

COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTING INFORMATION

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

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

- 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.
- O 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)

- o 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
- AUM Apply Hour: learn about admission requirements, scholarships, student life, etc
 - October 24th 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Uptown Cantina (2301 Richard Arrington Blvd Unit 200)
 - Register below: https://aum.elluciancrmrecruit.com/Apply/Events/EventDetails?eventId=267cc7a1-0c2b-ee11-8a1c-0e7d1227e20b

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.
 - Star 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
- Test option 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
- o Preview Days: Oct 14th, Nov 11th, Feb 19th
 - Register at <u>www.huntingdon.edu/visit</u>
- Scholarships cannot be stacked/combined
 - See chart hanging by the bulletin board for a list of scholarships and links

Jacksonville State University (JSU)

- o Caely Williams is your rep <u>cawilliams@jsu.edu</u>
 - Text or call 256-600-9431
- FAFSA code: 001020
- Fall Preview Days: September 23rd, October 10th
 - Register at https://www.jsu.edu/visit/events.html
- 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.
 - 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.

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/

Troy University

- o 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 December 1st.
- Housing applications open October 2nd
- Financial Aid opens December 1st
 - Foundation Scholarships open January 1st. Deadline to submit is March 1st.

Tuskegee University Open house is September 23rd Register at https://www.tuskegee.edu/admissions/open-house 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 Fall Preview Day is October 14th 0 **UAB** is test-optional 0 Scholarship deadline is December 1st. 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) Discovery Days are: Oct 14, Oct 21, Nov 11 Register at https://www.uah.edu/admissions/undergraduate/discover-uah/prospectivestudent-events 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 Preview Day: October 14th, November 10th 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 0 If your ACT score is an 18 or 19 you may be considered for admissions based on GPA Mass Communication Day is September 27th Art Major Day is October 27th

University of West Alabama (UWA)

- James Bank Jr is your rep jbanks@uwa.edu
- Preview Day is Nov 4th.
 - Register here http://s.visitdays.com/uwa/evr
- Scholarship application deadline is April 15th.
- Admission application deadline is April 15th.

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

- October 2nd-6th Homecoming Week
- October 4th St. Clair County College Fair @ Moody Civic Center
- October 11th AUM Rep 8:45 a.m.
- October 12th 1st Report Cards!
- October 16th UWA Rep 8:45 a.m.
- October 16th October 20th Free College Application Week
- October 18th WorkKeys State Test (required)
- October 19th UAH Rep 8:45 a.m.
- October 19th College Application Day! (Gadsden State Career Coach will be here to help)
- October 25th Jefferson State Rep 8:45 a.m.
- October 26th UA Rep 8:45 a.m.
- October 30th Gadsden Rep 8:45 a.m.
- November 2nd UAB Rep 8:45 a.m.
- November 3rd Senior Pep Rally
- November 7th Wallace State Rep 8:45 a.m.
- November 15th UAB Tour
- January 17th Gadsden State Tour
- February 9th Mock Interviews (required)
- March 15th Career Fair
- March 20th Wallace State Tour
- April 6th Prom
- May 8th AP Literature Exam 8:00 a.m. (required)
- May 16th AP Biology Exam 12:00 p.m. (required)
- May 19th Baccalaureate Hardin's Chapel
- May 20th Graduation 7:00 p.m.

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

- Sallie Mae Scholarship Search www.salliemae.com/scholarshipsearch
- Cappex www.cappex.com/scholarships
- Big Future https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search/scholarship-list 0
- Scholarship America https://scholarshipamerica.org/ 0
- Going Merry https://www.goingmerry.com/

Other Helpful Resources

- College Planning Tool www.salliemae.com/planforcollege 0
- 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.
 - o Text or call 334-316-6155 or email algoestocollege@alabamapossible.org
 - This resource helps with FAFSA

