



November 2023



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 9 th	August 4 th	August 18 th	September 1 st
October 28 th	September 22 nd	October 6 th	October 20 th
December 9 th	November 3 rd	November 17 th	December 1 st
February 10 th	January 5 th	January 19 th	February 2 nd
April 13 th	March 8 th	March 22 nd	April 5 th
June 8 th	May 3 rd	May 17 th	May 31 st
July 13 th	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 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.
 - 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
 - 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
 - Preview Days: Oct 14th, Nov 11th, 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
 - 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/financialaid/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**
 - Kaylee McBroom is your rep– kmcbroom@troy.edu
 - Saturday Tour November 18th
 - 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 first come/first serve.
 - 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
- UAB is test-optional
- 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/prospective-student-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
- 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!!!)

- November 1st – Blood Drive
- November 2nd – UAB Rep 8:45 a.m.
- November 3rd – Senior Pep Rally 1:30
- November 7th – Wallace State Rep 8:45 a.m.
- November 9th – Deadline to turn in ASVAB permission forms
- November 9th – Progress Reports
- November 10th – No School
- November 15th – UAB Tour
- November 15th-November 17th – Mrs. Marbury will be out for conference
- November 20th-November 24th – Thanksgiving Break – No School
- November 30th – ASVAB Testing @ ECTC
- January 9th – Report Cards
- January 17th – Gadsden State Tour
- February 9th – Mock Interviews (required)
- 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.

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>
- Scholarship America - <https://scholarshipamerica.org/>
- Going Merry - <https://www.goingmerry.com/>

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 algoestocollege@alabamapossible.org
 - This resource helps with FAFSA

Scholarships

1. Student Scholarships
 - a. Deadlines vary each month
 - b. <https://studentscholarships.org/scholarships.php>
2. 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. McDonald’s Scholarship Opportunities
 - a. Deadline: Varies between October-December
 - b. Employees apply at bit.ly/workscholar
 - c. Hispanic students apply at bit.ly/hismescholar
 - d. African American students apply at bit.ly/blkmescholar
4. Chick-Fil-A Scholarship
 - a. Deadline: November 1st
 - b. Apply at bit.ly/cfascholar
5. Hagan Scholarship
 - a. Deadline: December 1st
 - b. Apply at <https://haganscholarships.org/>
6. Burger King Scholars Program
 - a. Deadline: December 15th
 - b. Apply at bit.ly/bkscholar2023
7. Thomas E. Huey Jr Memorial Scholarship/BLSA Scholarship
 - a. Deadline: December 31st
 - b. See scholarship on TEAMS, webpage, or in October newsletter.
8. Linly Heflin Scholarship
 - a. Deadline: January 10, 2024
 - b. For female students going to college
 - c. www.linlyheflin.org
9. 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. ACT FREE RETEST
 - a. If you register for the December 9th ACT test by November 3rd, ACT is paying for your next ACT test date. This does not apply to students who use the fee waiver.
2. 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

3. 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)*

4. 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.

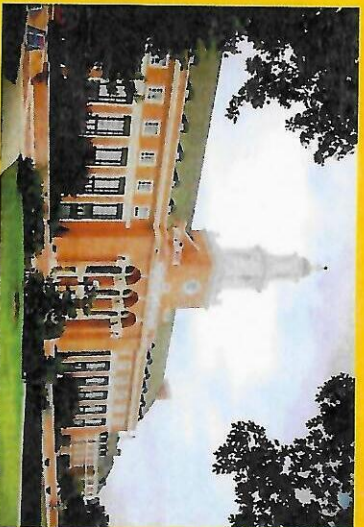


Scholarship Timeline

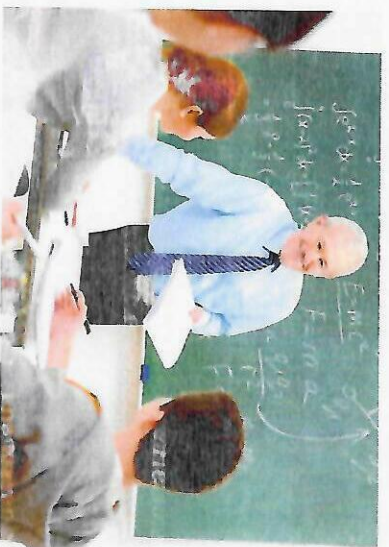
For the 2024-2025 Academic Year in College

1. The Scholarship Application can be downloaded from the HSF website after September 1, 2023.
2. The Application Submittal Deadline is December 1, 2023.
3. Applications reviewed for eligibility and compliance with instructions.
4. Applicants notified of their status.
5. Finalists provide supplemental information.
6. Scholarships awarded April, 2024.

“Hagan Scholar Testimonials” can be found on the HSF website, under the Scholarship Information Link



Oklahoma State University



Eligibility Requirements

1. Must be a citizen of the United States.
2. Must attend a traditional public high school located in the U.S. that is governed by a school district.
3. Must have a 3.50 cumulative grade point average.
4. Must enroll at an eligible four-year college or university following high school graduation.
5. Must maintain a four year or less graduation schedule in college.
6. Must work 240 hours from January 1, 2024 until commencement of the 2024 fall semester in college. Work must be regularly scheduled employment performed under supervision for compensation.
7. Applicant's Adjusted Gross Household Income reported for 2022 Federal Income Tax Purposes must not have exceeded \$85,000.
8. Finalists must provide a copy of the FAFSA SAR showing their EFC.
9. Must apply for Federal and State grants if eligible.
10. Must not have a felony conviction.

