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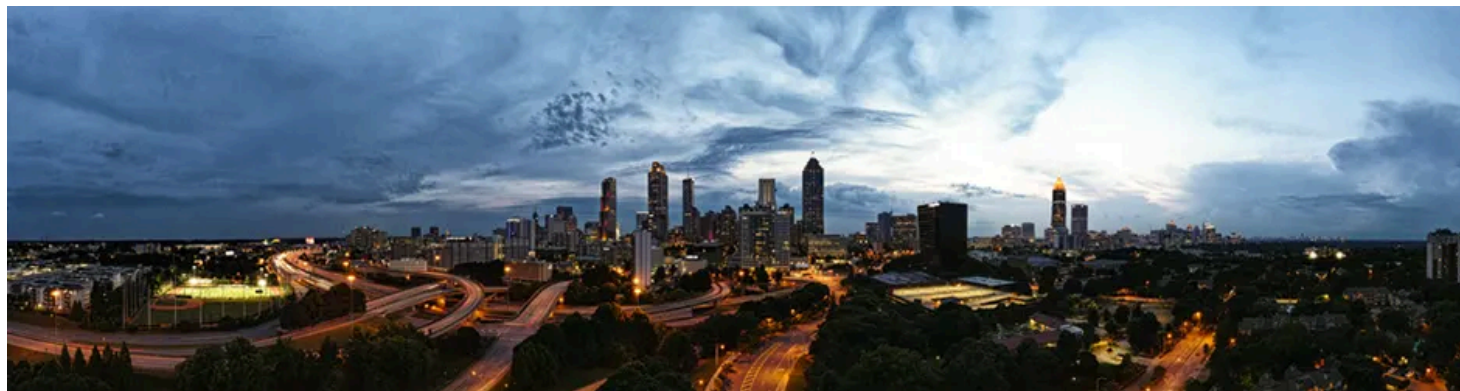


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Georgia Scholarships



If you're going to college in Georgia, then you might graduate with a great degree from the Peach State. Unfortunately, you may also wind up with a huge student loan balance.

The 25 Best Georgia Scholarships with Approaching Deadlines in 2025

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Regions Riding Forward Scholarship Contest

Amount	Deadline
\$8,000	June 30, 2025

For the opportunity to win an \$8,000 scholarship, submit a video or written essay about an individual you know personally (who lives in your community) who has inspired you and helped you build the confidence you need to achieve your goals. For each Quarterly Contest, the topic of your Written Essay or Video Essay (your "Essay Topic") must be an individual you know personally, who lives in your

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Drew Swan Sibling Scholarship

Amount	Deadline
\$1,500	June 30, 2025

The Drew Swan Sibling Scholarship is a one-year, non-renewable award, contingent upon acceptance or enrollment in a two-year or four-year nonprofit higher education institution. The award will be given directly to the applicant's higher education institution based on the applicant's merit within the competitive pool. Eligibility Applicants must be: Sibling of an individual with a

3 Hearts for Community Service

Amount	Deadline
\$5,000	June 30, 2025

The Hearts for Community Service Scholarship awards \$5,000 annually to student residents from specific Warrick Dunn Charities, Inc. markets who volunteer in their communities. The scholarship supports students enrolled in post-secondary institutions and encourages continued community service and educational advancement. Applications open from June 1st to June 30th, with winners announced in

4 SEAFWA's Law Enforcement Chief's Scholarship

Amount	Deadline
\$1,000	July 1, 2025

Annually, SEAFWA's Law Enforcement Chief's Scholarships are awarded to students who advocate for wildlife conservation. There are three scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each available to deserving students. This award is intended for students with a passion for the outdoors and an interest in the management and protection of fish and wildlife resources. The scholarship will assist students

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Kevin L. Allen Memorial Scholarship

Amount	Deadline
\$1,000	July 15, 2025

The Kevin L. Allen Memorial Scholarship is open to any graduating student or college student who is a resident of the state of Georgia. Applicants must be enrolled in an automotive industry or aviation program at a technical school or university as a full-time student. Recipients will be chosen based on their automotive or aviation interest. The selection committee's decision will be

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University of Georgia Baldwin Scholarship

