

# The Year Ahead

Seckinger

Class of 2025

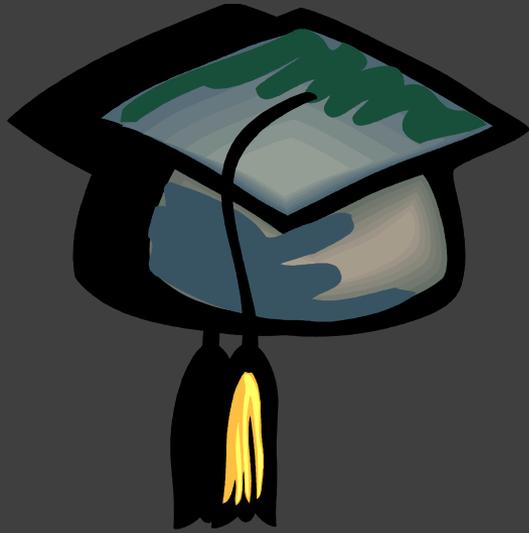


Please take a few moments to complete

Beginning of  
the Year

College and  
Career Needs  
Survey





# Application for Graduation AKA – Senior Letter

- Check your legal name for your diploma
- Your social security number- needed for HOPE/Zell Miller
- Credit check/courses remaining
- Q & A

# Application for Graduation

WINNETT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
2020 - 2021 SENIOR APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION  
(Please print all information)

Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 December \_\_\_\_\_  
 May \_\_\_\_\_  
 Summer \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Ceremony: I plan to participate \_\_\_\_\_  
 YES \_\_\_\_\_  
 NO \_\_\_\_\_

Required Exams: Gwinnett Gateway  \_\_\_\_\_  
 PASS Science \_\_\_\_\_  
 PASS Social Studies \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate for: Diploma Type  
 General Diploma \_\_\_\_\_  
 General Diploma for students with Significant Disabilities \_\_\_\_\_  
 IEP Diploma \_\_\_\_\_

(Stu Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Stu Email) \_\_\_\_\_ (Student Cell) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Student ID Number) \_\_\_\_\_ Student SS # \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Parent Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent Phone) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Address) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (City/State/Zip) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_



SUBJECT	General Diploma	UNIT REQUIREMENTS		COURSES REMAINING
		EARNED	NEEDED	
Language Arts	4.00	3.00	1.00	_____
Mathematics	4.00	3.00	1.00	_____
Science	4.00	3.00	1.00	_____
World History	1.00	1.00	0.00	_____
US History	1.00	1.00	0.00	_____
Political Systems	0.50	0.50	0.00	_____
Economics	0.50	0.00	0.50	_____
Lifetime Fitness	0.50 *	0.50	0.00	_____
Health	0.50 *	0.50	0.00	_____
Modern/Classical Language and/or Fine Arts and/or Technical course**	3.00 **	3.00	0.00	_____
Electives	4.00	4.00	0.00	_____



Minimum Units Required **23** Total units earned 19.50 Total units remaining 3.50

\*by completing 3 units of \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*\*2 credits of the same modern/classical language are required for university/college admissions in the State of Georgia.

POSTSECONDARY PLANS:

4-year College/University \_\_\_\_\_  
 2-year Technical College \_\_\_\_\_  
 Military \_\_\_\_\_  
 Workforce Training/Apprenticeship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employment \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Undecided \_\_\_\_\_

COUNSELOR'S NOTES:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

The school counselor and student have reviewed the information on this Application for Graduation. I, the student, understand that it is my responsibility to provide accurate information, including earning 23 credits in the designated areas and passing both Gateway Exams.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Counselor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent Signature (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



- Your College List
- Your SAT &/or ACT Score (if known)
- Intended Major

# College Application Process

# Test Scores

SAT<sup>®</sup>



ACT<sup>®</sup>

- If you haven't taken college admissions tests yet...
  - Take **BEFORE DECEMBER**
- Is your school test optional?
- Register online
  - SAT
  - ACT
- When applying for college, you will have to send the scores *yourself* from the websites (counselors do not have that ability).
  - While registering, choose 4 colleges to have your scores sent to **FOR FREE.**
  - Athletes may send scores to NCAA at this time using one of their 4 free sends.

