



# Achieve Atlanta Scholarship Overview



## **Vision**

Atlanta is a city where race and income no longer predict postsecondary success and upward mobility

## **Mission**

Achieve Atlanta's mission is to help APS students access, afford, and earn postsecondary credentials

# Achieve Atlanta Builds Cross-sector Collaboration Across a Range of Partners

Grades 11-12

Postsecondary

Improve College  
Access

Improve College  
Affordability

Increase College  
Success

AATL catalyzes and facilitates results-driven cross-sector collaboration by setting the vision, assembling teams, and creating conditions for success



Provide college advising to help students identify and access chosen postsecondary education



Help students understand the benefits and value of postsecondary education and help them pay for it through scholarships



Provide supports to help students persist and complete degrees



Achieve Atlanta engages students and families to ensure their experience and feedback inform how supports and services are provided and improved

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# Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

## HS Seniors

# Student Eligibility Criteria

Initial Application – February 1 of Senior Year

## Initial Student Eligibility Criteria

APS Enrollment	At least last 2 years of HS
Financial Need	Student Aid Index = $-\$1,500 - \$15,000$ on FAFSA Submission Summary
Minimum GPA (cumulative, weighted)	75 <u>by the end of the fall semester of senior year</u>

# Student Eligibility Criteria

## Alternative Financial Need Process

- Undocumented & DACA students are **eligible** to apply for the Achieve Atlanta Scholarship
- BigFuture's EFC Calculator used to assess financial need
- Reach out to Achieve Atlanta for detailed process instructions

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# Scholarship Basics

# Scholarship Basics: Awards

The scholarship award amount depends on if you enroll in a 2-year or 4-year college/university program.

- **4-year degrees: \$5,000** renewable for 4 years
- **2-year & Technical degrees: \$1,500** renewable for 2 years
- **Fully funded students: \$1,000** one-time grant



# Scholarship Basics: Award Disbursement

- Funds pay for **tuition, room, board & fees** (expenses included in full cost of attendance)
- Funds **go directly to college/university**
- Scholarships are **renewable**, subject to additional academic requirements (enrollment, GPA, pace)

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# Scholarship Requirements

# Scholarship Requirements: Postsecondary Enrollment

- Enroll fall 2024
- Enroll full-time
- Enroll at an eligible college/university

# Scholarship Requirements: Eligible College/Universities

Eligible Institutions	
Type	Accredited Non-profit private or public Technical programs
State policy	Most* in the state of GA  Outside of GA, need grad rate of $\geq 44\%$ according to College Scorecard

\*Funds cannot be used at Atlanta Metropolitan State College

Common schools that our Scholars attend and that come in and out of eligibility frequently are considered

# Verifying College/University Eligibility

The screenshot displays the College Scorecard website interface. On the left, a search sidebar shows 'SEARCH FOR:' with 'School' selected and 'Field of Study' as an option. Below, 'Search by Name' includes a search bar with 'Howard University' entered and a dropdown list showing 'Taft University System', 'Howard University' (highlighted), and 'Howard Payne University'. The main content area features three college profiles: Taft University System (Lakewood, CO), Howard University (Washington, DC), and Howard Payne University (Brownwood, TX). Each profile includes icons for its characteristics: Year (4), Private/Nonprofit, City, and Small. The Howard University profile is highlighted with a red box around its 'Graduation Rate' of 63% and its 'Private Nonprofit' status icon. The data for each college is as follows:

College	Location	Year	Private/Nonprofit	City	Small	Graduation Rate	Average Annual Cost	Median Earnings
Taft University System	Lakewood, CO	4	Private For-Profit	City	Small	N/A	N/A	N/A
Howard University	Washington, DC	4	Private Nonprofit	City	Medium	63%	\$41k	\$56k
Howard Payne University	Brownwood, TX	4	Private Nonprofit	Town	Small	48%	\$23k	\$44k

# Scholarship Requirements: Fall Update Application

- We will confirm a student's enrollment as a full-time student at an eligible institution through the **Achieve Atlanta Fall Update Application**
- Students will receive a unique link to the Fall Update Application in ~mid-June
- If a student does not complete the Fall Update Application, they will forfeit the scholarship

# How To Apply

**STEP 1:** Complete 2024-2025 FAFSA (save FAFSA Submission Summary).

**STEP 2:** Complete online application at [achieveatlanta.org](https://achieveatlanta.org) starting February 1, 2024. Applications due May 31, 2024.

An initial eligibility qualification status will be shared within two weeks of submission.

# Contact & Links

QUESTIONS?

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APPLICATION  
& INFORMATION

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[achieveatlanta.org](https://achieveatlanta.org)

FAFSA

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[studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa](https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa)

GRADUATION RATES

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[collegescorecard.ed.gov](https://collegescorecard.ed.gov)