

February 2024

COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTING INFORMATION

You want to have your desired ACT score no later than December of your Senior Year!

<i>Test Date</i>	<i>Deadline to Register w/o Late Fee</i>	<i>Deadline to register w/late fee</i>	<i>Photo Upload Deadline</i>
September 9th	August 4 th	August 18 th	September 1 st
October 28th	September 22 nd	October 6 th	October 20 th
December 9th	November 3 rd	November 17 th	December 1 st
February 10th	January 5 th	January 19 th	February 2 nd
April 13th	March 8 th	March 22 nd	April 5 th
June 8th	May 3 rd	May 17 th	May 31 st
July 13th	June 7 th	June 21 st	July 5 th

**Register online at <https://my.act.org/account/signin?location=https://my.act.org> **

**ACT w/Writing cost \$93. You should not need to redo this as you took it your junior year. You need only register for ACT without Writing, which costs \$68. If you are on free or reduced lunch, you qualify for a fee waiver. ** Late registration fee is \$36.

ACT FEE WAIVERS are available for the ACT if you qualify for free/reduced lunches, receive public assistance or live in federally subsidized public housing, are a ward of the state or reside in a foster home, or are homeless, a member of Upward Bound, or your family income falls below the USDA levels for free/reduced lunches. You must be currently enrolled in 11th or 12th grade and be testing in the United States, US territories, or Puerto Rico. Limit of four fee waivers for ACT. See counselor for waiver.

Waivers must be used before you graduate!

INFORMATION FOR ATHLETES

If you are considering participating in Division I or II athletics as a college freshman, you must register with and be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center. This requires that you take a certain number of core courses and maintain a certain grade point average depending on your ACT/SAT score. Go to www.eligibilitycenter.org for information and to register. When registering for the ACT or SAT, remember that “official” test scores must be sent from the testing agency to the NCAA using code 9999. Test scores that appear on a high school transcript **will not** be accepted.

If you are considering participating in athletics at an NAIA school, you must register with the NAIA Eligibility Center at www.playNAIA.org. To be certified by the NAIA, you must meet two of the following three requirements: maintain a 2.0 GPA, score at least an 18 on the ACT, and/or be ranked in the top half of your graduating class.

Please talk with Coach Tidwell and Mrs. Ball if you are considering any of this.

SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION

Federal law requires males who are 18 years of age to register with the Selective Service System. Register at www.sss.gov. You must register to be eligible for federal financial aid as well as for state-based aid at most colleges. **You must register within 30 days of your 18th birthday!**

Job Shadowing Opportunities

Mrs. Puckett, the St. Clair County Career Coach, will work with you on setting up job shadowing opportunities if you have a specific career in mind. Please let me know and we will get this set up.
christina.puckett@sccboe.org

Military Opportunities

If you are interested in any military branch, please see Mrs. Marbury. We can schedule ASVAB testing and recruiters with parent/guardian permission.

