



Northview High School  
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# Senior Newsletter

Produced by the Northview Counseling Department

The PRELIMINARY Eligible and Ineligible lists are on the GAcollge411 website. Students and parents can now access the student's by visiting the GAcollge411

website at [www.gacollge411.org](http://www.gacollge411.org)

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## Senior Exam Exemption Policy

Any senior having an un-weighted, non-recovered grade of 80 or higher as of the last day of class prior to exams may exempt the exam for that class.

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If a senior has a grade below 80 but meets the grade (74+), attendance (6 or less absences), and discipline requirements (no ISS or OSS) of the present policy, he/she may exempt.

A student who qualifies for exemption may complete the exam in an attempt to improve his/her final grade.

## FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

### What is the FAFSA?

The FAFSA is the form that the federal government uses to determine your eligibility for federal student aid. This aid includes grants, scholarships (like the HOPE Scholarship), work-study and loans to help pay for college. The form collects financial and demographic information.

### Where can I get a FAFSA?

- Complete FAFSA on the web: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Get a paper version from the Counseling Department
- Call 1-800-4-FED-AID

### How does it work?

Using your FAFSA, the federal processor determines your Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

Your EFC is the amount of money your family can be expected to contribute each year to your college costs.

### What you need?

- To complete form, you will need parents' SSN, driver's license number, Alien Registration number if not a U.S. citizen, 2007 federal tax information or tax returns, & info on savings, investments, and business
- Students applying for federal student aid and most state and college aid (such as HOPE) must fill out the FAFSA form
- Encouraged to complete the FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and submit anytime after January 1st

For more information, visit [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov) or call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).

**Seniors:** This newsletter and future ones like it will contain important information concerning post-secondary planning, such as programs, activities, careers, colleges, and scholarships. Counselors are assigned to a student based on the first letter of the student's last name:

A – Ch	Samiah Garcia
Ci – Gr	Jamie D. Brown
Gu – Kim	Renee Ferrerio
Kin – Mi	Allison Leja
Mo – Par	Clair Greenaway
Pas – Sp	Jay Mercer
Sr – Z	Steve Creel

College & Career Center Coordinator:

Gail Polizzi



*“Make an appointment to see your Counselor and visit the Career Center”*

**VISIT THE CAREER CENTER!**

**The center provides help to**

**students in selecting colleges and scholarship opportunities. Gail Polizzi, College & Career Center Coordinator, counselors, and trained parent volunteers provide assistance to students and parents.**

## College-Bound Student Athletes

Are you planning on participating in inter-collegiate athletics at an NCAA Division I or II institution? You must register with the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse.

To register, prospective student-athletes should access the registration materials by visiting their website at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)

Submit the transcript request forms to Mrs. Unger in the Counseling Office.

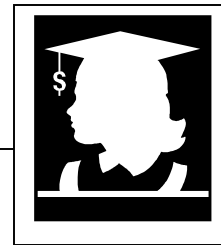
## ATTENDANCE

Let it Slide...  
Lose Your Ride!

A minor's permit or driver's license will be suspended for one full year or until age 18 if the minor: dropped out of school, has 10 or more school days of unexcused absences, or has been found in violation by a hearing officer, panel, or tribunal for specified offenses (see flyer).

# SCHOLARSHIPS

**\*\*\* All scholarship applications are on file in the Counseling College & Career Center unless otherwise noted \*\***



### **Kids Who Care Awards sponsored by The Junior League of Atlanta, Inc in conjunction with WXIA TV 11**

**Deadline for nomination – March 14, 2008**

Since 1987, 11Alive and the Junior League of Atlanta have recognized the unselfish contributions of young people who dedicate themselves to making our community a better place. Each year, five high school students are selected based on their service to a local organization or cause. In order to be considered, a student must be in grades 9 through 12 and perform a service to the community that is not school-related. Winners will receive a \$1,100 scholarship and a Certificate of Appreciation. They will also be featured on 11Alive and honored at the Junior League of Atlanta's Annual Meeting in the Spring. Contact Sandi Peterson-Cooper, 2008 Kids Who Care Coordinator and The Junior League of Atlanta at 678-357-7213 if you have any questions. Nomination forms are available in the College and Career Center or online at [www.jlatalanta.org](http://www.jlatalanta.org) or [www.11alive.com/life/community](http://www.11alive.com/life/community)

### **The Atlanta Association of Legal Administrator's (AALA) Gene Henson Scholarship**

**Deadline to nominate – March 14, 2008**

NHS can nominate TWO candidates from the senior class to the Atlanta Chapter in writing. The criteria for the scholarship: must be a U.S. citizen; planning to attend a four-year college, university or specialized course of instruction in the State of Georgia, including private institutions; scholastic achievement with a GPA of 3.0 or higher (copy of academic record and SAT scores are required), list of extracurricular activities, enumeration of community work, two (2) written essays, a letter of acceptance to college, a personal interview, and financial need. Please complete an application found in College & Career Center and submit it to **Mrs. Greenaway in the Counseling Office by Thursday, March 13, 2008** to be considered for nomination for this scholarship.