## Test Scores (Continued)



- Always send your scores. Most colleges will “Superscore”.
  - Superscore – taking the best outcomes from each section each administration to present your best result
- Take the test more than once, if possible.
- Know your college application deadlines.
  - There can be a several week delay between sending them and the college receiving them.
- **Testing fee waivers** are available for students who meet criteria. Visit official websites for details or see your counselor.

# Considering a College



Do they have my MAJOR?

Know the admissions requirements – do you fit the profile?

## Other Preferences

- In-state or out-of-state
- Cost of attendance
- Close to home or far away
- Live on campus or commute?
- Urban, small town, rural experience?
- Weather
- Extracurriculars/sports teams
- On and off campus safety/comfort
- Campus transportation/busses

# Apply to More than 1 School

Go to the college website for the application

- **Stretch Schools** – most competitive schools to get in to. Probably your first and second choice schools, typically low admission rates.
- **Match Schools** – You're a good fit with your grades and test scores. Chances of admissions are good (not guaranteed), about half get in.
- **Safety Schools** – a sure bet, you know you can get in. Your back-up plan, most will be accepted.

You **must** finalize the application by sending in:

- Test scores
- Transcripts
- Essays (if applicable)
- Recommendations (if applicable)
- Other – it is *your* responsibility to find out what else!
  - Proof of residency



Once accepted, provide:

- Immunization records (Ga. Schools)
- Deposit
- Sign up for orientation
- Housing

# Timeline Considerations

- Find out application deadlines!
- **Recommendation: apply before Thanksgiving**
  - For: scholarships, housing, etc.
- Set up a **NEW** and **PROFESSIONAL** e-mail address.
  - Begin checking email **regularly**
- You do **not** have to wait on test scores to submit applications
  - Keep in mind the possible **2 week** delay
- Transcripts on mypaymentsplus.com
  - **2 day** turnaround time for pick up
- Request **recommendation letters** from counselors and teachers. Be *courteous* and give at least **2 weeks** for completion! No last minute requests please 😊
  - Please complete Brag Sheet



# Brag Sheet

Please fill out a BRAG sheet if you would like a recommendation for college from your school counselor.

Browser tabs: Gwinnet, Gwinnet, My Stud, Mail - Ja, Counsell, Gwinnet, School P, Hatcher, Web Ph, Joanna, "Is" me, Microso, Senior P, Account, Counsel

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Growing Our Community, Building our Brand

## Counseling Homepage

- > Counselors
- > New Student Registration
- > **College & Career Planning**
- > Transcript Request Procedures

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Edit Page

## College & Career Planning

Seniors: Please fill out a BRAG sheet if you would like a recommendation for college from your school counselor.

- > Transcript Request Procedures



**2022-2023**  
**Student Brag Sheet/Request for Recommendation Letter**

- Ask your teacher/counselor politely for a letter of recommendation. This can be done via email or in person once students return to school.
- Teachers and counselors require two weeks' notice for all recommendation requests. Any requests made with less than two weeks' notice may not be submitted on time.
- Letters of recommendation are needed only if the college/university requires them for admission/scholarship review. Check the institution's admission requirements for details.
- Type your answers in the boxes provided.

Name:	
Today's Date:	
Purpose of recommendation:	
Your unweighted GPA:	

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What type of institutions are you considering? (ie: Large urban university, small liberal arts college, private college, rural college, technical college, out of state, in state, etc.)

Please summarize the progress you've made with your college search. Have you identified the schools to which you will apply? Have you visited any schools?

What is your possible major in college? What career goals do you have (what do you want to be when you grow up)? If you don't know, what are some interests that you have that could develop into a career you could be passionate about?

# Requesting Formal Transcripts

We do NOT automatically send transcripts! To send one electronically, it must be done through a secure portal such as the Common App or SendEDU.

