



GCPS Foundation Scholarship Catalog Spring 2026

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Note to Students:

There are multiple scholarship applications included in this catalog. While each scholarship may have unique requirements—such as specific essay topics or eligibility criteria—many of them ask similar questions.

To save time and be well-prepared, we strongly suggest having the following information ready before you begin applying:

- A **letter of recommendation**
- Your cumulative **GPA**
- Your **SAT or ACT score**
- A list of your **honors and awards**
- A list of your **extracurricular and volunteer activities**

Please be sure to **carefully read the criteria for each scholarship.**

*Note: *All scholarship checks will be made payable to the institution of where the GCPS graduated student will be attending.*

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- **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.

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

- **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](#)

- **Beauty P. Baldwin Scholarship** (open to applicants district-wide)

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 high school seniors to further their educational opportunities. The scholarship focuses on marginalized or disadvantaged communities (male or female). 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 2025 with additional directions provided at that time.

Deadline: February 1

[Application](#)

- **Beyond the Spectrum Scholarship** (open to applicants districtwide)

The women of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated Sigma Omicron Zeta Chapter of Gwinnett County invite **eligible seniors to apply for our Beyond the Spectrum Scholarship.**

The Beyond the Spectrum Scholarship provides support for deserving students who are bound for postsecondary education, are high school senior, **and who is currently diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder.** We are offering two \$500 scholarships.

Interested applicants must submit a completed scholarship application, as well as any required documents, by **January 16, 2026.** If any student needs assistance in applying, we are more than happy to help!

Please visit our website at www.sigmaomicronzeta.org/scholarship to view the information and download the scholarship application. Application materials should be emailed to sozscholarship@gmail.com. Official transcripts should be mailed to Sigma Omicron Zeta, PO Box 1114, Snellville, GA 30078.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have by emailing sozscholarship@gmail.com.

- **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. **Deadline: March 15**

Application

- **Captain Hugh N. Mulzac Scholarship** (open to students of all backgrounds and academic levels district-wide who have a strong commitment to the maritime industry and a desire to serve their country through pursuing a career in the merchant marines)

The Capt. Hugh N. Mulzac Scholarship is merit-based and will provide financial assistance to students who are currently enrolled or planning to enroll in a U.S. Merchant Marine Academy or a U.S. Maritime college. It is open to students of all backgrounds and academic levels who have a strong commitment to the maritime industry and a desire to serve their country through the Merchant Marines. The scholarship amount is **\$1,000**, and can be used to cover tuition fees, textbooks, and other educational expenses.

Requirements:

- You must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0.
- You must exhibit good character and leadership skills.
- You must be a minority student (including but not limited to African American, Hispanic/Latinx, Native American, or Asian American).
- You must be currently enrolled or attended Gwinnett County Public Schools.
- You must be currently enrolled or planning to enroll in the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy or a U.S. Maritime college.
- You must provide a letter of reference from a faculty member.
- You must submit a two-page letter explaining why you are passionate about serving their country through the Merchant Marines and how you plan to use your education to make a positive impact in your community or country.

To apply for this scholarship, please submit your essay along with your academic transcripts, and letter of reference to unitedebonysocietyinc@gmail.com by **March 5, 2026**.

- **Clara Barton Aspiring Nurse Scholarship** (Open Districtwide)

This annual one-time award of **\$500 - \$1,000** scholarship was established by Shelli-Ann McKenzie. As a Registered Nurse, Dacula resident, community leader, and Founder of Help for Healthcare Professionals (HHCP), a local nonprofit, she felt impressed to support local youth in pursuing a career in nursing.

In an effort to further motivate and incentivize high school students, the Clara Barton Aspiring Nurse Award & Scholarship will be presented annually. HHCP will recognize two outstanding High School seniors who have been accepted into a 2-year or 4-year nursing program. *One graduating student from each Dacula and Mountain View High Schools will be selected annually.

Application Link: <https://4h9jp.share.hsforms.com/2i7QC3oR6RjuVQWBZ3X873g>

Application Window: March 1st-April 1st

- **Community-Based Mentoring Program Scholarship** (Open to seniors who participated in the CBM Program only)

This scholarship is a one-time award of \$1,000 and will be presented to a GCPS high school graduating senior who participated in the program and plans to enroll at a four-year, two year, or technical college. All scholarship winners will be recognized at the End of Year Celebration Recognition in May.

