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Scholarships that require an AwardSpring application will be identified in this catalog with **"AwardSpring Application."**

Note to Students:

While each scholarship may have unique requirements, such as specific essay topics or eligibility criteria, many ask similar questions. To save time and be well prepared, we strongly suggest having the following information ready before you begin applying:

- **Letter of recommendation**
- Your cumulative **GPA**
- Your **SAT or ACT score**
- List of your **honors and awards**
- List of your **extracurricular and volunteer activities**

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Akilah Bateman Band Scholarship (open to Meadowcreek HS graduating seniors only)

A one-time award of **$300** sponsored by family and friends in memory of Akilah Bateman to a graduating senior of Meadowcreek High School who 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 at Meadowcreek for application and details.

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

Sponsored by the GCPS Foundation, this one-time **$1,000** award is presented to graduating seniors who meet the eligibility requirements. One or more recipients may be selected.

Requirements:

- Applicants 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

Deadline: February 7, 2027
AwardSpring Application

Beauty P. Baldwin Scholarship (open to applicants districtwide)

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 2027 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 supports graduating high school seniors diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder who plan to pursue postsecondary education. Two **$500** scholarships will be awarded.

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.

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.

Requirements:

- Education**:** Open to students accepted into an accredited postsecondary institution (college, university, or trade/vocational school).
- Essay Submission**:** Submit a one-page essay detailing:
    - A personal hardship or challenge you faced and how you overcame it.
    - The lessons learned and how the experience changed you.
    - Your current dreams, career goals, and aspirations.

Deadline: February 7, 2027
AwardSpring Application

Clara Barton Aspiring Nurse Scholarship (open to applicants districtwide)

The Clara Barton Aspiring Nurse Scholarship Award was established by Shelli-Ann McKenzie, a dedicated Registered Nurse, Gwinnett County resident, and the Founder of Help for Healthcare Professionals (HHCP). This scholarship supports local youth pursuing nursing careers, recognizing outstanding Gwinnett County Public School (GCPS) high school seniors, annually.

Requirements:

- Proof of Nursing School Acceptance: Upload the official letter of acceptance on university or college letterhead.
- Academic Performance: Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.8, with passing grades of C or higher in all courses. Please upload your transcript as proof.
- Professional Recommendations: Provide two professional recommendation letters from a mentor, teacher, community leader, or other relevant individuals. Please upload proof below.
- Essay Submission
    - 500-word essay that answers three questions:
        - Your journey. What experiences led you to nursing?
        - Your impact. What kind of nurse do you intend to be?
        - Your need. How will this scholarship support your path forward?
    - Essays will be evaluated on clarity, authenticity, and alignment with the values of the Clara Barton Aspiring Nurse Scholarship: service, resilience, and commitment to care.

Application Window: March 1st-April 1st
Application Link: https://4h9jp.share.hsforms.com/2i7QC3oR6RjuVQWBZ3X873g

Community-Based Mentoring Program Scholarship (open to Community-Based Mentoring Program participants)

This scholarship is a one-time award of **$2,000** and will be presented to GCPS high school graduating seniors who participated in the program and plan to enroll in a four-year, two-year, or technical college. All scholarship winners will be recognized at the End of Year Celebration in May.

Deadline: March 26, 2027

Application forthcoming

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.

Deadline: February 7, 2027
AwardSpring Application

Courtney S. Blair Student Leadership Scholarship (open to applicants districtwide)

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.

Deadline: February 7, 2027
AwardSpring Application

Courtney S. Blair Outstanding Excellence in Athletics and Academics Scholarship (open to applicants districtwide)

A one-time award of **$2000** to a senior 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.

Deadline: February 7, 2027
AwardSpring Application

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 C. & Susan C. Mosteller Legacy Scholarship (open to Lanier Cluster applicants only)

Having each earned advanced degrees, Dr. Robert C. and Susan C. Mosteller both understood the value and importance of being a lifelong learner. It is in this spirit that this annual **$2,500** scholarship is established in their honor to provide financial assistance to a graduating Gwinnett County Public Schools senior who demonstrates that same academic dedication, leadership, and a clear vision for their future as they transition into a four-year college or university degree program.

Scholarship Criteria:

- **Applicant Eligibility:** Must be a graduating senior currently enrolled in Gwinnett County Public Schools.
- **Academic Standing:** Must maintain a minimum cumulative, unweighted GPA of 3.0.
- **Enrollment Plan:** Must be accepted and planning to enroll full-time in an accredited four-year public or private college or university for the upcoming fall semester.
- **Community Involvement:** Must demonstrate active involvement in extracurricular activities, community service, part-time employment, or significant family caregiving responsibilities.

