

DFA COUNSELING CENTER

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

HOPE / ZELL SCHOLARSHIPS

High school students in the state of Georgia have a great opportunity to receive financial aid based on their academic achievements.

The HOPE Scholarship amount varies per school, but it tends to be around half tuition.

The GPA is calculated using only English, math, science, social studies and foreign language. Students must have a 3.0 upon graduation to earn the scholarship.

The Zell Miller scholarships covers close to the amount of tuition at a public university.

Students must have a 3.7 GPA, using the recalculated GPA and a 26 on the ACT or 1200 on the SAT (not superscored).

Students can check his/her GPA at the end of each school year to monitor progress on his/her GA Futures account.

Details about each scholarship program can be found on gafutures.org

PSAT- OCT. 14TH

The PSAT on Wednesday, Oct 14. This is a good practice for the SAT test. For juniors it is the National Merit Qualifying test.

All face to face and virtual Sophomores will be taking the test. Only juniors who have signed up and paid will be taking the test.

Any virtual student should arrive at school at 8 am and report to the theatre.

Please bring pencils and a calculator.





SCHOLARSHIPS

FAFSA NIGHT

There will be two virtual financial aid nights. Please plan on signing up for one if you are a senior or a parent of a senior. We will cover the FAFSA, CSS Profile, GSF APP, HOPE/Zell scholarships, and other scholarships.

Please sign up here for the Oct 1st or 19th Presentation.



Burger King Scholarship- Application opens October 15 and closes December 15th. The first 50,000 applications will be accepted. Students need a 2.5 in order to apply, equal weight will be given to academic record and school and community involvement. You do not need to be an employee to apply. Apply online- <https://www.scholarsapply.org/burgerkingscholars/>

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship- this is for seniors who plan on applying to selective universities. The scholarship is up to \$40,000 per year. Students must have a 3.5 unweighted GPA, a SAT of 1200/ACT of 26, and a family income under \$95,000. You apply through Common Application and add the Jack Kent Cooke foundation as a "school". The application is due October 30th

Eagle Scout Scholarship- There are several scholarships available for Eagle Scouts. Apply online at <https://nesa.org/for-eagle-scouts/scholarships/>

AXA Achievement Scholarship- based on ambition, drive, determination, ability to succeed in college. Due December 15th. <https://apply.scholarsapply.org/axaequitable-achievement/>

Nursing Scholarships- lots of different scholarships listed here- <https://nurse.org/scholarships/>

Coca-Cola Scholarship- Coca-Cola gives out several scholarships to top students. Coca-Cola scholars receive scholarship money and amazing opportunities. You will need your transcript and a list of clubs, activities, honors, awards, volunteer work, and employment before applying. Apply online before Oct. 31 by 3 pm. <https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/>

Horatio Alger Scholarship- Application due October 25. Students must be graduating in 2021, demonstrate financial need (\$55,000 or lower adjusted gross family income), be involved, display integrity or perseverance in overcoming adversity, maintain a 2.0, be a citizen. Apply online www.scholars.horatioalger.com



Scholarships continued...

Wendy's Heisman High School Scholarship- Due Oct. 20th. for seniors you have played a sport in high school, helped in the community and excelled in the classroom. Apply online at HeismanScholarship.com

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

University of Notre Dame Leadership Seminar- App Opens Oct 15. Due Jan 25. The program is for top juniors.

The only fees are the deposit of \$150 if accepted. It is a very competitive program. Tuition/room/board are paid for.

Click here-
<https://precollege.nd.edu/leadership-seminars/application-and-admission/>

Yale Young Global Scholars- for students who are sophomore or juniors. There are three different sessions with four different topics to pick from. Financial aid is available for those who qualify. First deadline is November 10th, 2nd deadline January 12th



Tips for Success in Online Learning

1. Learn to love a calendar! Create a schedule of class meetings and have ample, specific time set aside to do all the work.
2. Make a comprehensive checklist of all assignments and due dates. Check Canvas daily for updates and additions.
3. Expect a full day of work whether in class or not. Your school day is in session, even when you are not in class.
4. Set aside a distraction-free place to work. It should be quiet, and all materials should be available.
5. Put away cell phones during the school day.
6. Sign in for online instruction a few minutes early so that any technological issues can be resolved before class starts.
7. Communicate with teacher, and understand teachers are getting LOTS of emails. They want to assist you, but they are also teaching F2F students all day.
8. Contact your counselor if you need assistance. Mrs. Bassford and Mrs. Schow want to assist you!

College Visits

All meetings are at 6 in the evening.

sign up on the link that was sent via Remind

10/8 SCAD

10/12 Albany State University

10/14 Colby College

10/20 St. Olaf

10/21 Furman University