[www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org)\*

- Log into your account
- Click on “college planning” tab
- Select “Transcripts”
- Select the college to send transcript to
- Select “continue”

**\*We must have your SS# on file and you must have included it in your GAfutures profile**

**\*only available for GA schools**

**\*this option is FREE**

## Transcript Requests on MyPaymentsPlus.com

- Directions are on the Seckinger website in the counseling section.
- Cost is \$5.00 per transcript – paper or electronic service (Common App/Naviance, SendEDU)
- Paper
  - Pick up sealed envelope in Counseling Canopy
- Common App/Naviance, SendEDU
  - Your counselor attaches your transcript to their portion of the electronic app. Your counselor may need additional information to complete their portion for you.

**GAfutures**

Explore. Plan. Succeed.





# Connecting **Common App** to Naviance for Transcripts and Recommendations



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### Recommendations & FERPA

#### FERPA Release Authorization

Before you can invite your counselor, teachers, recommenders, parents, or advisors, you must complete the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) release authorization process.

Learn more about FERPA

**Complete Release Authorization**

Continue

#### Instructions and Help

Naviance: How do students add and assign recommenders?  
If your school uses Naviance, you will not be able to assign counselor or teacher recommendations. [Read more](#)

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### Release Authorization

#### FERPA Form

I acknowledge that every school that I have attended may release all requested records and recommendations to colleges to which I am applying for admission. I also understand that employees at these colleges may confidentially contact my current and former schools should they have questions about the information submitted on my behalf.\*

Back Save and Close

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Please select one: \*

I waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents.

I DO NOT waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents.

I understand that my waiver or no waiver selection above pertains to all colleges to which I apply and that my selections on this page cannot be changed once I sign and click Save below.\*

Signature \*  
Manley Bahringer

Date \*  
September 10, 2022

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✓ FERPA Release Authorization  
[View Details](#)

#### Invite Recommenders

Recommenders are people who will submit forms and information to colleges on your behalf. Check out our video about recommenders.

[Invite Recommenders](#)

#### Counselor

Your school is using Overgrad for transcripts, school reports, and teacher recommendations. Please contact your counselor directly and they will provide instructions specific to your school regarding these documents. If your counselor wishes to submit forms via mail, you can download forms that can be completed on paper and mailed to each institution to which you apply.

[Download PDF Forms](#)

School Report

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Connecting Common App to Naviance



Here's a link to [step-by-step instructions](#)

# Scholarships/ Financial Aid

# Scholarships Are For Everyone



Get busy!  
Start  
NOW!

## What kinds are there?

- Local companies, and community groups
- School specific
- State
- National
- Academic
- Athletic
- Arts
- Private
- Sweepstake-style (submit an essay or entry)
- First Generation College Bound
- Anything that makes you unique

## Look WHERE?

- [Seckinger website](#)
- [Gafutures](#) website/scholarship tab
- College websites
- Parent's place of employment
- Google!
- Scholarship web engines on Seckinger website
- Fortune 500 companies websites

# Gates, QuestBridge, and Foundation Scholarships

- Gates Scholarship

- The Gates Scholarship (TGS) is a highly selective, last-dollar scholarship for outstanding, minority, high school seniors from low-income households.
- Deadline: September 15

- QuestBridge Scholarship

- Are you a low-income high school senior who has excelled academically, but feels that the nation's best colleges are financially out of reach? The QuestBridge National College Match can be your pathway to a top college. Through this college and scholarship application process, you can apply for free to the nation's best colleges and be considered for early admission and a full four-year scholarship.
- Deadline: September 27

- Gwinnett County Foundation Scholarships

- Scholarships just for Gwinnett County seniors
- Due dates typically start in December

# Georgia Specific Scholarships

## The Zell Miller Scholarship

Minimum 3.7 academic only  
GPA  
OR

Be class Valedictorian or  
Salutatorian

**AND**

have, in one sitting, SAT 1200  
(CR + M) or ACT composite 26

**How do I apply for the Zell?**

Through completion of the  
FAFSA

**Award:**

-100% tuition to a GA public  
college  
-About \$4000 to a GA private  
college

## The HOPE Scholarship

Minimum 3.0 in only academic  
GPA,  
no testing component

**How do I apply for the HOPE?**

Through completion of the  
FAFSA or via [GAfutures.org](http://GAfutures.org)

**Award:**

-up to 85%-90% tuition GA public  
college  
-About \$3600 tuition GA private  
college

Hope award amounts are adjusted annually based on  
lottery revenue. Awards do not adjust upwards with  
tuition increases nor do they cover books or fees.