College Information

- **FAFSA opens December 31st. You must complete this if you are going to college. This is also a graduation requirement. A FAFSA waiver is available if you are not considering college.**
- **You must be accepted to the college before applying for their scholarships.**
- **Auburn University**
 - Your rep is Austin Taylor – akt0067@auburn.edu
 - Applications open August 15th
 - Admission Application Deadline is February 1st.
 - Early Action Decision Deadline is December 1st.
 - Scholarship application opens November 1st.
 - Scholarship Deadline is February 15th.
 - Deadline to update test scores is January 10th.
 - Financial Aid Priority deadline is March 28th.
 - Enrollment deposit is due May 1st.
 - Scholarship acceptance/decline deadline is May 1st.
 - Auburn is test optional if you have at least a 3.6 GPA; otherwise, you must submit test scores.
 - Auburn now accepts ACT Superscores.
- **Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM)**
 - FAFSA Code: 008310
 - Admission Requirements
 - 2.3 GPA unweighted, ACT 18 or SAT 940
 - If you do not meet requirements, you will apply to the Bridge Program
 - If you have 2.3 GPA or higher you must have an ACT 17 or SAT 900
 - If you have a 2.0 GPA you must have an ACT 18 or SAT 940
 - AUM Priority Admission deadline is March 1st.
 - Scholarship deadline is June 1st
- **Gadsden State Community College**
 - Admission Application opens October 1st
 - You must apply at least 2 weeks prior before scholarship deadline in order to have application processed.
 - Scholarship Application opens November 1st
 - Scholarship deadline is February 1st
 - Deadline to update ACT score for scholarships is February 1st
 - Program of study changes allowed until February 1st for scholarship purposes.
 - You must be accepted before you can apply for scholarships.
 - There is one general scholarship application, the honors program application, and the presidential scholarship application.
 - 3.25 GPA (weighted) with a 22 ACT to be eligible for the Presidential or Honors Scholarship
 - 3.0 GPA (weighted) to be eligible for the Ambassador scholarship.
 - Start Strong Scholarship available for 6 fall credit hrs/6 spring credit hrs for those who do not receive any other scholarship offers from Gadsden State
- **Huntingdon College**
 - Application is always free & is test optional for 23-24 year
 - \$200 enrollment deposit
 - Admission Requirements: 3.0 GPA w/o ACT or 2.75 GPA with a 20 ACT for unconditional acceptance. 2.75 GPA for conditional acceptance
 - Preview Day: Feb 19th

- Register at www.huntingdon.edu/visit
 - Scholarships cannot be stacked/combined
 - See chart hanging by the bulletin board for a list of scholarships and links
- **Jacksonville State University (JSU)**
 - Caely Williams is your rep – cawilliams@jsu.edu
 - Text or call 256-600-9431
 - FAFSA code: 001020
 - Test optional. You can submit ACT scores until May 1st for scholarship purposes.
 - Housing application information
 - First year undergraduate students are required to live on campus inside the residence halls, however, we do allow students to request exemptions. Students from Calhoun, Cherokee, Cleburne, Etowah, St. Clair, or Talladega County who do not wish to live on campus can submit an exemption form online starting October 10th.
 - \$200 non-refundable application fee to apply for housing.
 - Priority deadline is April 1st
 - Scholarship offers will begin in October
 - Apply at <https://www.jsu.edu/finaid/scholarships/competitive-foundation.html>
 - JAXApp scholarship application closes February 1st. It is one application that registers you for over 300 scholarships.
 - Leadership Scholarship is a separate application due February 1st.
 - Honors Scholarship is a separate application due February 1st.
 - International House Scholarship application is March 1st.
 - FAFSA
 - Priority deadline is April 1st. If completed by then you get \$500 toward your 1st semester at JSU!
 - Gamecock Orientation
 - Opens February 1st. This is required for all students attending JSU.
 - Register at <https://www.jsu.edu/go/index.html>
- **Jefferson State Community College**
 - Available scholarships include the Presidential Scholarship, Academic Excellence Scholarship, Dual Enrollment Scholarship, Ambassadors Scholarship, Students w/Disabilities Scholarship, Children of Blind Parents Scholarship, Counselor's Scholarship, Intramural Sports, Isaiah Core Scholarship, Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship, Scholar's Bowl Scholarship, Jeff State Singers Scholarship, Sigma Chi Eta Scholarship, Sigma Kappa Delta (English Honors Society) Scholarship, Speech/Debate Scholarship, SGA Scholarship, and ENACTUS Scholarship. View at <https://www.jeffersonstate.edu/highschoolscholarships/>
 - Presidential Scholarship Deadline is April 1st
 - Must have a 3.0 GPA by the end of December
 - ACT score of 22 or higher
 - Academic Excellence Scholarship Deadline is June 1st
 - Must have a ACT score of 22 or higher
 - Dual Enrollment Achievement Scholarship Deadline is June 1st
 - Must have completed 6 credits hours with Jeff State
- **Troy University**
 - Kaylee McBroom is your rep – kmcbroom@troy.edu
 - Unconditional admission without test score, students must have a 3.0 GPA. Conditional admission requires 2.5 GPA
 - Unconditional admission with a 20 ACT requires a 2.0 GPA
 - Conditional admission with a 17-19 ACT requires a 2.5 GPA
 - Merit Scholarships open September 1st deadline to submit is February 2nd.