### **Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship Program**

**Deadline – March 15, 2008**

This program rewards outstanding young people, ages 6 to 18, for their community service. Scholarship nominations will be accepted February 1 through March 15, 2008 at [www.kohlkidswhocare.com](http://www.kohlkidswhocare.com). Young volunteers will be recognized at three levels. Two winners from each of the Kohl's Store nationwide will receive a \$50 Kohl's gift card; 190 Regional Winners will receive a \$1,000 scholarship; and ten national winners will be rewarded with a \$5,000 scholarship as well as a \$1,000 grant to his or her charity of choice. [www.kohlscorporation.com](http://www.kohlscorporation.com).

### **Kasey Flanagan Memorial Electronic Media Production Scholarship**

**Application Deadline – March 31, 2008**

This scholarship will be awarded to a Northview student enrolled in Broadcast and Video Production (BVP) who is seeking post-secondary education in an area of media production (TV/Radio/Film); has a grade average of 80% or better; and has contributed to the Broadcast and Video Media Production program through their academic accomplishments, leadership skills, technological knowledge, and dedication to the BVP program. The applicant must type a 500-word essay stating why they feel that they are deserving of the scholarship and explaining how they meet the above requirements and what they have done to support the BVP programs growth. Please submit the completed application to Mrs. Greenaway in the Counseling Office by the deadline date, April 13, 2007. ***\*The decision of the award recipient will be made by a committee of teachers and professionals. The scholarship will be presented at the NHS Honors Night.***



## **Claire Nelson Memorial Fund Cheerleading Scholarship**

**Deadline – March 31, 2008**

The Claire Nelson Memorial Fund Scholarship will be payable to the College or University of the winning student's choice, for deposit into their account in the amount of \$2,000. The winner will be recognized at Honors Night, May 3, 2007, and at Graduation 2007. The winning applicant will be selected based on the following criteria: a senior NHS cheerleader in good standing for 2006-07; a minimum of 88 cumulative average, as determined by school transcript; Coach's recommendation, including leadership and sportsmanship on squad; scholarship application outlining school, extra-curricular and community service activities, including examples of good citizenship; and essay: "How the principles of teamwork and cooperation acquired through cheerleading have prepared me for life." Each application will be blind judged by the NHS Faculty Scholarship Committee, and the finalist will be chosen by Claire Nelson's family. Only complete applications will be accepted. Applications with missing information will be eliminated and not returned to the applicant.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 31, 2008.** The NHS Faculty Scholarship Committee is not responsible for lost, misdirected, or delayed applications. Drop off applications to the Northview HS Counseling Office, or mail to: NHS Faculty Scholarship Committee, Claire Nelson Memorial Fund Scholarship, Northview High School, 10625 Parsons Road, Duluth, GA 30097

## **Yag Family Leadership Scholarship**

**Deadline – March 31, 2008**

This scholarship will be awarded to a Northview student who is college bound, exhibits exceptional leadership ability in athletics, student organizations or student government, has a GPA of 3.0 or better, and writes an essay. The essay must be 150 words stating why the applicant feels that he or she is deserving of the scholarship. Positions of leadership through high school years should be listed in the essay with an explanation of each. The student who receives this scholarship will receive a \$500 bond for use to defray college costs. **Interested students must submit their applications to Mrs. Greenaway in the Counseling Office by Monday, March 31, 2008.** The decision of the award recipient will be made by the Yag family and the award will be presented by the Yag family at the NHS Honors Night ceremony. Applications are available in the College and Career Center in the Counseling Office.

## **Northview Counseling Department Book Scholarship**

**Deadline - Deadline – March 31, 2008**

This \$250 book scholarship will be awarded to a Northview High School senior who is college bound, exhibits academic excellence, has exceptional leadership ability, and demonstrates financial need. **Interested students must submit an application to Mrs. Greenaway in the Counseling Office by the deadline.** The decision of the award recipient will be made by the Northview Counseling Department and the award will be given to the college the student will be attending next year.

