

***Appalachian At-Promise Scholarship***  
*sponsored by*  
***The Georgia Appalachian Center for Higher Education***  
***(GACHE)***

The Georgia Appalachian Center for Higher Education, in partnership with area post-secondary institutions, has launched a financial aid scholarship program titled the “Appalachian At-Promise Scholarship”. The scholarship program is designed to encourage and assist students to attend any of our partner post-secondary institutions and to make college within reach for our Appalachian At-Promise youth.

**Eligible students must be:**

- Legal residents of Georgia
- First-time college students
- Graduates from a GACHE eligible school

**Targeted students:**

- First generation college attendees
- Considered “at-risk” for not attending college
- Accepted or applied to a GACHE partner college, technical college, or university
  - Have overcome significant obstacles to complete high school
- Employed or significantly responsible for their own financial well-being

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q. Which Georgia post-secondary institutions offer the Appalachian At- Promise Scholarship?**

**A. We solicit any Georgia post-secondary institution to pledge a scholarship. The following colleges, technical colleges, and universities currently offer a scholarship to students from the GACHE eligible schools:**

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

**(additional colleges will be added as pledges are received)**

**Q. Can I apply for more than one scholarship?**

**A. *Once you have applied and been accepted to your chosen institutions, you can submit an Appalachian At-Promise Scholarship Application for each institution.***

**Q. How many applications can my high school submit?**

**A. *Only one per institution. Each GACHE high school is responsible for reviewing each student application and making the determination of the applicant who best meets the At-Promise guidelines. Only one student application per institution will be accepted. GACHE will then review all applications from all 23 high schools and make the final determination of the scholarship recipients.***

**Q. Who qualifies for the GACHE Appalachian At-Promise Scholarship?**

**A. *Georgia public school students who graduate from one of the following 23 high schools: Banks County HS, Cedartown HS, Calhoun 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.***

**Q. How do students apply for the Appalachian At-Promise Scholarship?**

**A. *Students apply through their high school GACHE contact (either the graduation coach, counselor, or principal). They will (a) submit a 1-2 page essay responding to these prompts: “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”. They will be asked to include educational plans, career goals, extracurricular activities and employment during high school (if any); (b) submit their high school transcript; (c) include ACT/SAT scores (if available); (d) class standing; and (e) submit the entire package to their GACHE school contact by the deadline of April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.***

**Q. Where can I find more information?**

**A. *Visit the GACHE website at [www.ngcsu.edu/gache](http://www.ngcsu.edu/gache)***

***“The Appalachian At-Promise Scholarship will help to open the doors of opportunity to qualified students, especially those from financially***

***disadvantaged families, who may be reluctant to apply to college because of the financial burden attending college could place on their families.”***

Shirley Davis, Director

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