The intended recipient is a high-achieving goal driven student having substantial financial need.



Hagan Scholarship Foundation
PO Box 1225
Columbia, MO 65205
Website: www.hsfmo.org
Email: scholarships@hsfmo.org

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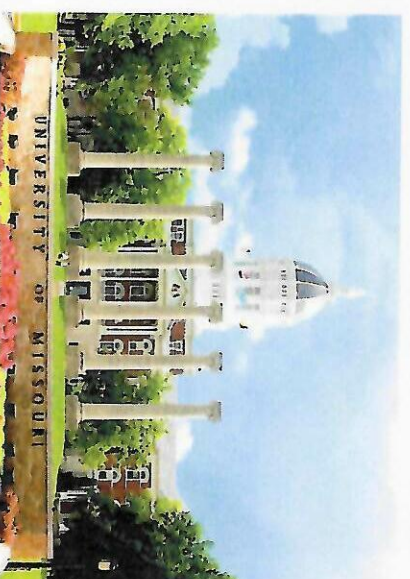
The Hagan Scholarship

“Helping students with financial need graduate college debt-free”

The Hagan Scholarship is a nationwide need-based merit scholarship, providing recipients with the opportunity to graduate college debt-free. The scholarship provides up to \$7,500 each semester for up to eight (8) consecutive semesters.

Recipients graduating college while in the Hagan Scholarship Program can apply for a Hagan Graduate Scholarship, good for up to four (4) additional consecutive semesters.

Free workshops, Free Brokerage Accounts, and Free Study Abroad provide recipients with a practical understanding of important life skills not typically covered in the school curriculum. Hagan Scholars have attended 482 colleges and universities located in 48 states



University of Missouri-Columbia

Purpose

The Purpose of the Hagan Scholarship is to provide each recipient with the opportunity to obtain a four-year college education and graduate debt-free. And, to provide each recipient with a practical understanding of important life skills not typically covered in the school curriculum.



Purdue University

Recipient Responsibilities

1. Must maintain a 3.25 CGPA and a four year or less graduation schedule.
2. Must earn fourteen credit hours each fall semester and thirty credit hours each academic year excluding summer school.
3. Graduate students must maintain a 3.50 CGPA and earn 12 credit hours each semester.

To be fair to all recipients we will not make exceptions to the Scholarship Criteria or to Deadlines.



Scholarship Particulars

1. The scholarship disbursement amount, up to \$7,500 each semester, will be determined by HSF by taking the Total Cost of Attendance including tuition, fees, room, board, books, supplies, personal and transportation costs; then deducting the total dollar amount of ALL scholarships, awards, grants, waivers, and tuition provided for work study, and one-half of recipient's EFC. Parents are not required to pay the EFC, the EFC is used only to determine the disbursement amount.
2. The disbursement amount will be adjusted each semester to offset the expiration or loss of other scholarships, awards, grants, waivers, work-study, and changes in the recipient's EFC.
3. The scholarship is renewable for up to seven additional consecutive semesters if the recipient fulfills the scholarship criteria and mandatory workshop responsibilities.
4. First year recipients receive \$1,000 prior to college enrollment to purchase essential items for college not covered by the scholarship; computer, cell phone, clothing, office supplies, bedding, etc.
5. Second year recipients will be provided with an HSF Schwab Brokerage Account to manage until graduation. HSF funds managed by each recipient will be \$10,000 the second year, \$15,000 the third year, and \$20,000 the fourth year.
6. Third year recipients achieving a 3.50 CGPA are eligible for an all-expense paid study and travel abroad experience worth up to \$8,000 or the funds can be used to study abroad for one semester.
7. Recipients must work 240 hours from January 1, 2024 until commencement of the 2024 fall semester in college. Employment must be regularly scheduled work performed under supervision for compensation.
8. Recipients graduating college while in the Hagan Scholarship Program can apply for a Hagan Graduate Scholarship, good for up to four additional consecutive semesters receiving up to \$7,500 each semester.



Belmont University

FAQs

How many scholarships have been awarded?
3,637 scholarships have been awarded to date.

- How much is the Hagan Scholarship worth?
1. Undergraduate Scholarship: Up to \$60,000.
 2. Graduate Scholarship: Up to \$30,000.

Additional Benefits:

3. Workshops to learn important life skills.
4. First Year: \$1,000 to purchase essential items.
5. Second Year: \$100 to establish a Personal Schwab Brokerage Account, and a \$10,000 HSF Schwab Brokerage Account to manage.
6. Third Year: HSF Schwab Account funds increased to \$15,000. Up to \$8,000 to Study/Travel abroad.
7. Fourth Year: HSF Schwab Account funds increased to \$20,000.
8. Graduation: Up to \$10,000 in earnings from managing the HSF brokerage account.

Is this a need-based or merit-based scholarship?
BOTH. Applicants must authenticate genuine financial need in order to attend college. Recipients are selected based upon academic ability, personal goals, and achievement in and out of school.

Why do you have mandatory workshops?
To help recipients obtain a practical understanding of important life skills not typically covered in the school curriculum.

Why are recipients required to work?
The Grantor worked during high school and college and believes each recipient will personally benefit by contributing to the cost of his or her education.

Why are the scholarships limited to public schools governed by a school district?
The Grantor attended four very small public schools governed by school districts.