



**Application for  
The Appalachian At-Promise Scholarship**

**Program Goals:** The GACHE Appalachian At-Promise Scholarship program is designed to benefit graduates of Georgia public high schools (listed below) who wish to pursue a college education. This program recognizes promising students, provides needed financial support, and assists students in achieving their college and career goals.

**Guidelines:** GACHE's partner post-secondary institutions offer scholarships to a select number of graduates for educational expenses associated with attendance at the institution granting the scholarship. The number of awards given is dependent on available pledges and the number of applications received at the GACHE office by the deadline of **April 1st**.

The scholarship will be offered to graduating seniors from the following high schools: Banks County HS, Calhoun HS, Cedartown HS, Chattooga HS, Commerce HS, Dade County HS, East Jackson HS, Elbert County HS, Fannin County HS, Franklin County HS, Gilmer HS, Gordon Central HS, Gordon Lee HS, Haralson County HS, Jackson County HS, LaFayette HS, Lumpkin County HS, Madison County HS, Murray County HS, Ridgeland HS, Rockmart HS, Sonorville HS, Woody Gap HS.

Students applying for the Appalachian At-Promise Scholarship will submit the following supporting documents:

- A one to two page essay addressing (a) "Where I plan to be in five years and how I plan to get there" and (b) What I have done to prepare for my future in college and a career".
  - Students are encouraged to include additional information regarding extra-curricular activities, employment, volunteering, number of family members in the home, and financial situation.
- High school transcript
- GPA
- Class standing and number of students in graduating class
- ACT/SAT scores (if available)
- Number of absences during previous semester
- Names of institutions applied to and whether or not the student has been accepted.

The Appalachian At-Promise Scholarship is intended to support first year college students and must be used the year the scholarship is awarded.

**Partner Institutions Pledging Scholarships:**

- *Atlanta Technical College (\$500)*
- *Cobb Beauty College (\$1,000)*
- *Emmanuel College (\$3,000 (2 at \$1,500 each))*
- *Gainesville State College (\$1,000)*
- *Georgia Highlands College Foundation (\$1,000)*
- *North Georgia College & State University (\$4,000 (4 at \$1,000 each))*
- *Northwestern Technical College (\$500)*
- *Shorter College (\$1,000)*
- *Southern Catholic College (\$1,000)*
- *Toccoa Falls College (\$1,000)*
- *Young Harris College (\$1,000)*

**Selection Criteria:** GACHE will evaluate applications and notify the school and sponsoring institutions of award recipients. GACHE is an equal opportunity grantmaker and does not discriminate on the basis of disability, age, race, color, religion, sex, or ethnic origin or any other classification protected by Federal and/or State constitutional and/or statutory law.

**The GACHE School Contact should mail materials to:**

**The Georgia Appalachian Center for Higher Education  
North Georgia College & State University  
Dahlonega, Georgia 30597  
706-867-3272 voice  
706-867-2880 fax  
[www.ngcsu.edu/gache](http://www.ngcsu.edu/gache)**

**All materials must be received by GACHE on or before 5:00 pm, April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year to be considered.**



## **CHECKLIST**

**Applicants are required to submit 2 copies of the following materials**

- 1. A completed Appalachian At-Promise Scholarship Application form with full legal name, address, and phone number that provides:**
  - a. The name of your high school**
  - b. ACT/SAT scores (if taken)**
  - c. Grade Point Average (GPA)**
  - d. Date of high school graduation**
  - e. Your class standing as of fall semester**
  - f. The number of students in your graduation class**
  - g. Name of college or university you plan to attend and whether or not you have been accepted**
  - h. The source and amount of other financial aid or scholarship assistance requested and/or received**
  
- 2. A one to two page essay addressing “Where I plan to be in five years and how I plan to get there” and “What I have done to prepare for my future in college and a career”.**
  - Include additional information such as extra-curricular activities, employment, volunteer activities, number of family members in your home, and financial situation**
  
- 3. An official copy of your high school transcript.**
  - a. If the high school transcript does not show the number of absences during your last semester, provide a separate letter signed from your guidance office providing the number of absences during the last semester**
  
- 4. Submit this package to your GACHE school contact (the graduation coach, counselor or administrator) on or before the deadline of April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Each High School is allowed to submit only one student application per institution.**