



Achieve Atlanta Scholarship Overview



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 works with multiple organizations to help APS students access, afford and succeed in college

Grades 11-12

Postsecondary

Improve College
Access

Improve College
Affordability

Increase College Success

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



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



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



11 Higher
Education
Institutions



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

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Scholarship Basics

Scholarship Basics: Awards

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

- **4-year degrees: \$5,000** renewable for 4 years
- **2-year & Technical degrees: \$1,500** renewable for 2 years
- **Fully funded students: \$1,000** one-time grant

Scholarship Basics: Award Disbursement

- Funds pay for **tuition, room, board & fees (expenses included in full cost of attendance)**
- Funds **go directly to college/university**
- Scholarships are **renewable**, subject to additional academic requirements (enrollment, GPA, pace)

Scholarship Basics: Student Eligibility Criteria

Initial Application – Spring of Senior Year

Student Eligibility Criteria	
APS Enrollment	At least last 2 years of HS
Financial Need	EFC = \$0 - \$8,000
Minimum GPA (cumulative, weighted)	75 <u>by the end of the fall semester of senior year</u>

Scholarship Basics: Student Eligibility Criteria

Alternative Financial Need Process

- Undocumented & DACA students are **eligible** to apply for the Achieve Atlanta Scholarship
- BigFuture's EFC Calculator used to assess financial need
- Reach out to Achieve Atlanta for detailed process instructions

Scholarship Basics: Student Eligibility Criteria

Fall Update Application – Summer Before College

Student Eligibility Criteria	
Postsecondary Enrollment	Enroll full-time in an eligible college/university* by the fall after HS graduation

Scholarship Basics: Seamless, Full-Time Enrollment

- To remain eligible for the scholarship, the student must:
 - Enroll in college by the fall after their high school graduation
 - Register as a full-time student
- If a student does not meet these enrollment requirements, they will forfeit the scholarship

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 \geq 44% according to College Scorecard

*Funds cannot be used at Atlanta Metropolitan State College

Common schools that our Scholars attend and that come in and out of eligibility frequently are considered

Scholarship Basics:

Fall Update Application

- We will confirm a student's enrollment as a full-time student at an eligible institution through the **Achieve Atlanta Fall Update Application**
- Students will receive a unique link to the Fall Update Application in ~mid-June
- If a student does not complete the Fall Update Application, they will forfeit the scholarship

Scholarship Basics: How To Apply

STEP 1: Complete 2023-2024 FAFSA (save Student Aid Report)

STEP 2: Complete online application at achieveatlanta.org starting February 1, 2023. Applications due May 31, 2023

An award notice will be shared within two weeks of submission.

Scholarship Basics: Who Should Apply

- Un(der)documented student? **APPLY!**
- Undecided on college? **APPLY!**
- Considering a gap year? **APPLY!**
- GPA right below or EFC right above eligibility criteria? **APPLY!**
- Enrolled in APS spring of junior year? **APPLY!**
- Enlisting in military reserves? **APPLY!**
- Considering an ineligible institution? **APPLY!**

Contact & Links

QUESTIONS?

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APPLICATION
& INFORMATION

achieveatlanta.org

FAFSA INFO

studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

GRADUATION RATES

collegescorecard.ed.gov