See complete list of requirements at

[GA Futures](http://GAfutures.org)

# FAFSA

## Free Application for Federal Student Aid

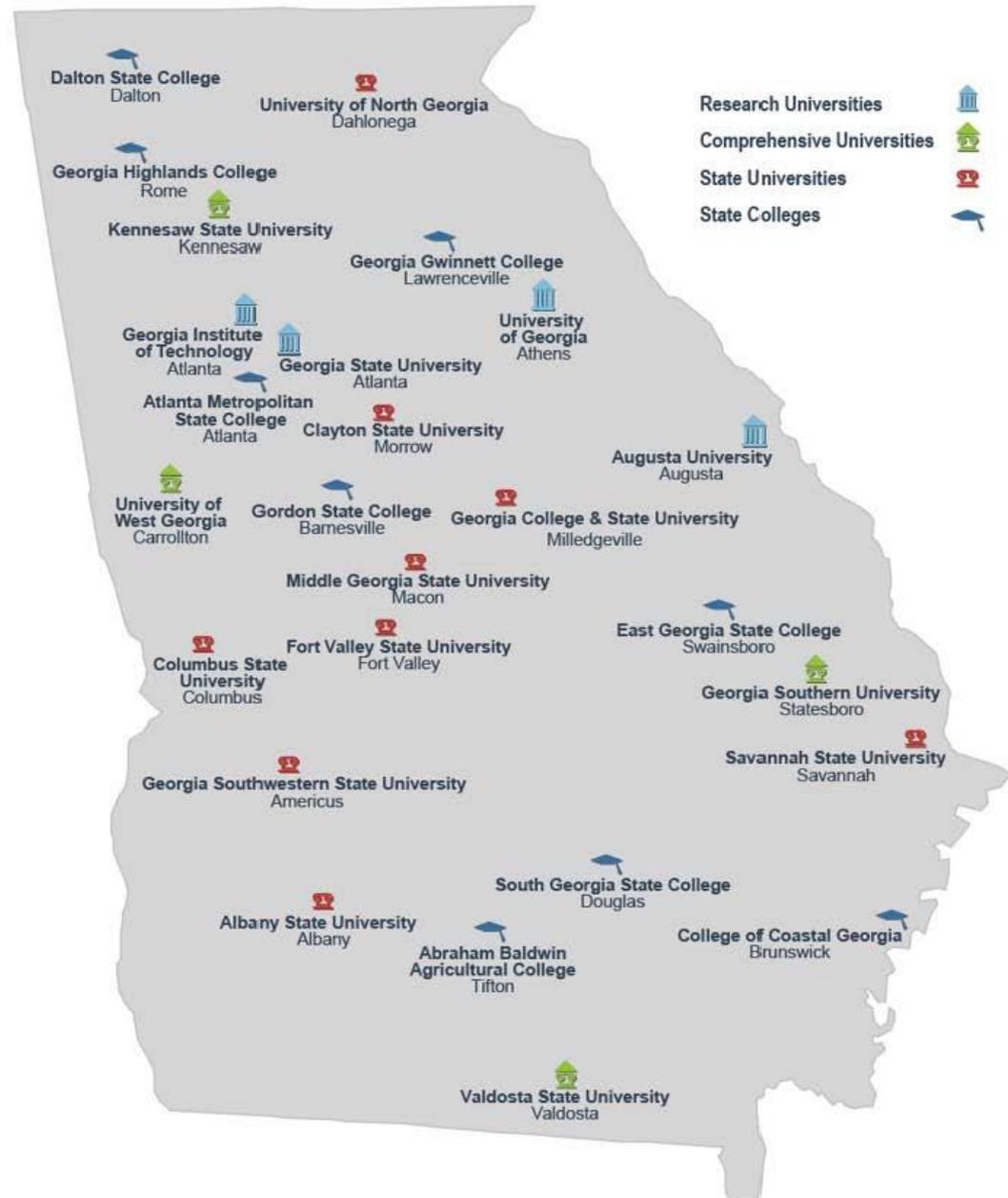


- Opens December 1
- Deadlines vary by college (usually in the spring)
- Do **not** have to fill out for admissions
- Will do four things:
  1. Automatically sign up for HOPE or Zell Miller Scholarship (if you qualify at end of the year)
  2. Determine if you qualify for Pell Grant (needs based, up to ~\$6,000, do not pay back)
  3. Determine if you qualify for work study (working on campus)
  4. Determine how much you qualify to borrow in federal student loans

# Interactive Map

## Admission Requirements for USG Schools

# Some Georgia Options





GEORGIA MATCH is a simple way for you to know where you are eligible for admission (to be admitted to college), based on your recent high school calculated HOPE grade point average (GPA). We want to make it easy for you to see where you could attend college in Georgia based on your current academic record and to apply to institutions you are most interested in attending!

Letters are mailed by the Georgia Student Finance Commission the first week of October!





Admissions: high school diploma  
Variety of admissions testing to choose from

- Automotive
- Arts & Sciences
- Business & Finance
- Computer Science
- Construction
- Cosmetology
- Culinary & Hotel, Restaurant, & Tourism
- Dental Assistance
- Education
- Ga. Film Academy
- Health Sciences
- Horticulture
- Marketing
- Public Safety & Service
- Veterinary Technology
- Visual Arts & Design
- Welding

Use HOPE GRANT (no GPA requirements)  
for Diploma & Certifications Programs

# Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG)

## Interesting facts:

- There are 23 technical colleges around Georgia
  - 99% job placement rate
  - 140 degree programs
  - Complete whole program in under 2 years
- 17 IN-DEMAND career programs offer free tuition through the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG).
  - TCSG Free Tuition
  - Examples below!