## **The Julian & Jan Hester Memorial Scholarship Fund**

**Student to Bank Deadline – March 30, 2008**

**Bank to CBA Deadline – April 11, 2008**

Sponsored by the Community Bankers Association of Georgia (CBA), these scholarships are open to Georgia high school seniors who will be entering a Georgia college, university or trade school (two year program or more) in the fall of 2008. The scholarship is named for the late Jan Hester, daughter of Lalia and the late Julian Hester, long-time CEO of the Community Bankers Association. CBA will award at least for \$1,000 scholarships to this year's candidates of the Julian & Jan Hester Memorial Scholarship. [www.cbaofga.com](http://www.cbaofga.com)

**United Automobile Workers (UAW) Scholarship Essay Contest****Deadline – April 1, 2008**

UAW is again offering a competitive one-year college scholarship to graduating seniors in the state of Georgia. The contest is open to all students scheduled to graduate from high school and planning to attend an accredited college or university as a full-time student commencing with the fall term of 2008. Four scholarships are awarded as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place winner - \$1,200, 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner - \$1,000, 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner - \$600, and 4<sup>th</sup> place winner - \$400. The topic of this essay contest is *“How Could the Election Affect Organized Labor’s Future?”* The length of the essay should not be less than 300 words, and not more than 500 words. The essay should be typewritten, double-spaced, submitted on plain, white 8 ½” X 11” paper and accompanied by a cover sheet containing the following: student’s name, home address, contact phone number, age, grade level, name of high school, college/university (if known) where the student plans or tentatively plans to attend, and the college’s address. Essay and cover should be sent to Jodie Jaegaer, Vice Chairperson; Georgia State UAW CAP Council, 501 Pulliam Street, S.W., Suite 314, Atlanta, GA 30312-2755.

**Atlanta Braves High School Scholarship Program****Deadline – April 15, 2008**

The Atlanta Braves High School Scholarship Program, presented by Publix Super Markets, will award six \$2,000 scholarships to graduating Georgia high school seniors who have demonstrated strong community service involvement as well as solid academic performance throughout their high school careers. The scholarship is not based on financial need. Students will be chosen based on the following criteria: a minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher, a letter of acceptance to an accredited college or university for the fall 2008 semester, one letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or principal (300 word limit), and community involvement. Students are also required to write a 300-500 word essay on describing how the applicant gives of their time to make their community a better place.

[www.atlantabraves.com](http://www.atlantabraves.com)

**The Jewish Educational Loan Fund (jelf)****Deadline – April 15, 2008**

This fund grants interest-free loans to Jewish students for post-secondary study at accredited institutions. JELF’s loans are “last dollar” -- they supply the final funds that bridge the gap between a student’s total financial resources and the cost of attending school. These loans can be used for study at a college or university, graduate school or professional/vocational school that leads to a degree or certificate. [www.jelf.org](http://www.jelf.org)

**2008 Student-View Scholarship Program****Deadline – April 22, 2008**

The program is offering \$8,000 worth of scholarships to high school seniors who plan to attend a four year college, community/junior college or career school. The program includes one \$3,000 scholarship, two \$1,000 scholarships, and six \$500 scholarships. No minimum SAT/ACT score or GPA, no essay required, no application form or application fee. [www.student-view.com](http://www.student-view.com)

**American Chemical Society (ACS) Scholars Program**

The scholarship is designed to encourage the best and brightest African-American, Hispanic, and Native American students to pursue undergraduate college degrees in the chemical sciences. The program will award 100 scholarships and are valued at up to \$2,500 per academic year or more. [www.acs.org/scholars](http://www.acs.org/scholars)

## Programs and Summer Opportunities

**Northside Hospital Auxiliary VOLUNTEEN Program****Deadline – March 14, 2008**

A Volunteen is a boy or girl 14-18 years of age who serves Northside Hospital without salary. The teen is trained and supervised by Auxilians and hospital staff. Students will be accepted on a “first come first served” basis. Applicants must submit an application form, teacher recommendation, absence request form, medical history form, and immunization record. A personal interview, orientation and completion of the training program are required prior to working in the hospital. 404-851-8707

**Grady Health System’s Summer Teen Volunteer Program****Deadline – April 18, 2008**

Teen volunteers (students 14-17 years of age) may work on adult inpatient areas, in clinic areas, in administrative offices, and with our Guest Services Department. Applicants must submit an application form, recommendation letter of school counselor or principal, academic average of “C”, good discipline report, permission of parent or guardian, good health and grooming, availability to work at least 3 hours weekly for 6-8 weeks (assignments available Monday – Friday, 8 am to 5 pm), and completion of personal interview and hospital orientation. 404-616-4360



# Georgia's HOPE Scholarship Program

The HOPE (*Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally*) Scholarship Program is Georgia's unique scholarship program that rewards students' hard work with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at any eligible Georgia public or private college, university, or public technical institute. Eligible students receive financial assistance covering tuition, HOPE-approved mandatory fees, and a book allowance.