Due March 27, 2026

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 applicants 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 applicants 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>

- **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.

- **Dr. Robert (Bob) Clarke Memorial Scholarship** ***application forthcoming*** (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.

- **Dr. Tarece Johnson-Morgan Scholarship for the Arts** ***application forthcoming*** (open to applicants districtwide)

A one-time award of **\$1000** presented to a college bound GCPS senior districtwide. 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, poetry, photography and/or fashion) and volunteer work demonstrating a commitment to making a difference in the community.

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If preferred, instead of writing an essay, applicants have the option to submit a 3-minute video describing how art has improved your life and what you want to do with your art in the future.

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 one-page typed essay describing how art has improved your life and what you want to do with your art in the future or submit a 3-minute video describing how art has improved your life and what you want to do with your art in the future
- Have plans to enroll in an accredited college or university for the fall of the spring graduation.

*Scholarship award will be given out in-person in August of every year at the African/Black American Culture and Arts Festival Event.

- **Edupoint CTAE Scholarship***application forthcoming* (open to applicants districtwide)

The Edupoint CTAE Scholarship is a one-time award of **\$1,000** will be presented to two GCPS graduating seniors with plans to pursue a technical field of study at an accredited technical school (e.g., [TCSG](#)).

GCPS was provided with the Partner for Life award from Edupoint Educational Systems our student information system provider. As part of the award, GCPS was provided with money to support student scholarships.

Scholarship Criteria: Applicants must be GCPS graduating seniors with plans to pursue a technical field of study at an accredited technical school (e.g., [TCSG](#)).

Scholarship Sponsor: **Strategy, Performance, and Accountability: Data Governance**

Sponsor contact phone number: Dr. Durrence, 678-301-7500 or email debbie.durrence@gcpsk12.org

All scholarship checks will be made payable to the institution of where the GCPS graduated student will be attending.

- **Fletcher Fund Scholarship**

[Click here](#) for more information, contact cmoorer@fletcherfund.com, call 251-591-6135 or visit <https://fletcherfund.com/>

- **GCPS Foundation 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 **\$2,500** scholarship will be awarded 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

Deadline: January 23, 2026

[Application](#)

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

A one-time **\$5,000** 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

Deadline: January 23, 2026

[Application](#)

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

A one-time **\$5,000** 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.

Deadline: January 23, 2026

[Application](#)

- **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.

Deadline: January 23, 2026

[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 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 2026.

Deadline: January 23, 2026

[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

Deadline: January 23, 2026

[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. **No application necessary.**

- **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 Army National Guard GMC State Service Scholarship** (open to applicants districtwide)

There are **85 slots per year for current serving and prior service National Guard/Reserves** soldier. Soldiers admitted through the Soldiers Admissions Program receive a fully funded four-year education valued at **\$450,000**. These are very competitive and to be eligible the applicant must be a National Guard Soldier in good status. The West Point Admissions Committee determines admission for program.

Requirements:

- Be a U.S. citizen at the time of enrollment
- Be at least 17, but not older than 23 years of age on July 1 of the year entering USMA (or not older than 22 on July 1 of the year entering USMAPS)
- Be medically qualified by the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board
- Be a high school graduate or have a GED
- Be of high moral character and never have been convicted of a felony
- Submit official scores on the standardized ACT exam or the SAT with writing test
- Be nominated by Army National Guard unit commander
- Have completed Basic Combat Training prior to admission; completion of Advanced Individual Training (AIT) is not a prerequisite

[Application](#)

- **Georgia Army National Guard GMC State Service Scholarship** (open to applicants districtwide)

The State of Georgia offers 42 scholarships per year to GMC for awarding to Georgia high school seniors who attend GMC and agree to **serve two years in the Army upon graduation**. The State Service Scholarship pays for your room, meals, tuition, books, uniforms, fees and is worth **\$53,000+**

Requirements:

- Must be a Georgia resident
- Enlist into the GAARNG
- Cumulative 2.5 GPA
- Combined SAT score of 800
- Composite ACT score of 177
- Earned no more than 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours of post-secondary hours with a minimum 2.5 GPA

[More information](#)

• **Georgia Army National Guard Minuteman Scholarship** (open to applicants districtwide)