Amount	Deadline
\$8,000	July 31, 2025

Last year, UGA awarded more than \$6 million in scholarships and awards from University funds to undergraduate students. Most academic (merit-based) scholarships for first-year students are awarded during the admissions process. This process is usually finalized by early April for all admitted first-year students. Approximately 14% of enrolled first-year students received an academic scholarship

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Georgia Engineering Foundation Scholarships

Amount	Deadline
\$5,000	September 30, 2025

Georgia Engineering Foundation is pleased to offer scholarships to freshman, upperclassmen, and graduate students who are residents of Georgia and attending eligible engineering, engineering technology and construction management programs. Eligible programs include current ABET- accredited undergraduate and

graduate engineering/engineering technology programs and ACCE accredited construction

8 **Clark Atlanta University State of GA HOPE Scholarship**

Amount	Deadline
\$18,272	November 1, 2025

The Clark Atlanta University Office of Student Financial Aid is committed to assisting students and their family with finding funding sources to help with financing their CAU education. Whether you are a prospective applicant, returning student, graduate student, or summer school student, the office will provide information about the types of available financial aid, how to apply for aid, how to

9 **Greenhouse Scholars Whole Person College Program**

Amount	Deadline
\$20,000	November 14, 2025

Becoming a Greenhouse Scholar is the first action in a series of positive events that will create change in you, your community, and the world. Through the innovative Whole Person Program, we offer comprehensive support encompassing personal, professional, and financial guidance over a transformative 5-year span during your undergraduate years. Scholarship Details Comprehensive 5-year

10 **Colonel Kathleen Swacina Scholarship**

Amount	Deadline
\$1,500	November 30, 2025

The Col. Kathleen Swacina STEM Scholarship, a testament to the remarkable career of Col. Kathleen Swacina, USA (Ret.), stands as a beacon of support for outstanding female college students in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM)

disciplines. Generously funded by Col. Kathleen Swacina and Lt. Col. Daniel Swacina, USA (Ret.), this scholarship seeks to recognize and empower those who

11 Hagan Scholarship Foundation

Amount	Deadline
\$60,000	December 1, 2025

The Hagan Scholarship is a nationwide need-based merit scholarship, providing recipients with the opportunity to achieve their goals and graduate college debt-free. The scholarship provides \$2,000 to help pay for essential items to attend college and up to \$7,500 each semester for up to 8 consecutive semesters.

Scholarship Details Need-based merit scholarship for high-achieving rural

12 University of Minnesota National Scholarship

Amount	Deadline
\$60,000	January 1, 2026

The University of Minnesota National Scholarship is for residents of any state, excluding Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Incoming freshmen are considered for these scholarships based on an overall assessment of the application for admission. Full consideration for academic scholarships is given to students who submit a complete application for freshman admission by either

13 Built Ford Tough Scholarship

Amount	Deadline
\$1,000	January 9, 2026

Through the National FFA Foundation, businesses and individuals support scholarships that are awarded to students with a wide variety of higher education plans and career goals. FFA provides scholarships that support all areas of

agriculture, either in trade schools, certifications, or college. Scholarships support FFA high school seniors and collegiate members. Just one application is required

14 **University of Alabama Out-of-State Merit Scholarships**

Amount	Deadline
\$112,000	January 10, 2026

The University of Alabama offers some of the most generous scholarship opportunities in the country for qualifying students. As a first-time freshman applicant, you must submit the following to be considered for admission to the university: an application for admission, and an official high school transcript. There is also an optional submission of official ACT or SAT test scores. To maximize

15 **Southwest Georgia Farm Credit Scholarship**

Amount	Deadline
\$1,500	January 15, 2026

The Southwest Georgia Farm Credit Scholarship is offered to high school seniors who plan to attend a two or four-year college on a full-time basis. Eligible applicants must: reside in Southwest Georgia (see website for eligible counties); and be pursuing a career path in agriculture sciences, animal biology, chemistry, business, accounting, finance, communications, etc. with an interest in a

16 **Duane Watson Scholarship for Exceptional Character in Agriculture**

Amount	Deadline
\$2,000	January 15, 2026

The Duane Watson Scholarship for Exceptional Character in Agriculture is offered to a high school senior planning on attending a two or four-year college on a full-time

basis. Eligible applicants must: reside in Southwest Georgia (see website for eligible counties); and, be pursuing a degree in agriculture, crop production, livestock production, crop & soil science, agricultural technology,