- Housing applications open October 2nd first come/first serve.
- Financial Aid opens December 1st
- Foundation Scholarships open January 1st. Deadline to submit is March 1st.
- **Tuskegee University**
 - Admission Application deadline is July 1st (\$25 application fee)
 - Test optional admission requires applicants to have a 3.0 GPA, write a personal essay, and have a letter of recommendation.
 - Preferred Admission/Standard Admission requires a 21 ACT or 1080 SAT and an unweighted GPA of 3.0
 - FAFSA SAR Report due by February 1st.
- **University of Alabama**
 - Christy Hudgens is your rep – christy.bama@ua.edu
 - Univ of AL is test optional
 - Competitive Scholarship deadline is January 15th
 - Merit Scholarship deadline is May 1st. You must submit ACT/SAT scores to qualify.
 - February 1st housing application priority deadline
 - Housing application fee is \$175
 - Housing application opens October 2nd
 - Freshman Enrollment deposit deadline is May 1st. The deposit is \$200.
- **University of Alabama in Birmingham (UAB)**
 - Taylor England is your rep - englandt@uab.edu
 - UAB is test-optional
 - Merit scholarship deadline requires an enrollment application to be submitted by December 1st.
 - BSMART scholarship deadline is March 1st with some being February 1st.
 - Housing priority deadline is February 29th.
 - Once your application to UAB has been submitted it CANNOT be updated or changed
 - Click the link for scholarship information
<https://www.uab.edu/admissions/cost/scholarships/in-state-students>
- **University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH)**
 - Trinity Verkest is your rep - tsv0002@uah.edu
 - Competitive Scholarship applications are due December 15th.
 - Test Scores must be received by May 1st to update scholarship eligibility for general scholarships.
 - There is no separate scholarship application for general scholarships
- **University of Mobile**
 - Gracie Whittington is your rep – gwhittington@umobile.edu
 - Preview Days: Sept. 29th, Oct. 9th, Nov 17th, Feb 16th, March 22nd
 - If you attend a preview day, you will be offered a scholarship if you are admitted.
 - Visit www.umobile.edu/previewday
- **University of Montevallo**
 - Test Optional for students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher
 - If you have a GPA of 2.5, you must have a ACT composite of 20
 - If your ACT score is an 18 or 19 you may be considered for admissions based on GPA
 - Scholarship deadline is March 1st
 - Apply at Montevallo.awardspring.com
 - Spring Preview Day March 16th 8:30-12:30
 - Register at www.montevallo.edu/previewday
 - Admitted students night is February 16th @ 6:00 p.m.
 - Register at www.montevallo.edu/collegenight

- **University of North Alabama**
 - Scholarship deadline is March 1st
 - Housing application opens December 1st
 - Priority application deadline is March 1st
 - Cancellation deadline is May 1st
 - ACT code is 0014
- **University of South Alabama**
 - Scholarship deadline is February 15th
 - Apply at southalabama.edu/scholarships
 - Campus housing priority application is April 1st
- **University of West Alabama (UWA)**
 - James Bank Jr is your rep – jbanks@uwa.edu
 - Scholarship application deadline is April 15th.
 - Admission application deadline is April 15th.

Important Dates to Know (ALL DATES ARE TENTATIVE!!!)

- February 2nd – Progress Reports
- February 9th – Mock Interviews (required)
- February 19th-February 23 – Spring College Application Week
- February 20th – Cap & Gown Pictures
- February 29th – WorkKeys Retest (required for those who did not receiving a passing score)
- March 14th – Report Cards
- March 15th – Career Fair
- March 20th – Wallace State Tour
- April 6th – Prom
- May 8th – AP Literature Exam 8:00 a.m. (required)
- May 9th – Awards Day 9:00 a.m.
- May 16th – AP Biology Exam 12:00 p.m. (required)
- May 19th – Baccalaureate Hardin's Chapel 2:00 p.m.
- May 20th – Graduation 7:00 p.m.