The Minuteman Scholarships are two-to-four-year scholarships. Offers either full tuition and mandatory fees or a room and board flat rate of **\$12,000** per year, covering up to 4-years (8 semesters) of benefits, as well as a \$1,200 per yearbook stipend. You will also receive monthly National Guard drill pay, GI Bill, training pay, and Army ROTC contract pay. The amount of scholarship awarded each year vary. **Deadline: December 1**

Requirements:

- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Enlist into the GAARNG
- Between ages of 17–30
- High School/College GPA of 2.5
- Must receive a Nomination Letter
- Must have taken one of the following to qualify: SAT, ACT, or PSAT

[Application](#)

• **Georgia Army National Guard Service Cancelable Loan** (open to applicants districtwide)

Georgia National Guard (GNG) Service Cancelable Loan Program provides financial assistance to eligible members of the Georgia National Guard to be used towards the cost of tuition for undergraduate and graduate programs at an eligible postsecondary institution. The student must agree to **serve in the Georgia National Guard for a period of two years** to complete service repayment. The purpose of the program is to encourage qualified individuals to join the GNG and retain skilled citizens within the state. A student is eligible to receive the GNG SCL for a maximum of 120 semester or 180 quarter paid hours.

Deadline: December 1

Requirements:

- **Must be a U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen for 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of the term of funding**
- Be an active member in good standing with the Georgia National Guard
- Be enrolled at least half-time in a certificate, diploma, baccalaureate, graduate, or first professional degree program

[Application](#)

- **Georgia Army National Guard Simultaneous Membership Program (open to applicants districtwide)**

The Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) allows students to serve in the Georgia Army National Guard and participate as a member of their college's ROTC program. The SMP offers on-the-job training, reinforces the role of the Commissioned Officer in the Army, and gives ROTC Cadets the experience of working with soldiers and noncommissioned officers. Non-Scholarship SMP Cadets have the option to compete for Active duty upon graduation.

Deadline: December 1

Requirements:

- Cumulative 2.5 GPA
- Enlist into the GAARNG
- Receive up to 100% tuition

[Application](#)

- **Georgia Army National Guard UNG Georgia Military Service Scholarship (open to applicants districtwide)**

The State of Georgia offers 42 scholarships per year to UNG for awarding to Georgia high school seniors who attend the University of North Georgia and **agree to commission as officers in the Georgia Army National Guard after graduating** with a bachelor's degree. The GMS pays for your room, meals, tuition, books, uniforms, and fees is worth **\$106,000+** over four years.

Requirements:

- Must be a Georgia resident
- Enlist into the GAARNG
- Cumulative 3.0 GPA
- Meet all regular freshman admission standards

[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.

Deadline: February 1.

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

The I Dare You Scholarship is a one-time \$500 scholarship that will be awarded to a current GIVE West graduating senior who has positively improved their school-record through empathy, equity, and excellence while enrolled at GIVE Center West. The ideal candidate is one who has become a leader at GIVE West through motivating others. 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.

This is a non GCPS Foundation managed scholarship. Contact [Nancy Nusbaum](#) for details and instructions.

- **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*)

Deadline: All items must be submitted electronically by February 1, 2026.

Application: <https://form.jotform.com/252587245631158>

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

2025, to determine the scholarship recipients. All scholarship recipients will be notified no later than April 12.

- **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. **Deadline: March 7**

[Application](#)

- **Heidi Facultad Mulzac Scholarship** (open to Grayson HS seniors only)

The Mrs. Heidi Facultad Mulzac Scholarship is a merit-based scholarship for graduating seniors enrolled in Gwinnett County Public Schools. The scholarship will provide financial assistance to students who plan to enter the teaching profession. It is open to students of all backgrounds and academic levels who have a strong commitment to the field of education. The scholarship amount is **\$1,000**, and can be used to cover tuition fees, textbooks, and other educational expenses.

Requirements:

- You must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0.
- You must exhibit good character and leadership skills.
- You must be a minority student (including but not limited to African American, Hispanic/Latinx, Native American, or Asian American).
- You must be currently enrolled or planning to enroll in an accredited teaching college or a university with a teaching program.
- You must provide a letter of reference from a faculty member.
- You must submit a two-page letter explaining why you are passionate about pursuing a teaching degree and how you plan to use your education to make a positive impact in your community.

To apply for this scholarship, please submit your essay along with your academic transcripts, and letter of reference to unitedebonysocietyinc@gmail.com by **March 31, 2026**.

- **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, 2026**

- **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.