17 **TheDream.US Opportunity Scholarship**

Amount	Deadline
\$80,000	January 31, 2026

We believe in breaking down barriers to education, especially for those who face challenges due to their immigration status. Our Opportunity Scholarship is designed for undocumented students living in locked-out states, where accessing higher education seems like an insurmountable obstacle. If you find yourself in such a situation, we are here to open doors for you. Scholarship Details The

18 **InspirASIAN Scholarship Program**

Amount	Deadline
\$2,000	January 31, 2026

InspirASIAN makes a difference in our community by supporting graduating high school seniors with their college education through our scholarship awards. InspirASIAN awards national scholarships to students residing in any state with a participating local InspirASIAN chapter. All students who apply will be considered for the national scholarships awards. Students who are not awarded national

19 **Princeton Prize in Race Relations (PPRR)**

Amount	Deadline
\$2,500	January 31, 2026

The Princeton Prize in Race Relations (PPRR) recognizes and rewards high school students who, through their volunteer activities, have undertaken significant

efforts to advance racial equity and understanding in their schools or communities. PPRR operates through 28 Regional Committees and an at-large committee that accepts applications from high school students who live outside the geographic

20 **Posse Foundation Scholarship**

Amount	Deadline
\$160,000	January 31, 2026

The Posse Scholarship recognizes outstanding high school students with full-tuition scholarships to attend one of Posse's partner colleges or universities. This program identifies and supports young leaders who demonstrate academic potential and a commitment to teamwork and diversity, offering them the resources to thrive in college and beyond. Scholarship Details Full-tuition scholarship to

21 **Georgia Military Scholarship**

Amount	Deadline
\$85,000	February 1, 2026

The state of Georgia offers 42 scholarships per year to Georgia high school seniors who attend the University of North Georgia and commission as officers in the Georgia Army National Guard after graduating with bachelor's degrees. The scholarship pays for your room, meals, tuition, books, uniforms, and fees. In addition, you receive National Guard weekend drill pay, GI Bill, pay for attending

22 **Jimmy Rane Foundation Scholarship**

Amount	Deadline
\$5,000	February 7, 2026

The Jimmy Rane Foundation Scholarship is dedicated to helping deserving students achieve their dream of a college education. Having awarded 620 scholarships to date, these scholarships have supported students across the United States in prestigious institutions like Auburn, Alabama, University of Pennsylvania, Harvard, and many more. The Foundation's goal is to empower students to excel in their

23 **Watson-Brown Foundation Scholarships**

Amount	Deadline
\$6,000	February 8, 2026

Watson-Brown Foundation provides need and merit-based scholarships to select Georgia and South Carolina students attending accredited four-year colleges and universities in the United States. Eligible students must be from one of 23 qualifying counties. A student's permanent address must be within the designated county region at the time of high school graduation. Current high school

24 **Simon Youth Greg Saunders Legacy Scholarship Program**

Amount	Deadline
Varies	February 14, 2026

Each year, SYF awards up to \$1 million in one-time and renewable Simon Youth Scholarships to high school students in every community that is home to a Simon Mall. Targeting first-generation college students and those with demonstrated financial need, the Simon Youth Scholarships program furthers the SYF commitment to extending educational opportunities to all students who want to learn,

25 **Preventive Measures Legacy Scholarship**

Amount	Deadline
\$2,000	February 27, 2026

Since 2019, we've awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships to more than 70 deserving individuals through our PM Legacy Scholarship and PM Employee Scholarship Programs. Through our Legacy Scholarship, we will award \$2000 to up to 45 students this year. Eligibility Resident of or attending college in Pennsylvania, Georgia or Washington D.C. Metro area Entering or enrolled in an

Research shows that the average Georgia student has more than \$40,000 in student loans, making it the third most indebted state in the country. If you're a Georgia student attending college soon or are already enrolled, you should be looking for ways to make college more affordable.

One way to reduce your debt is to apply for more scholarships, especially Georgia-specific scholarships. Scholarships can reduce how much you have to pay for tuition, room and board, textbooks and other college costs.

Keep reading to learn more about Georgia scholarships, including where to find them, how to apply and how many different kinds there are.

What is a Georgia scholarship?

