the graduation rate at Berkmar High School, increase the vertical work between our schools, rally community support, and assist deserving students with financial need. A \$500 scholarship will be given to a senior who attended Sweetwater Middle School and Berkmar High School and plans to attend college in the fall. One or more recipient may be named. Contact the Berkmar High School counseling office or the Sweetwater Middle School office for details. Application available November 1, 2021. **Deadline: March 1, 2023**

- **Teaching as a Profession Scholarship** (open to applicants districtwide)

Four \$500 scholarships will be awarded to seniors enrolled in the **Early Childhood Education Program** or the **Teaching as a Profession Program** with plans to pursue a teaching degree in college. There will be one overall winner that will receive a \$1,000 scholarship award. Teaching as a Profession Scholarships are sponsored by the GCPS Foundation and Georgia United Credit Union. [Application](#)

- **The Sowers Scholarship** (Community-Based Mentoring participants only)

This \$2,000 scholarship is awarded to participants in the Community-Based Mentoring Program who have distinguished themselves through their character, leadership, as an example for others, and will attend a Historically Black College or University (HBCU)

Deadline: April 1, 2023

- **United Ebony Society of Gwinnett Robbie Susan Moore** (open to applicants districtwide)

A one-time award of \$1,000 for one or more college-bound GCPS seniors who are planning to attend a 2-year or 4-year college/university. Selection is based on participation in a leadership role in community service activities or volunteer work, as well as a commitment to making a difference in their community.

Requirements:

- A GPA minimum 2.7, with plans to enroll in the fall 2022 as a full-time student in either an accredited 2-year or 4-year institution
 - Submit a 300-word essay on a designated topic
 - Submit a letter of recommendation from volunteer experience and school/faculty member
- Application

Deadline: March 5, 2023

**Scholarship recipients are recognized during the April Board of Education meeting. Recipients will be notified of details.*

- **Upsilon Alpha Omega, the Gwinnett Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc**
(Open to applicants of African American ethnicity districtwide)

This scholarship is offered to a graduating senior (male or female) with plans to further their education at a Historically Black College or University (HBCU).

Requirements:

- Must already be accepted to an accredited HBCU four-year college or university
- Must possess leadership potential and discernible good character
- Must demonstrate superior scholastic achievement (minimum 3.0 GPA)

There will be an interview process for those selected. **Opens January 2023.** [Application](#)