- **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 in 2017 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 senior who is in recovery from a substance abuse disorder or any high school senior who has been adversely impacted by a family member that suffers from substance use disorder.

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 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

- **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 2024 graduation.

*Attendance at the Archer High School Awards Night in spring 2024 is requested to receive this scholarship.

Deadline: January 20, 2026

Application: <https://archerhs.gcpsk12.org/our-school/community-school/cluster-foundation/scholarship-applications>

- **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 5.**

[Application](#)

- **Lieutenant Colonel John Ira Mulzac Scholarship** (open to minority students)

The Lieutenant Colonel John Ira Mulzac Scholarship is merit-based and will provide financial assistance to students who are currently enrolled or planning to enroll in the U.S. Air Force Academy or an Air Force university. It is open to students of all backgrounds and academic levels who have a strong commitment to the military and a desire to serve their country through the Air Force. The scholarship amount is **\$1,000**, and can be used to cover tuition fees, textbooks, and other educational expenses.

Requirements:

- You must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0.
- You must exhibit good character and leadership skills.
- You must be a minority student (including but not limited to African American, Hispanic/Latinx, Native American, or Asian American).
- You must be currently enrolled or attended Gwinnett County Public Schools.
- You must be currently enrolled or planning to enroll in the U.S. Air Force Academy or an Air Force university.
- You must provide a letter of reference from a faculty member.
- You must submit a two-page letter explaining why you are passionate about serving their country through the air force and how you plan to use your education to make a positive impact in your community or country.

To apply for this scholarship, please submit your essay along with your academic transcripts, and letter of reference to unitedebonysocietyinc@gmail.com by **March 6, 2026.**

- **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>

- **Murphy Family Academic Athletic Scholarship** ***application forthcoming*** (Open to Peachtree Ridge HS graduates only)

Established this year by the Sean and Cindy Murphy family for Peachtree Ridge HS graduates. This one-time **\$1,000** scholarship will be awarded to a deserving graduating senior who has a cumulative 2.7 GPA at end of 1st semester Senior year, **has participated in at least 2 years of sports during high school and NOT getting any scholarship to play sports in college.**

Requirements: (*maximum 300-word answer per question*)

- How have athletics shaped your personal growth and development?
- If you could change one aspect of your high school experience, what would it be and why do you believe this change would have made a difference?
- A list of sports, activities, and community service that you participated in during high school - include years involved and any positions held.
- A letter of recommendation from a faculty member at your school which includes position.

Note: Checklist of documents REQUIRED to ACCOMPANY the scholarship application form.

- **Peach State Federal Credit Union Student Scholarships** (open to applicants districtwide)

Peach State's Scholarship Program was established more than 20 years ago as a way to honor the Gwinnett County Public School educators who founded our credit union. The scholarship opportunities will be open for application on December 1, 2025, through February 27, 2026.

Applications should be submitted online and can be found here along with eligibility criteria: <https://www.peachstatefcu.org/scholarships>.

For questions, please email scholarshipcommittee@peachstatefcu.org.

Application deadline is **February 27, 2026**.

- **Pearls of Excellence Scholarship**- provides **support for deserving young ladies** that are bound for postsecondary education, a high school senior from the Gwinnett County area, who exemplifies the

founding principles of the Sorority: Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood, and Finer Womanhood. We are offering five **\$1,000** scholarships.

Interested applicants must submit a completed scholarship application, as well as any required documents, by **January 16**.

If any student needs assistance in applying, we are more than happy to help!

Please visit our website at <https://www.sigmaomicronzeta.org/scholarship-requirements> to view the information and download the scholarship application. Application materials should be emailed to msozscholarship@gmail.com. Official transcripts should be mailed to Sigma Omicron Zeta, PO Box 1114, Snellville, GA 30078.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have by emailing sozscholarship@gmail.com. Deadline **January 16**.

- **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.

- **Sigma Omicron Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc - Pearls of Excellence Scholarship** (open to applicants districtwide)

The women of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated Sigma Omicron Zeta Chapter of Gwinnett County invite eligible seniors to apply for our Pearls of Excellence Scholarship.

- **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](#)

• **RHG Workforce Scholarship** (open to applicants districtwide)

This is a one-time award of **\$1,000** given to 1-2 recipients each year. Richardson Housing Group (RHG) established the RHG Workforce Scholarship to promote trade and technical education related to the construction/development industry. Celebrating 50 years as a small family business in Gwinnett County RHG recognizes the impact of trade and technical careers on our community. The intent of this scholarship is to provide financial support to students seeking trade or technical certifications and grow the local workforce.