**Seniors are required to take a Civics exam to graduate. We will schedule this soon.

Reminders

1. Check the counseling webpage often for updates. <https://www.sccboe.org/Page/2178>
2. Check Microsoft Teams Senior Class of 2024 for updates. Documents that are distributed during school will be uploaded there and on the counseling webpage.
3. Check your emails daily as colleges and scholarships will send communications through electronic form. Use a personal email not your school email!!! ALWAYS CHECK YOUR SPAM/JUNK folder in emails.
4. LISTEN to morning and afternoon announcements for information & opportunities!
5. Check the counselor bulletin board for info & scholarship of the week announcements!

Free Scholarship Search Engines

- JLV College Counseling - <https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/>
- Scholarship 360 - <https://scholarships360.org/>
- Get Schooled - <https://getschooled.com/journey/get-to-college/scholarships-for-college/>
- BOLD - <https://bold.org/applicants/>
- Sallie Mae Scholarship Search – www.salliemae.com/scholarshipsearch
- Cappex – www.cappex.com/scholarships
- Big Future – <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search/scholarship-list>

- Scholarship America - <https://scholarshipamerica.org/>
- Going Merry - <https://www.goingmerry.com/>
- Scholly: College Scholarships (download the phone app)

Other Helpful Resources

- College Planning Tool – www.salliemae.com/planforcollege
- Career/College/Scholarship Search - https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/?SFMC_cid=EM1012887-&rid=85653190
- There are available scholarships for students who parents work at Wal-Mart, Exxon Mobil
- General Electric Foundation - <https://www.iie.org/en/Programs> Provides opportunities to partner with various companies and earn scholarships throughout the world
- Cash for College Help Desk – is available Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - Text or call 334-316-6155 or email algeistocollege@alabamapossible.org
 - This resource helps with FAFSA

Scholarships

1. Student Scholarships
 - a. Deadlines vary each month
 - b. <https://studentscholarships.org/scholarships.php>
2. Jacksonville State Scholarship
 - a. Deadline: February 1st
 - b. Apply at <https://www.jsu.edu/finaid/scholarships/competitive-foundation.html>
3. Rising Star WBRC
 - a. Deadline: February 1st (application says 16th but you want to submit before the end)
 - b. See application on TEAMS or in September newsletter.
 - c. Must give paper to Mrs. Marbury to submit nomination. DO NOT submit yourself or they will disqualify you.
 - d. Only 1 winner per school
4. Auburn Scholarship
 - a. Deadline: February 15th
5. College Counts
 - a. Deadline: February 29th
 - b. Apply at treasury.alabama.gov/collegecounts-scholarship
6. Gadsden State Scholarship
 - a. Deadline: March 1st
 - b. Apply at <https://www.gadsdenstate.edu/admissions-aid/scholarships.cms>
7. Troy University
 - a. Deadline: March 1st
 - b. Apply at <https://www.troy.edu/scholarships-costs-aid/scholarships/undergraduate-scholarships.html>
8. UAB BSMART
 - a. Deadline: March 1st
 - b. Some national deadlines are February 1st.
9. Community Foundation Scholarship
 - a. Deadline: March 1st
 - b. Apply at <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cfnascholarship>
 - c. We are guaranteed 1 winner for the Ruby Wilson Scholarship!
10. University of Montevallo
 - a. Deadline: March 1st
 - b. Apply at Montevallo.awardspring.com
11. Jim Harrell Poetry Scholarship Montevallo
 - a. Deadline: March 15th

- b. See TEAMS or counselor website for more information
 - 12. November Scholarship Bundle
 - a. Deadline: Varies between December 1st – April 1st
 - b. See bundle attached in TEAMS or the counseling webpage.
 - 13. Jefferson State Presidential Scholarship
 - a. Deadline: April 1st
 - b. Must have a 3.0 GPA by December of senior year, ACT of 22 or higher
 - 14. Jefferson State Community College Counselor Scholarship
 - a. Deadline: April 1st
 - b. Turn in paper application to Mrs. Marbury
 - 15. Coosa Pines Federal Credit Union Scholarship
 - a. Deadline: April 5th
 - b. See in February Newsletter/TEAMS/Website
 - 16. John C Slovensky Education Scholarship
 - a. Deadline: April 15th
 - b. Must be pursuing a degree in education
 - c. Complete paper application and return to Mrs. Marbury
 - 17. Alabama Law Foundation Scholarship
 - a. Deadline: June 13th
 - b. For students who have had a parent killed or permanently/totally disabled on-the-job
 - c. Apply at alabamalawfoundation.org
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Miscellaneous