A Georgia scholarship is an award given to a student who is either from Georgia or is attending college in Georgia. Like all types of scholarships, Georgia scholarships do not have to be paid back after you graduate or leave school.

Georgia scholarships may be either merit- or need-based, depending on the particular scholarship and its funding organization. Some scholarships may not look at the student's finances at all, while others will consider both grades and financial need.

For example, the [Greenhouse Scholars Whole Person Scholarship](#) requires that students have a 3.5 GPA or higher and also that their family earns less than \$80,000 per year. Students must also be from Georgia, California, Colorado, Illinois, New York or North

Carolina. Only high school seniors are eligible to apply, and they must attend a four-year school. The scholarship is worth \$5,000 per year for four years total.

Some Georgia scholarships will cover the entire cost of tuition. However, most will only cover a portion of costs. If you apply to several different scholarships, you may be able to significantly reduce your out-of-pocket costs.

Where to find Georgia scholarships

There are many different places where you can find Georgia scholarships. Many Georgia scholarships come directly from the school you plan to attend, especially if you're attending school in-state. Most state schools have a special list of scholarships for local students to encourage them to stay.

Like with other scholarships, you can also search Google for "Georgia scholarships." If you go this route, try narrowing your search beyond just general state scholarships. For example, if you're from Decatur, Georgia, look for "Decatur Georgia scholarships." This will result in a smaller list of scholarships that you might be better qualified for, potentially maximizing your chances of winning an award.

You can find Georgia scholarships through major sites, like Scholarships.com, which has a robust awards directory. If you sign up for an account, you will be notified when a new scholarship is posted that you're a good candidate for.

Scholarships can come from either nonprofit or for-profit companies. Local organizations often provide local scholarships to area students. For example, the [GLA Hubbard Scholarship](#) is sponsored by the Georgia Library Association. This one-time \$3,000 award is given to a student who is a resident of Georgia studying Library Sciences.

How to apply for Georgia scholarships

One of the first steps is to fill out the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#). Most students think that the FAFSA is only necessary if they want to apply for federal student loans, but many scholarship applications also require the FAFSA. If you fill out the FAFSA, you are not required to take out federal student loans.

Another bonus? If you submit the FAFSA, you'll also be in the running for federal grants like the Pell Grant. There's no reason not to submit the FAFSA, unless you're not eligible to do so.

Students should also complete the [Georgia State Financial Application \(GSFAPP\)](#). The GSFAPP gives you access to a variety of different scholarships, including the HOPE and Zell Miller awards. These are significant state-based scholarships that can help students who are attending school within the state.

Scholarships from third-party organizations and companies often have their own application, but may also require the FAFSA or the GSFAPP. When applying for a scholarship or grant, make sure you understand which documents are required.

Both high school and college students can apply for Georgia scholarships. In fact, there are many awards for current college students. Don't make the mistake of assuming that you can only apply for a scholarship if you're an incoming freshman.

To qualify for all possible scholarships, make sure to submit the FAFSA or the GSFAPP by the school's and the state's financial aid deadline. For the 2024-25 school year, Georgia's deadline is as soon as possible after December 31, 2023. If you're attending school in a different state, they may have a different deadline.

Georgia Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions

In a state the size of Georgia, there are countless types of scholarships that students can qualify for. Here are some of the most common questions that students and families have about scholarships.

Do you have to attend a public school in Georgia to get a Georgia scholarship?

Some scholarships have rules on the type of school you must attend to qualify. In many cases, you must be attending a four-year school. However, the type of school - public or private - usually doesn't matter as much.

Students who are attending a private college can apply for the [Georgia Tuition Equalization Grant Program \(GTEG\)](#). This is a grant that is given to a student attending a private college

in Georgia instead of a public school.

The award is \$500 per semester, and students can receive funding for up to three semesters per year. If you're interested in this scholarship, you can [find a list of eligible schools here](#).

Are there Georgia scholarships for certain minority groups?

While many Georgia scholarships are available to students from all types of backgrounds, others are more selective. If you're part of any kind of minority group, you may be able to find special Georgia scholarships just for you.

For example, the [Black Alumni Scholarship at the University of Georgia](#) is given to an African-American student who is attending UGA. There is a 3.0 minimum GPA requirement to both receive and maintain the scholarship. The scholarship is worth \$2,000 per year and can be renewed for three years.