Requirements:

- Student must apply in their senior year of high school
- Student must be a Gwinnett County resident
- Student must submit an acceptance letter to a trade or technical school in Gwinnett County prior to receiving scholarship (attach to application)
- Student must submit a letter or essay explain the impact you feel you could make on your community in your desired profession (limit one page; attach to application)
- Preference given to students with a parent employed in a trade related to construction/development

Applications will be disseminated via school counselors and social media beginning January. Completed application should be email to apply@rhghomes.com by **March 31**.

An application is considered complete once application, essay, and acceptance letter are received. All scholarship decisions will be made by the Community Foundation selection committee.

Scholarship awards will be dispersed to scholarship recipients according to guidelines set forth by the Community Foundation of Northeast Georgia.

• **Rho Beta Sigma 2026 Scholarship for Academic Excellence**

The Rho Beta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., is one of several Alumni Chapters of the fraternity in the metro Atlanta area. Our aim is to support and service the needs of Gwinnett County through the pillars of our organization: Bigger and Better Business, Education, and Social Action. Under our Education program, we desire to give a one-time scholarship in the amount of \$1,914 to three graduating male Gwinnett County Public Schools high school seniors in the Spring of 2026 consistent with Phi Beta Sigma's mission of uplifting young men.

- The winners will meet the following guidelines:

- A record of volunteerism in the community through school and/or non-school sponsored activities
- Participation in at least one extracurricular school activity
- A minimum overall GPA of 3.0.
- Plan to attend a college/university or technical school.
- Complete a 500-word essay answering the following prompt:
 - Reflect on a teacher or mentor who has significantly influenced your education. Discuss how this belief and person have influenced your approach to learning and how you plan to promote this value in the future.

The application **deadline is February 15, 2026**. The recipients of the scholarships will be notified on Monday, March 2, 2026. Recipients are expected to attend the scholarship presentation on Saturday, March 14, 2026

[Application](#)

- **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.

Deadline: January 30, 2026

Application Link: <https://archerhs.gcpsk12.org/our-school/community-school/cluster-foundation/scholarship-applications>

- **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, 2026. **Deadline: March 1**

- **Teaching as a Profession Scholarship** ***application forthcoming*** (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.

- **The Lawrenceville-Duluth Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and the LDAC Foundation Scholarship** (open to African American applicants districtwide) **Deadline: March 14**

[Application](#)

- **The Rho Beta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Academic Excellence Scholarship** (open district-wide)

The Rho Beta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., is one of several Alumni Chapters of the fraternity in the metro Atlanta area. Our aim is to support and service the needs of Gwinnett County through the pillars of our organization: Bigger and Better Business, Education, and Social Action. Under our education program, we desire to give scholarships in the amount of \$1,914 to **three graduating male** Gwinnett County high school seniors in the Spring of 2024

The winners will meet the following program guidelines:

- A record of volunteerism in the community through school and/or non-school sponsored activities
- Participation in at least one extracurricular school activity
- A minimum overall GPA of 3.0.
- Plan to attend a college/university or technical school.
- Complete a 500-word essay answering the following prompt: "How will you use your education to have a lasting impact on your community?"

The application **deadline is March 30, 2026**. The recipients of the scholarships will be notified on April 17, 2024.

[Application](#)

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

This scholarship is a one-time award of **\$2,500** to a GCPS high school graduating senior in the Community-Based Mentoring Program who plans to continue his education at a Historically Black College or University (HBCU). **Deadline: March 28**

[Application](#)

- **The Spirit of Phoenix High School Scholarship** (open to Phoenix HS applicants only)

This is a one-time award of **\$1,000**. 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**

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

A one-time award of **\$2,000** 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. **Deadline: March 31, 2026**

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](#)

**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 2025.**

[Application](#)

- **Watson Family Foundation- Student of the Year (Previously Watson Family) \$2,000 Scholarship**
Foundation Principal's Academy Student of the Year Award- \$2,000
(Open to South Gwinnett High School students only)

The Watson Family Foundation Student of The Year Award recognizes a student who has demonstrated significant growth in their career academy journey, academics, career development, behavior, character, and overall mindset. This award honors students who have shown perseverance, dedication, and a commitment to self-improvement, making a positive impact on both themselves and their community.