- 1. **University of AL Minority Rural Health Scholars Program**
 - a. Application deadline is March 15th.
 - b. The purpose of the program is to expose rural students to the field of medicine. You can earn up to 4 college credit hours. Program runs from May 26th-June 28th
 - c. Apply at cchs.ua.edu/rmhs
- 2. **Senior Class Fees**
 - a. Deadline: November 3, 2023. (Late fee of \$10 if not paid by this deadline)
 - b. Senior Fees- \$150.00 includes cap, gown, diploma, diploma cover, senior awards & recognitions, commencement ceremonies, class luncheon, and class t-shirt.
 - c. Yearbooks are not included in senior fees. Yearbooks are available for purchase. The cost is \$60 plus tax.
 - d. The Class Fees payment does not include invitations, rings, jackets, or extra-curricular activities such as homecoming and/or prom.
 - e. Each club may charge for cords and stoles.
 - f. Students should pay their senior dues in the form of a cash, check, or money order payable to Ragland High School. *Please include your student's name on the check/money order. (No checks will be accepted after March 30th)*
- 3. **Outstanding Debts**
 - a. If you incurred a debt(s) during the past school year(s) or this year, you will receive a debt letter. Students with outstanding fees at the end of the school year (class dues, textbooks, athletic equipment, etc.) will be **PROHIBITED** from participating in senior activities. Senior activities include baccalaureate & graduation. All debts must be cleared to participate in baccalaureate and graduation practices and ceremonies. After March 30th, only cash or money order will be accepted.
- 4. **Class Ring Order Deadline is March 1st**

MINORITY RURAL HEALTH SCHOLARS PROGRAM

MAY 26 TO JUNE 28, 2024

MINORITY RURAL HEALTH SCHOLARS PROGRAM

A five-week summer program for students who have traditionally been underrepresented in the health professions. The program was initiated in 2000 to expose rural high school students to the field of medicine, dentistry, and other health professions.

OBJECTIVES

- Expose minority students to the health care field particularly medicine and dentistry
- Increase the student's awareness for the need for physicians in rural Alabama (specifically primary care physicians)
- Increase the number of minority students from rural Alabama who qualify for admissions to medical school through the Rural Medical Scholars Program

ELIGIBILITY

- Currently in the 12th grade (2023-24 academic year)
- Have a "B" average.
- ACT 21 or 1080 SAT (recommended not required)
- Resident of rural Alabama for more than 5 years

ACTIVITIES

- Participate in field trips to small community and urban hospitals
- Attend seminars on health related professions

COLLEGE CREDIT/COURSE WORK

- Earn up to four hours of college credit
- Attend a general Chemistry or Biology course

APPLICATION

Visit cchs.ua.edu/rmhs

Application must be submitted electronically by March 15, 2024

Decisions on applicants will be made by April 15, 2024

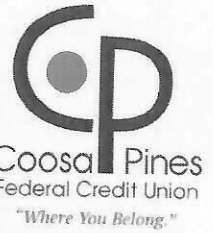


COST

The program pays for tuition, housing, books, and provides a meal allowance of \$500.

Coosa Pines Federal Credit Union Scholarship Application Form

33710 U.S. Hwy 280, Childersburg, AL 35044 • www.CoosaPinesFCU.org • (256) 378-5559



Instructions

Please print clearly the following information. **Applicant must be a Coosa Pines member.** See next page for membership information. Turn in completed application with all applicable signatures and attachments in a sealed envelope to the local Coosa Pines Federal Credit Union location or mail to:

Coosa Pines Federal Credit Union, Attn: Scholarship Selection Committee
33710 U.S. Hwy 280, Childersburg, AL 35044.

Application deadline is Friday, April 5, 2024.