Submission Requirements:

- A current high school transcript.
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher, school counselor, or community leader.
- A 300–500-word essay responding to the following prompt: "*Pursuing a four-year degree takes immense dedication. Describe a significant challenge you have overcome and explain how your chosen college major will empower you to achieve your long-term goals and give back to your community.*"
- **Anti-AI Clause:** We want to hear your authentic voice, your struggles, and your vision—not an algorithm's. Applications suspected of being generated by artificial intelligence tools will be disqualified. Write like yourself.

Deadline: February 7, 2027
AwardSpring Application

Dr. Robert C. & Susan C. Mosteller Skilled Trades & Vocational Scholarship (open to Lanier Cluster applicants only)

Established in honor of Dr. Robert C. and Susan C. Mosteller, this scholarship reflects their shared dedication to practical excellence and workforce preparation. As a high school counselor, Mrs. Mosteller strongly advocated for career exploration paths like the ASVAB to help students discover their technical aptitudes. Mirroring that belief, Dr. Mosteller actively acquired hands-on expertise in HVAC, plumbing, and electrical trades to drive his success as a rental property entrepreneur. This **$2,500** award provides annual financial assistance to a graduating Gwinnett County Public Schools senior who shares this practical drive, passionately pursuing a career technical education, trade certification, or vocational program to skillfully enter the workforce.

Scholarship Criteria:

• **Applicant Eligibility**: Must be a graduating senior currently enrolled in Gwinnett County Public Schools.
• **Academic Standing**: Must maintain a minimum cumulative, unweighted GPA of 2.5.
• **Community Involvement**: Must demonstrate active involvement in extracurricular activities, community service, part-time employment, hands-on projects, or significant family caregiving responsibilities.

Submission Requirements:
• A current high school transcript.
• One letter of recommendation from a Career and Technical Education (CTE) instructor, an employer, or a community mentor who can vouch for the applicant's work ethic and hands-on capability.
• **Essay Prompt:** A 300–500 word essay responding to the following prompt: "*The skilled trades are the backbone of our community. Describe a time you built, fixed, or designed something that made you realize you wanted to pursue this field. How will this specific certification or program help you turn your hands-on passion into a successful career?*"
• Important Application Instruction (**Anti-AI Clause**): We want to hear your authentic voice, your real struggles, and your personal vision—not an algorithm's. Applications suspected of being generated by artificial intelligence tools (such as ChatGPT) will be disqualified. Write like yourself. Your unique story is what matters most to the selection committee.

Deadline: **February 7, 2027**
AwardSpring Application

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

A one-time award of **$1000** presented to a college-bound GCPS senior. 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.

If preferred, instead of writing an essay, applicants have the option to submit a 2-3-minute video describing how art has improved your life and what you want to do with your art in the future.

Requirements:

- Applicant must be on track to graduate (no GPA/SAT/ACT requirement) include a copy of 1st-semester transcript
- Financial need
- Must major or do a trade 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 2-3-minute video describing how art has improved your life and what you want to do with your art in the future
- Submit portfolio or reel as applicable
- Have plans to enroll in an accredited college or university for the Fall or Spring semester.
- Share community/volunteer service (provide summary and hours)

Send all materials to BOEDistrict5@Gmail.com

*Scholarship award will be given out in-person every year at the Annual African American Culture and Arts Festival (AACAF) event (typically in October).

Deadline: **February 7, 2027**
AwardSpring Application

The Gas South District Good Neighbor Project: Open Door Scholarship (open to applicants districtwide)

Through the Good Neighbor Project, the Open Door Scholarship invests in first-generation college students — providing the support needed to pursue higher education with confidence and momentum. Open to graduating seniors districtwide. The Gas South District Good Neighbor Project Scholarship awards three **$1,000** scholarships annually to **first-generation college students**. Open to graduating seniors districtwide.

Deadline: **February 7, 2027**
AwardSpring Application

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:

- Applicants 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 applicant's 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: **February 7, 2027**
AwardSpring 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:

- Applicants 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: **February 7, 2027**
AwardSpring 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 post-secondary 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: **February 7, 2027**
AwardSpring 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:
- Applicants 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: **February 7, 2027**
AwardSpring 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:

- Applicants 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: **February 7, 2027**
AwardSpring 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:

- Applicants 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: **February 7, 2027**
AwardSpring Application

GCPS Foundation Science, Engineering, and Innovation Scholarship and Grant (open to science fair participants)

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 is necessary.

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

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 is necessary.

GCPS Foundation Science, Engineering, and Innovation Scholarship (open to science fair participants)

A one-time award of $**1,000** will be presented in recognition of outstanding performance at the regional level 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 is necessary.

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 number of scholarships awarded each year varies.

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

Deadline: August 1, 2027
Application

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

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:

- Financial Need: Must be a recipient of the Free and Reduced Lunch Program.
- Academic Standing: Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- Letter of Recommendation: Submit one letter written by a faculty member.
- Essay Requirement: Submit a 600-word essay covering:
    - A challenge you have overcome.
    - Your future educational plans.
    - How your future goals will positively impact society and the greater good.

