



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

Program Goals: The GACHE Appalachian At-Promise Scholarship program is designed to benefit graduates of a GACHE funded high school (listed below) who wish to pursue post-secondary education. This program recognizes promising students, provides needed financial support, and assists students in achieving their education, training 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 15th**.

The At-Promise Scholarship will be offered to 2011 graduating seniors who apply from the following high schools:

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| <i>Apalachee High (Barrow)</i> | <i>Gordon Central High</i> | <i>Mountain Education Center (Union Site)</i> |
| <i>Banks County High</i> | <i>Gordon Lee High (Walker)</i> | <i>North Murray High</i> |
| <i>Cartersville High (Bartow)</i> | <i>Habersham County High</i> | <i>Phoenix High (Whitfield)</i> |
| <i>Commerce High (Jackson)</i> | <i>Hart County High</i> | <i>Ridgeland High (Walker)</i> |
| <i>Dade County High</i> | <i>Jackson County High</i> | <i>Sonoraville High (Gordon)</i> |
| <i>Dalton High (Whitfield)</i> | <i>LaFayette High (Walker)</i> | <i>Union County High</i> |
| <i>East Jackson High</i> | <i>Lumpkin County High</i> | <i>Whitfield Career Academy</i> |
| <i>Fannin County High</i> | <i>Madison County High</i> | <i>Winder-Barrow High</i> |
| <i>Franklin County High</i> | <i>Morris Innovative High (Whitfield)</i> | <i>Woody Gap High (Union)</i> |
| <i>Gilmer High</i> | <i>Murray County High</i> | |

Students applying for an Appalachian At-Promise Scholarship will submit the application and supporting documents to their GACHE Grant Coordinator in their high school by the deadline of **April 1st**:

A two page essay addressing (a) what I have done to prepare for my future career and a justification of financial need along with educational plans, career goals, extracurricular activities and employment during high school (if any) and high school transcript. Students are encouraged to include additional information regarding number of family members in the home, and other pertinent financial and/or family circumstances.

The GACHE Grant Coordinator for the high school will submit the completed application package, consisting of the following components, to the GACHE office by the deadline of **April 15th** of each school year.

- 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 accepted.

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

An updated list of Partner Institutions pledging scholarships can be found on the GACHE website, www.gachegrants.org

Selection Criteria: GACHE will evaluate applications and notify the school and sponsoring institutions of award recipients. GACHE is an equal opportunity organization 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 Grant Coordinator should mail materials to:

**The Georgia Appalachian Center for Higher Education
Pioneer RESA
P.O. Box 1789
Cleveland, Georgia 30528
706-865-2141
706-865-6748 fax
www.gachegrants.org**

CHECKLIST

- 1. A completed Appalachian At-Promise Scholarship Application package 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. High school graduation data**
 - e. Your class standing as of fall semester**
 - f. The number of students in your graduation class**
 - g. Name of college, technical 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**
 - i. The two page essay described above**
 - j. An official copy of your high school transcript.**
 - k. 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**

- 2. Submit this completed package to your GACHE grant coordinator on or before the deadline of April 1st of each year. The Grant Coordinator will submit one application per institution by April 15th for consideration by the GACHE staff.**

- 3. The high school grant coordinator and student will be notified by May 1st of selection.**