UGA also sponsors the Diversity Scholarship, which is worth \$2,500. Students must be part of an underrepresented group and must also meet two of the following:

- Have a history of overcoming unique challenges
- Be a first-generation college student
- Come from a low-income family
- Live in a rural or inner-city location
- Have been raised by a single parent

Do you have to attend school in Georgia to win a Georgia scholarship?

When you're applying for a Georgia scholarship, make sure you read through all the application requirements and confirm that you meet them. If you're from Georgia but not attending school in the state, check that you still qualify for the scholarship.

For example, the [Watson-Brown Foundation Scholarship](#) is only given to a student from certain counties in Georgia or South Carolina. However, they can attend school in any state,

as long as the institution is regionally accredited. This is a perfect example of a scholarship that is available to many Georgia students, but still has strict eligibility rules.

Do you have to be from Georgia to win a Georgia scholarship?

Some Georgia scholarships require that students attend school in Georgia and also be official state residents.

For example, the [HOPE Scholarship](#) has strict residency requirements. Students may have to provide proof that they are a Georgia resident, which is determined by their school. Also, they must attend [one of the approved Georgia-based colleges](#) to qualify for the award.

If you receive one of these scholarships and later decide to transfer to a school out of state, you will lose your scholarship eligibility. The scholarship amount is also partly determined by the amount of credit hours as well as the school they're attending.

How can I maintain my eligibility for a Georgia scholarship?

Many scholarships are only given on a one-time basis, but some can be renewed for multiple years. If your scholarship can be renewed, you must usually meet specific criteria, like maintaining a certain minimum GPA or taking enough credit hours every semester.

For example, the HOPE Scholarship has a 3.0 GPA requirement for initial eligibility and for maintaining your eligibility. If your GPA falls below that number, then you will lose your award.

Are there scholarships for students from specific Georgia counties or cities?

While some Georgia scholarships are available for any student from the Peach State, others are more selective. They may require that you live or be from a certain Georgia city or county.

For example, the [Next Step to Success Scholarship](#) is given to a student from Sandy Springs, Georgia. Students must already be enrolled in a two-year or four-year school and meet other specific requirements.

The PHADA Scholarship Program is designed to help students who live in a housing program sponsored by the Public Housing Authority Directors Association (PHADA). There are three specific scholarships available for students, ranging from \$5,000 to \$7,000.

Are Georgia scholarships available for community college students?

Community college students who are from Georgia or attending a two-year school in Georgia can still qualify for scholarships and grants, just like those at four-year schools.

Community college, technical and vocational schools have their own financial aid departments that can help you apply for all possible awards. The HOPE Grant is available for students who are getting a certificate or diploma. This is different from the HOPE Scholarship.

Also, the HOPE Career Grant is given to students majoring in a field that is underfilled in the state of Georgia. Students must attend one of these eligible colleges to qualify.

Are Georgia scholarships available for graduate or professional students?

A popular myth says that only undergraduate students are eligible for scholarships. Fortunately, this isn't true. There are plenty of awards for graduate and professional school students.

Also, students who are not from Georgia may still qualify for scholarships for graduate or professional school. For example, the University of Georgia School of Law offers Tuition Equalization Scholarships for non- Georgia residents. This scholarship is essentially a tuition waiver, so they can receive the in-state tuition rate.

Are there specific Georgia scholarships for certain majors or degrees?

Some Georgia scholarships are open to students who are studying any subject, but others are more limited.

For example, the [Georgia Engineering Foundation offers scholarships](#) for students who are studying engineering, construction management and engineering technology. Only

students who are Georgia residents are eligible to apply. However, they are not required to attend school in Georgia. Undergraduate, graduate and PhD students can apply.

Can I get a Georgia scholarship if I'm an international student?

If you're a foreign student attending or applying to a school in Georgia, you can still qualify for certain grants and scholarships. These can reduce the cost of tuition and make it easier to fund your education.

For example, [Georgia College & State University offers a scholarship](#) that is worth either a full tuition waiver or a partial tuition waiver for international students. This scholarship requires both merit and demonstrated financial need.

There may also be international scholarships for transfer students. Again, this will depend on the institution itself. Your best bet as an international student is to look for schools that offer tuition waivers.

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