Please note: Read and complete application carefully. If application is incomplete or found to be inaccurate, it will not be considered. Applications may be printed at www.CoosaPinesFCU.org.

Personal Information	
Applicant Name: _____	Home Phone: _____
Home Address: _____	Cell/Alt Phone: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	Email: _____
Coosa Pines FCU Member Number: _____	Date of Birth: _____

Academic Information	
High School Attending: _____	City: _____
Graduation Date: _____	
GPA (on 4.0 scale): _____ (Please attach most recent official transcript.)	
Have you taken the ACT? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, score: _____ (Please attach the official score report.)	
Have you taken the SAT? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, score: _____ (Please attach the official score report.)	
ACT: American College of Testing SAT: Stanford Achievement Test	
I will be enrolled in the following educational institution in the fall of 2024: _____	
Anticipated Major or Course of Study: _____	

Please List Your Academic Awards, Honors, and Membership Activities (You may attach a list on a separate sheet of paper if necessary.)

Please List Your Community Service Activities, Hobbies, Interests, and Extracurricular Activities
(You may attach a list on a separate sheet of paper if necessary.)

Essay Question

A core credit union philosophy is "people helping people". This attitude of service is a driving principle for credit unions, and as such has helped to shape the industry and the impact credit unions have made around the world. How has service made a meaningful impact in your life? (This can be service to others, or how another has served you.) Please attach your response of 600 words or less.

Letter of Recommendation/ Character Reference

Please include at least one but no more than three character reference(s) in the format of a letter of recommendation. Letter(s) of recommendation/ character reference(s) will in no case be accepted from family members of the applicant/student.

Application and Authorization Information

The application and all attachments thereto must be signed, completed and submitted to Coosa Pines Federal Credit Union. If an applicant fails to complete the entire application or submit all of the items requested, the application will not be considered. Please note that the application must be signed by the applicant/student and the parent/guardian of the applicant, and if either of such signatures is not on the application, the application will be deemed incomplete and will not be considered. **The applicant must be an account holder with Coosa Pines FCU. Membership is open to Talladega, Coosa, Clay, Shelby, St. Clair, and Jefferson Counties. For a limited time, students may join free. To join online visit www.CoosaPinesFCU.org and click on "Join Now".**

In order to receive the scholarship, the recipient must attend an accredited four-year or junior college, technical school or vocational school of the recipient's choice. The scholarship will be granted only to a graduating high school senior, and will be announced and awarded in the spring prior to the recipient's graduation. However, the scholarship is contingent upon the recipient graduating from high school and passing required graduation exam(s). The scholarship will be paid to the educational institution of recipient's choice upon proof of enrollment to the college or school.

_____/____ (Initial) We, the undersigned, understand that my/our name and information from the scholarship application and any or all attachments may be released to the scholarship selection committee. If awarded a scholarship, I/we release to Coosa Pines Federal Credit Union the right to use my/our name, story, application and all attachments, and picture for printed and video materials, reports, advertising, Internet and press releases, without compensation. I/we also recognize the advisability of communicating a letter of thanks to the credit union and scholarship selection committee.

If you would like, please attach a picture from senior year, text to 256.598.1944, or email to marketing@coosapinesfcu.org.

Coosa Pines Federal Credit Union and the scholarship selection committee does not and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion or national origin, or any other basis in either the application process or in the consideration and granting of the scholarships provided by Coosa Pines Federal Credit Union. The scholarship will not be awarded solely based on grades.

By submitting the application and all applicable attachments, and with signatures below, the applicant and parent/guardian certify that the information submitted is true and correct, and agree to the scholarship conditions as set forth in the application document.

Applicant/Student Signature

Date

Parent/ Guardian Signature

Date



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Eligible but not graduating this year?



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9250 Red Rock Road
Reno, NV 89508

Who is eligible?

Students who have had a parent killed or permanently and totally disabled in an on-the-job accident.

How do students apply?

Visit the Scholarships page at alabamalawfoundation.org to find out more about the application process and to apply.

What is the application timeline?

Opens March 1, 2024

Closes June 13, 2024

Questions?

Contact Dominique McKee Dmckee@alabamalawfoundation.org or (334) 781-6347.

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