[Automotive Technology](#)  
[Aviation Technology](#)  
[Certified Engineer Assistant](#)  
[Commercial Truck Driving](#)  
[Computer Programming](#)  
[Computer Technology](#)

[Construction Technology](#)  
[Diesel Equipment Technology](#)  
[Early Childhood Care and Education](#)  
[Electrical Lineman Technology](#)  
[Health Science](#)

[Industrial Maintenance](#)  
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[Movie Production Set Design](#)  
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[Precision Manufacturing](#)  
[Welding and Joining Technology](#)



# **GWINNETT TECH PREVIEW NIGHT**

**LAWRENCEVILLE CAMPUS  
4:00PM - 7:00PM**



**PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS WHO  
ATTEND WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO  
APPLY FOR FREE ON SITE. THEY  
WILL BE ABLE TO VIEW PROGRAMS  
IN ACTION, LEARNING ALL THAT  
GWINNETT TECH HAS TO OFFER!**



[Flyer and QR Code](#)

# Kennesaw State University

- **Avg GPA:** 3.5
- **Avg SAT:** 1175
  
- **Min GPA:** 2.5
- **Min SAT:** 500 Reading, 490 Math
- **Min ACT:** 18 English or Reading, 18 Math
  
- First-year students applying to Kennesaw State University for the Fall 2024 or Spring, Summer, and Fall 2025 semesters may be admitted without an ACT or SAT score if they have a GPA of 3.2 or higher
  
- **Admit Rate:** 67.8%
  
- **Fall Deadline:** Priority – November 1  
Regular – July 1



**KENNESAW STATE**  
UNIVERSITY

# Georgia Gwinnett College

- GPA min 2.0
- Test Scores
  - GGC is test-optional for admission to the college.
  - Test scores may be required for scholarship consideration.
  - Test scores for course placement – see Course Placement Criteria.
- Available majors 21
- Admit Rate 93-94%
- Fall Deadline May 1
- **If a student does not meet the minimum SAT/ACT scores, they are required to take the Accuplacer placement test.**

**Have you considered—starting locally, then transferring? It's a cost-effective way to approach college!**

# Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech)