Eligibility Requirements: Must be nomination by a teacher, counselor, or administrator. The nomination package should include:

- Be an active participant in a CTE academy program.
 - Show measurable growth in academic performance and career readiness.
 - Exhibit personal development in character, behavior, and leadership.
 - Demonstrate resilience and a positive transformation in their overall mindset.
 - Serve as an inspiration to peers through dedication and self-improvement.
 - Have a minimum 2.5 GPA
1. **A nomination letter** detailing the nominee's growth and transformation over time.
 2. **A supporting statement (300-400 words)** from the nominee reflecting on their journey, challenges faced, and personal development.
 3. **Evidence of academic and personal growth**, such as grade improvements, extracurricular involvement, or behavioral progress.
 4. **Any relevant recognitions or testimonials** from mentors, teachers, or peers highlighting the nominee's positive change. Positive influence on peers and the school community (20%)

Award Recognition:

Recipients of the **Watson Family Foundation Student of The Year Award** will receive:

- \$2,000 Scholarship (provided by the Watson Family Foundation)
- A certificate of achievement.
- Public recognition at the Academy Awards ceremony.
- A feature in our SGHS academy publications or media outlets

Deadline to apply: March 1, 2026.

Applications Submissions: Franchesca.Thompson@gcpsk12.org

(South Gwinnett High School lists the scholarship on its website <https://sites.google.com/g.gcpsk12.org/sghscollegcareer/scholarships> Information about the scholarship can be found.... <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1p9oZlSkKGEhfVNOBhX0hhl6bAoF8y-kl/edit>)

- **Watson Family Foundation- Automotive Excellence Scholarship - Two \$2,500 scholarships**
(Open to Maxwell High School of Technology students only)

The Watson Family Foundation is proud to offer two one-time \$2,500 scholarships to the Automotive Excellence Scholarship to support aspiring automotive professionals who have demonstrated dedication, skill, and passion for the automotive industry. This scholarship is designed to assist students who have successfully completed the Maxwell High School of Technology (Lawrenceville, GA) General Automotive Program and are pursuing post-secondary education in a college, university, or technical school within the field of automotive studies.

Eligibility Criteria:

To qualify, applicants must:

- Successfully complete the **Maxwell General Automotive Program**.
- Achieve at least **four entry-level Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certifications**.
- Graduate with a minimum **2.5 GPA**.

Application Requirements:

Applicants must submit the following materials:

- **Resume** showcasing relevant achievements and experiences.
- A **500-word essay** detailing:
 1. Their interest in the field of automotive studies.
 2. How their Maxwell High School experience has shaped their life and academic journey.
 3. Their preparedness to enter the workforce in the automotive industry.
 4. How receiving this scholarship would impact their educational and career goals.
- Attend the **April Automotive Advisory Committee Meeting** to:
 1. Introduce themselves to the board.
 2. Share insights about their scholarship application.
 3. Demonstrate knowledge of the Watson Family Foundation, its founders, and its initiatives.

Scholarship funds can only be used for the following:

1. Automotive Technical school
2. Post-secondary classes in the field of automotive studies
3. College classes
4. Up to **\$500** may be used to pay for professional **ASE certification** tests
5. Up to **\$250** may be used (after enrollment and completion of post-secondary classes) to purchase automotive tool sets.

Deadline to apply: April 24, 2026.

Applications Submissions: Max.Chavez@gcpsk12.org **AND** LaVonna.Groce@gcpsk12.org

- **Watson Family Foundation- Pathfinder to Excellence Scholarship- \$1,500 Scholarship**
(Open to GCPS Community-Based Mentoring Program)
 - The Pathfinder to Excellence Scholarship a one-time award of \$1,500 to the students selected by the Mentor program for its annual mentee award. **The deadline for this award will coincide with the deadline for the mentoring program's mentee awards.**
- **Wayne W. Henley STEM Scholarship** **(open to applicants districtwide)**
Sponsored by Katrina Jones, this is a one-time award of \$1,000 to be presented to a GCPS high school graduating senior in honor of Wayne W. Henley.

Requirements:

- Applicant must have a minimum 2.7 GPA on a 4-pt. scale
- Have plans to enroll full-time in an undergraduate course of study in science, technology, engineering, or math,
- Provide a letter of reference from a faculty member
- Submit a one-page essay describing interest in a STEM related career

[Application](#)

Deadline to apply: 2/14/2026