



August 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.**
- **Jacksonville State University (JSU)**
 - Caely Williams is your rep – cawilliams@jsu.edu
 - 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 250 scholarships.
 - Leadership Scholarship is a separate application due February 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
 - Unconditional admission students must have a 3.0 GPA. Conditional admission requires 2.5 GPA
 - Merit Scholarships open September 1st
 - Housing applications open October 2nd
 - Financial Aid opens December 1st
 - Foundation Scholarships open January 1st
- **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
 - 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**
 - 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 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
- **University of West Alabama (UWA)**
 - James Bank Jr is your rep – jbanks@uwa.edu

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

- August 31st – JSU Rep 8:45 a.m.
- September 14th – Troy Rep 8:45 a.m.
- September 20th – JSU Tour
- October 4th – St. Clair County College Fair @ Moody Civic Center
- 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 26th – UA Rep 8:45 a.m.
- October 30th – Gadsden Rep 8:45 a.m.
- November 2nd – UAB Rep 8:45 a.m.
- 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!

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.iese.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 algestocollege@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. 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>
4. Linly Heflin Scholarship
 - a. Deadline: January 10, 2024
 - b. For female students going to college
 - c. www.linlyheflin.org



LINLY HEFLIN

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Linly Heflin scholarships are available for Alabama women attending Alabama colleges and universities

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CRITERIA

- Women who are U.S. citizens and residents of the state of Alabama.
- Women who attend or plan to attend a four-year Alabama college or university that is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.
- Documented financial need
- Academic proficiency
- Linly Heflin scholarships are to be used for undergraduate studies by Alabama women attending Alabama four-year colleges or universities. They may not be used for post-graduate studies.
- Funds for two semesters are sent directly to the schools in early August. Recipients may use the funds for only two (2) semesters per academic year, for a total of 8 semesters. Funds must be used within five years of award. The scholarship is currently \$10,000 per year.

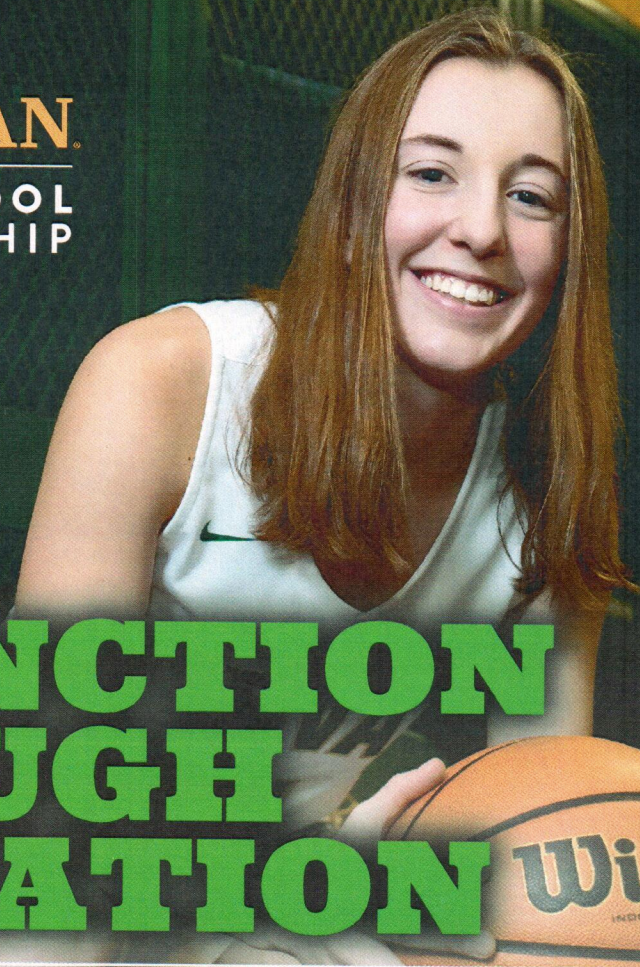
IMPORTANT DATES

- Applications open – October 1, 2023
- Application deadline – January 10, 2024
- Inform applicants selected for an interview – Mid-February 2024
- Selected applicants interviewed – early March 2024
- Notify scholarship recipients – end of March 2024

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE FOUND AT WWW.LINLYHEFLIN.ORG



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<https://studentscholarships.org/newsletters>

\$20,000 (6 Awards)

Epic Flight Academy Aviation Scholarships

Deadline: October 1, 2023

[For Eligibility: Click Here](#)

\$500 (391 Award)

NCWIT Award For Aspirations in Computing

Deadline: October 6, 2023

[For Eligibility: Click Here](#)

\$1,000 (1 Award)

Giving Back to the Community Scholarship

Deadline: October 31, 2023

[For Eligibility: Click Here](#)

\$1,000 (1 Award)

Selfless Parent Scholarship

Deadline: November 30, 2023

[For Eligibility: Click Here](#)



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Washington, DC, 20016

Featured Scholarships

\$40,000 (24 Awards)

Big Future Scholarship

Deadline: August 31, 2023

[For Eligibility: Click Here](#)

\$25,000 (1 Award)

Be Bold Scholarship

Deadline: September 1, 2023

[For Eligibility: Click Here](#)

\$2,000 (12 Awards)

Nitro Scholarship

Deadline: August 31, 2022

[For Eligibility: Click Here](#)

\$1,000 (50 Awards)

No Essay Smart Owl Scholarship

Deadline: August 29, 2023

[For Eligibility: Click Here](#)

\$2,000 (12 Awards)

Niche Scholarships

Deadline: August 31, 2023

[For Eligibility: Click Here](#)