Deadline: February 28, 2027
Application

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)*

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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 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)

Application: https://form.jotform.com/252587245631158
Deadline: All items must be submitted electronically by **February 1, 2027.**

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 2027, to determine the scholarship recipients. All scholarship recipients will be notified no later than April 12.

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.

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 football games for 48 years and basketball games for 25 years. Joel loved South Gwinnett High School and bled BLUE! Go Comets!

Requirements:

- Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4-pt. scale
- A recommendation letter by a faculty member
- 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 **$1,500** scholarship to one or more recipients with plans to attend a two or four-year college, university, or accredited technical school.

Eligible recipients can include high school seniors who have struggled with substance use disorder, are in recovery from a substance use disorder, or have been adversely impacted by a family member or close friend suffering from substance use disorder.

Requirements:

- Written essay (choose one topic):
  - Personal experience with substance use disorder and how you found a path to success
  - Personal experience with a loved one's substance use disorder and how you found a path to success

- Two letters of recommendation

Deadline: February 7, 2027
AwardSpring 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, and has good character, and has met the requirements for spring 2027 graduation.

*Attendance at the Archer High School Awards Night in spring 2027 is requested to receive this scholarship.

Deadline: January 29, 2027

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

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 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.

Deadline: February 7, 2027
AwardSpring 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 is necessary.
http://www.maxxis.com/news/corporate/maxxis-awards-scholarships-to-local-students

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, 2026, through February 27, 2027**.

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.

Deadline: February 27, 2027.

Pearls of Excellence Scholarship (open to eligible 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.

The Pearls of Excellence Scholarship provides financial support to deserving young women pursuing postsecondary education who exemplifies the founding principles of the Sorority: Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood, and Finer Womanhood. Sigma Omicron Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated is pleased to offer **five $1,000-$2,000 scholarships** to graduating high school seniors in the Gwinnett County area.

Interested applicants must submit a completed scholarship application, as well as any required documents, by January 16, 2027.

Visit the Sigma Omicron Zeta Chapter website to review the scholarship requirements and download the application:
Scholarship Requirements & Application

Completed application materials should be emailed to: sozscholarship@gmail.com

Official transcripts should be mailed to:
Sigma Omicron Zeta
P.O. Box 1114
Snellville, GA 30078

For questions regarding the scholarship, please email: sozscholarship@gmail.com.

Deadline: January 16, 2027
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.

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

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

Requirements:

- Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4-pt. scale
- Exhibit good character and leadership skills
- Submit a letter of recommendation 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.

Deadline: February 7, 2027
AwardSpring 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:

- Applicants 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.

Deadline: February 7, 2027
AwardSpring 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 RGH 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 to grow the local workforce.

Requirements:

- Applicants must apply in their senior year of high school
- Gwinnett County resident
- Submit an acceptance letter to a trade or technical school in Gwinnett County prior to receiving scholarship (attach to application)
- Submit a letter or essay explaining the impact you feel you could make on your community in your desired profession 9limit one page; attach to application)

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.

Deadline: March 31
Application: Email materials to apply@rhghomes.com

Rho Beta Sigma Scholarship for Academic Excellence (open to applicants districtwide)

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.

Requirements:

- 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 February 14, 2027. 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 forthcoming!

Sowers Scholarship (open to Community-Based Mentoring participants only)

This scholarship is a one-time award of **$3,000** 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

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

This is a one-time award for **$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
Application and information are posted on the Phoenix HS website.

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 for learning, a desire to further his/her education, and is eligible for postsecondary education.

Deadline: January 29, 2027

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 (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.

Deadline

Application forthcoming

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

Deadline: March 15
Application

Watson Family Foundation- Student of the Year (Previously Watson Family) *$2,000 Scholarship* (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.

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.
- Minimum of 2.5 GPA
- **A nomination letter** detailing the nominee's growth and transformation over time.

- **A supporting statement (300-400 words)** from the nominee reflecting on their journey, challenges faced, and personal development.
- **Evidence of academic and personal growth**, such as grade improvements, extracurricular involvement, or behavioral progress.
- **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, 2027.

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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:
  - Their interest in the field of automotive studies.
  - How their Maxwell High School experience has shaped their life and academic journey.
  - Their preparedness to enter the workforce in the automotive industry.
  - How receiving this scholarship would impact their educational and career goals.
- Attend the **April Automotive Advisory Committee Meeting** to:

- Introduce themselves to the board.
- Share insights about their scholarship application.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the Watson Family Foundation, its founders, and its initiatives.

Scholarship funds can only be used for the following:

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

Deadline to apply: April 24, 2027.

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:

- Applicants must have a minimum 2.7 GPA on a 4.0 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

Deadline: February 14
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