- Avg GPA: 4.07\*
- AP/DE Classes: 8 - 13
- Avg SAT: 1435\*
- Admit Rate: 17.1%\*
- \*According to prepscholar.com



## Deadlines:

Oct. 15 – Early Action – Scholarships & Honors Program Eligibility  
(decisions sent mid-December)

Oct 31. – document deadline

Jan. 6 – Regular Admissions (decisions sent mid-March)

Jan. 21 – document deadline

# Georgia Southern University

- **Minimum GPA** 2.5 (academic classes only)
- **Average GPA** 3.44
- **Minimum SAT** 480 Reading, 440 Math
- **Average SAT** 1070
- **Minimum ACT** 17 Reading, 17 Math
- **Admit Rate** 88.9%
- Students who have a GPA of less than 3.2 should submit ACT or SAT scores along with their high school transcript to be considered for admission.



**Application Deadline - August 1, 2025**  
**Honors College Deadline – January 15, 2025 (priority)**

# Georgia State University



- Core Classes GPA 3.58
- SAT average 1067
- ACT average 22
- Admit Rate 66.8%



Submit Test Scores (Optional). Georgia State is test-optional through Summer 2025 for students whose high school GPA is 3.4 or higher.\* If your high school GPA is below 3.4, you should submit test scores that meet either of the following criteria:

- SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score of at least 480 and SAT Math score of at least 440\*\*
- OR
- ACT English or Reading score of at least 17 and ACT Math score of at least 17\*\*

## Deadlines

Priority deadline for Honors College admission and Centennial Merit Scholarship consideration

- Presidential Scholarship application deadline– 11/15
- Regular Decision – 5/1

# The University of Georgia

## 2024 ENROLLMENT

Overall Enrollment: 41,615  
Undergraduate Enrollment: 31,514  
Graduate Enrollment: 10,101

## FIRST-YEAR APPLICATIONS

Applications Received: 43,090+  
Applicants Admitted: 16,100+  
New First-Year Students Enrolled: 6,150+

*\*Numbers are estimates*

## HIGH SCHOOL CORE GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Middle-50% of All Admitted First-Year Students: 4.05-4.33  
Middle-50% of All Admitted Honors Students: 4.28-4.47

## STANDARDIZED TESTS

SAT Middle-50% of Admitted First-Year Students: 1270-1470  
SAT Middle-50% of Admitted Honors Students: 1500-1550  
ACT Middle-50% of Admitted First-Year Students: 29-34  
ACT Middle-50% of Admitted Honors Students: 34-35

## AP, IB AND DUAL-ENROLLMENT

Middle-50% of AP, IB and Dual Enrollment Courses Taken: 8 to 13



**Admit rate: 42.5%**

### Deadlines

Early Action Application – Oct. 15

Document Deadline – Oct. 29

Regular Decision – Jan. 1

Document Deadline – Jan. 15

# The University of North Georgia

- Dahlonega, *Gainesville*, and Athens campuses
- Avg GPA: 3.56
- Avg SAT: 1108
- Min GPA: 2.4
- Min SAT: 480 Reading, 440 Math
- Min ACT: 17 English or Reading, 17 Math
- Admit Rate: 69.6%
- Deadline: Nov 15 (Early Action)                      Feb 15 (Regular Action)





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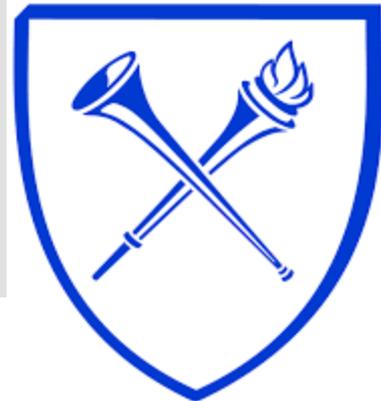


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UNIVERSITY

**GSW** 

GEORGIA  
SOUTHWESTERN  
STATE UNIVERSITY

 **CLAYTON STATE**  
UNIVERSITY



# Do You Have More Questions?

[Click Here If You Do!](#)

You can make an appointment with your counselor 😊



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