### Qualifications:

- ◆ a U.S. Citizen or an eligible non citizen
- ◆ be a legal resident of Georgia
- ◆ be a high school graduate
- ◆ earn a 3.0 cumulative grade point average GPA for the college preparatory track and a 3.2 cumulative GPA for the career technology track. The GPA for HOPE will be determined by averaging ALL core curriculum coursework (English, Math, Science, Social Science, and Foreign Language), including failing grades on a 4.0 scale (A = 4.0, B = 3.0, C = 2.0, D = 1.0, and F = 0). In addition, all honors points are removed before the calculation and .50 weighting is added back in for AP and IB courses only, not to exceed 4.0. Grades from high school courses taken in middle school are not calculated in the HOPE GPA. Please note: A 2.99 GPA does NOT qualify you for HOPE. All calculations are done by the Georgia Student Finance Commission.
- ◆ meet other requirements concerning Selective Service registration and repayment of student loans, and complete the following forms online: the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA - [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)) and Georgia Student Financial Aid Application System (GSFAPPS - [www.GAcollge411.org](http://www.GAcollge411.org); create a MY411 Account and Log On; Click the *Applications & Transcripts* tab; Under Applying for Financial Aid, click *GSFAPPS*; Click *Apply Now* at the bottom of the page; Follow the instructions to complete a HOPE application online) For additional information, contact the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) at (770) 724-9000 or [www.gsfc.org](http://www.gsfc.org) (offers free student financial aid consulting services!)

### HOPE Eligibility – Little Known Facts:

1. Students with missing or invalid Social Security Numbers will have their HOPE scholarship award delayed.
2. If you used a nickname instead of your legal name at the time you enrolled in the Fulton County School system, your HOPE scholarship award will be delayed.
3. All young men are required to register with the Selective Service no later than 30 days before their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. HOPE eligibility will be delayed until this requirement is met. Men can register as early as 17 ½. Registration takes only a few minutes. Log on to [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov), or see Mrs. Unger in the Counseling Department.



SAT I: Reasoning Test  
SAT II: Subject Tests

Test Dates	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Deadline	SAT I - Reasoning Fee: \$43.00 Late Registration Fee = add \$22.00  SAT II - Subject Tests Fees: Basic Registration Fee (per registration): \$20.00 • Language Tests with Listening - add \$20.00 • All other Subject Tests – add \$8.00 each  Register for the SAT at <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a> or obtain a Registration Bulletin Booklet in the Counseling Office
<b>March 1</b>	January 29	February 7	
<b>May 3</b>	April 1	April 10	
<b>June 7</b>	May 6	May 15	

ACT Assessment

Test Dates	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Deadline	ACT Fee: \$30.00 ACT Plus Writing: \$44.50 Late Registration Fee = add \$19  Register for the ACT online at <a href="http://www.actstudent.org">www.actstudent.org</a> or obtain a Student Registration Packet in the Counseling Office  Northview is a testing site. The Test Center Code is 213800
<b>February 9</b>	January 4	January 18	
<b>April 12</b>	March 7	March 21	
<b>June 14</b>	May 9	May 23	

COLLEGE VISITATIONS, FAIRS, AND TOURS

- March 9, April 20, Accepted Women’s Receptions at Georgia Tech
- March 7-8, Georgia Tech’s Presidential Scholarship Weekend, [www.visits.gatech.edu](http://www.visits.gatech.edu)
- April 4-5, Estudia at Georgia Tech – Accepted Hispanic Students’ Overnight Program, [www.visits.gatech.edu](http://www.visits.gatech.edu)
- April 11-12, Georgia Tech’s Welcome Weekend, [www.visits.gatech.edu](http://www.visits.gatech.edu)
- June 22-23, Georgia Tech’s Girls Night Out Program, for junior girls, [www.visits.gatech.edu](http://www.visits.gatech.edu)

•Check on the websites of the colleges you wish to visit for the dates of their Open Houses or local area receptions.

Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHSGT) [www.doe.k12.ga.us](http://www.doe.k12.ga.us)

Students must pass all portions of the test in order to graduate from a Georgia high school. Students who have failed or new seniors who have not taken and/or passed any portion of the GHSGT should see their counselor to sign up for testing. The schedule for retesting is as follows:

- Feb. 27 Writing**                      **Mar. 18 Math**                      **Mar. 20 Social Studies**
- Mar. 17 Eng/Lang Arts**              **Mar. 19 Science**

*Starting with the Class of 2008, students must pass all five GHSGT sections as well as earning all appropriate and required credits to graduate and participate in the graduation ceremony. The only exceptions to this rule would need to be granted by the Georgia Department of Education. Exceptions are granted via a variance or a waiver from the Georgia DOE and are difficult to obtain due to a long checklist of requirements. [www.gadoe.org](http://www.gadoe.org)*

If you need review material and sample tests, please talk to your subject area teacher or visit your counselor or visit the following websites for more information:

- [www.doe.k12.ga.us](http://www.doe.k12.ga.us)
- [www.usatestprep.com](http://www.usatestprep.com)

Click on Curriculum, then Testing, then GHSGT  
User: Northview                      Password: newton35

