Achieve Atlanta Scholarship Overview

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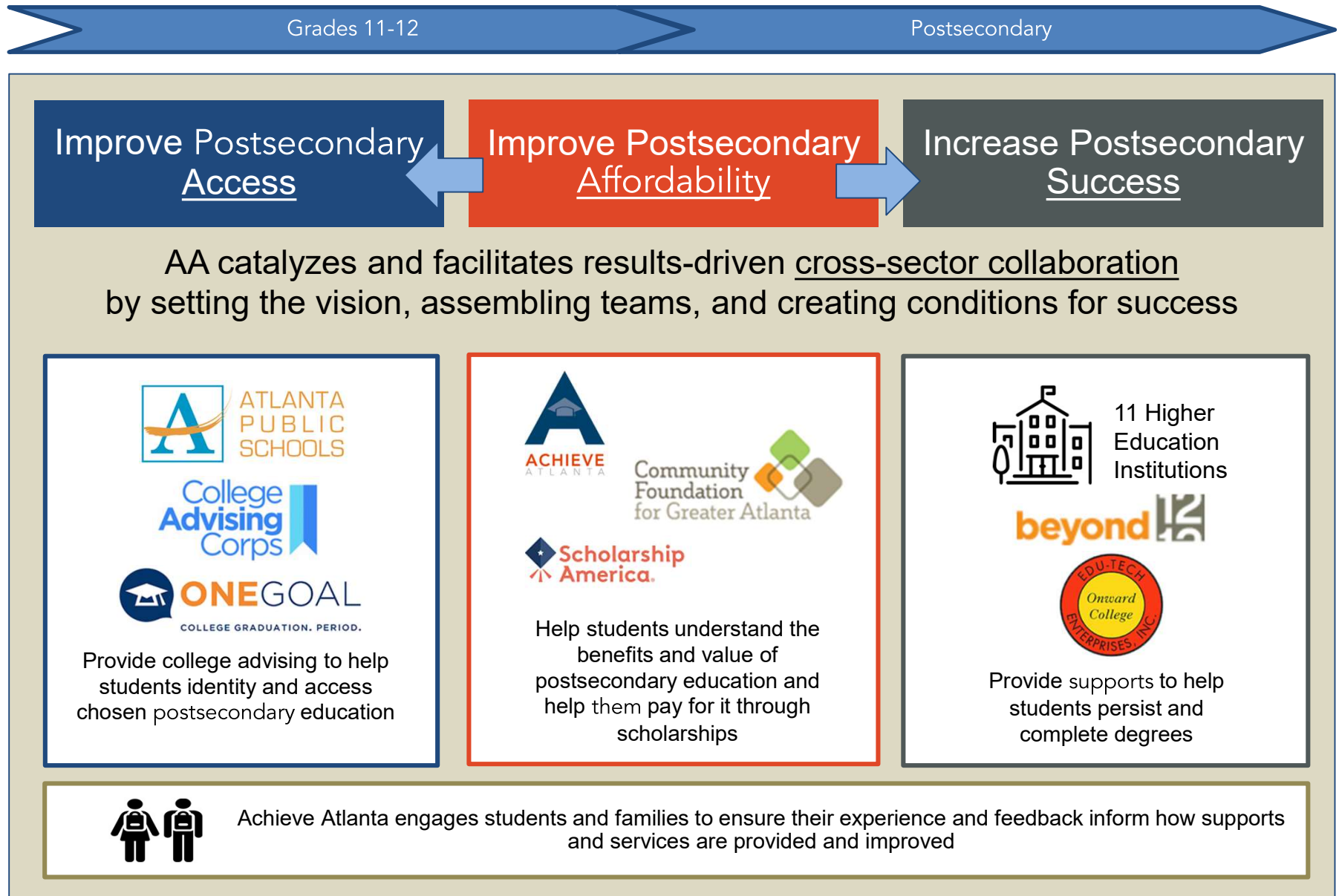
Vision

Atlanta is a city where race and income no longer predict postsecondary success and upward mobility

Mission

Achieve Atlanta's mission is to help APS students access, afford, and earn postsecondary credentials

Achieve Atlanta builds cross-sector collaboration across a range of partners

Grades 11-12	Postsecondary

Improve Postsecondary **Access**	Improve Postsecondary **Affordability**	Increase Postsecondary **Success**

AA catalyzes and facilitates results-driven cross-sector collaboration by setting the vision, assembling teams, and creating conditions for success

ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

College Advising Corps

ONEGOAL COLLEGE GRADUATION. PERIOD.

Provide college advising to help students identity and access chosen postsecondary education

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Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta

Scholarship America.

Help students understand the benefits and value of postsecondary education and help them pay for it through scholarships

11 Higher Education Institutions

beyond 12

Onward College EDU-TECH ENTERPRISES, INC.

Provide supports to help students persist and complete degrees

Achieve Atlanta engages students and families to ensure their experience and feedback inform how supports and services are provided and improved

Scholarship Basics

Achieve Atlanta Scholar Demographics

3,788 Scholars

Attending **290** different colleges

Our Scholars are pursuing

76% Bachelor's Degree

22% Associate's Degree

2% Technical Degree

1/3 of graduating Atlanta Public Schools seniors become Scholars

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Scholarship Basics: Student Eligibility Criteria
Initial Eligibility (High School Seniors)

Student Eligibility Criteria	
APS Enrollment	At least last 2 years of HS
Financial Need	EFC = $0 - $8,000
Minimum GPA (cumulative, weighted)	75
Post-secondary Enrollment	Enroll full-time in an eligible college/university by the fall after HS graduation

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Scholarship Basics: Eligible Institutions

Eligible Institutions	
Type	Accredited Non-profit private or public Technical programs
State policy	Most* in the state of GA Outside of GA, need grad rate of ≥ 44% according to College Scorecard

*Starting with graduating class of 2021 the Scholarship cannot be used at Atlanta Metropolitan State College

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Scholarship Basics: Awards

The scholarship award amount depends on if you enroll in a 2-year or 4-year college/university program.

- o **4-year degrees:** $5,000 renewable for 4 years

- o **2-year & Technical degrees:** $1,500 renewable for 2 years

- o Fully funded students: $1,000 one-time grant

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Scholarship Basics: How it Works

- Funds pay for tuition, room, board & fees (full cost of attendance)

- Funds go directly to post-secondary college/university

- Scholarships are renewable, subject to additional academic requirements (enrollment, GPA, pace)

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Scholarship Basics: How To Apply

STEP 1:   Complete 2021-2022 FAFSA (save Student Aid Report)

STEP 2:   Verify eligibility criteria, including EFC, minimum GPA, and APS enrollment

STEP 3:   Complete online application at achieveatlanta.org starting <u>February 2022</u>. Applications due May 31, 2022.

<u>Provisiona</u>l award notice two weeks after submission. Final awards announced June 2022.

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Scholarship Basics: Key Dates

- Oct 1st — FAFSA opens

- February — Scholarship application opens

- May 31st — Scholarship application closes*

- June — Final scholarship awards announced

- June-August — Students accept scholarship, provide final college acceptance letter, and complete survey to assist college supports

*Students wishing to be recognized at graduation must apply by April 30th.

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APPLICATION
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FAFSA INFO

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RATES

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