Scholarships

- 1. Student Scholarships
 - a. Deadlines vary each month
 - b. https://studentscholarships.org/scholarships.php
- Scholarship Bundle 1
 - a. Deadlines vary between August 29th November 30th.
 - b. See bundle attached to newsletter or in TEAMS.
 - c. https://studentscholarships.org/newsletters
- 3. Coca Cola Scholarship
 - a. Deadline: October 2nd
 - b. https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/
- 4. Heisman Highschool Scholarship
 - a. Deadline: October 17th
 - b. Open to male & female athlete/cheerleader with a 3.0 GPA or higher
 - c. https://heismanscholarship.com
- 5. McDonald's Scholarship Opportunities
 - a. Deadline: Varies between October-December
 - b. Employees apply at bit.ly/workscholar
 - c. Hispanic students apply at bit.ly/hismcscholar
 - d. African American students apply at bit.ly/blkmcscholar
- 6. Chick-Fil-A Scholarship
 - a. Deadline: November 1st
 - b. Apply at bit.ly/cfascholar
- 7. Burger King Scholars Program
 - a. Deadline: December 15th
 - b. Apply at bit.ly/bkscholar2023
- 8. Thomas E. Huey Jr Memorial Scholarship/BLSA Scholarship
 - a. Deadline: December 31st
 - b. See scholarship on TEAMS, webpage, or in October newsletter.
- 9. Linly Heflin Scholarship
 - a. Deadline: January 10, 2024
 - b. For female students going to college
 - c. www.linlyheflin.org
- 10. 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

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. Senior Slideshow Important Info.

- **a.** Coach Faucett will be creating your senior slideshow. Here is what is needed from you for you to be incorporated into the presentation:
 - i. one jump drive with nothing on it but your 10 pictures.
 - ii. You get five "growing up/family" pictures.
 - iii. You get five "friend" pictures.
 - iv. Deadline to submit photos is Friday, October 13th.



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September 22, 2024

Ragland High School Attn: Senior Counselor 1060 Main Street Ragland, AL 35131

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

BLSA, a Chapter of NALS, Inc., an association for legal professionals, will award its Thomas E. Huey, Jr. Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to a high school senior in the Jefferson, Shelby, Blount, and St. Clair County area in January 2024. If your school wishes to participate in the application process, please post the enclosed form in your department. Copies can be made and distributed to students who wish to apply.

Scholarship applications will be accepted based upon 50% financial need, 40% grade point average (must be at least a "B"), and 10% achievements and accomplishments. This application must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2023, and received by the Chairman no later than January 6, 2024.

Applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee and five applicants will be selected to be presented to the membership at the January 2024 regular monthly meeting. The recipients will be selected by ballot at that time and will be notified in writing as soon as possible thereafter.

Scholarship funds are to be used for educational purposes only, *i.e.*, tuition, books, testing fees, or other relevant educational expenses approved by the Scholarship Committee. These expenses are generally paid directly by BLSA. Any exceptions must be submitted in writing and accompanied by valid receipts in order to be directly reimbursed to the recipient.

Sincerely,

Kayla Bassett, PLS

Kayla Bassett, PLS BLSA Scholarship Chairman

Enclosure

BLSA, a Chapter of NALS, Inc. To be awarded January 2024 THOMAS E. HUEY, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Date	A	A4 000 00
Applicant's Full Name:		\$1,000.00
Home Address: Telephone Number Applicant's Date of Birth: Parents Marital Status: MARRIED Are both parents living? Yes No.		
Telephone Number Applicant's Date of Birth:		
Parents Marital Status: MARRIED SEPARATED DIVORCED		
Are both parents living? Yes No		
If divorced, contribution of non-custodial parent.		
Names and address of other children in family		
Father employed by		
Mother employed by		
Family's total annual gross income:		
From whom do you receive your primary financial august at		
School you plan to attend upon graduation		
Have you received, or do you expect to receive, any other achalanting.	al aida	
If so, list (names and amounts):	ai aiu !	
Do you have a PACT plan? Yes No.		
Ur any other college assistance funds? Vos		
Reasons for needing this scholarship (Use additional pages if needed)		
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The following must be submitted with this application:		

- A certified transcript of high school grades. Receipt of this transcript is necessary to process application.
- 2. Letter of recommendation from business education teacher and/or career counselor. Must have a grade point average of B or above. Scholarship will be awarded on the following basis: 50% financial need; 40% grade point average; 10% achievements and accomplishments.
- Typewritten biographical statement in narrative form stating schools attended, activities, honors, clubs, employment, outside activities (such as church, civic groups, etc.), family background, hobbies, and qualifications for scholarship.
- 4. A copy of the first two pages of parents'/guardians' 2022 income tax return (filed 2023) for income verification. YOU MUST REMOVE THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS FROM THE RETURN BEFORE SENDING.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED AND RECEIVED NO LATER THAN January 6, 2024. (Postmarked no later than December 31, 2023. Any incomplete applications or applications received after 5:00 p.m. on this date will be disqualified. It is the responsibility of the applicant to verify that the application has been received by the deadline. Send completed application to:

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