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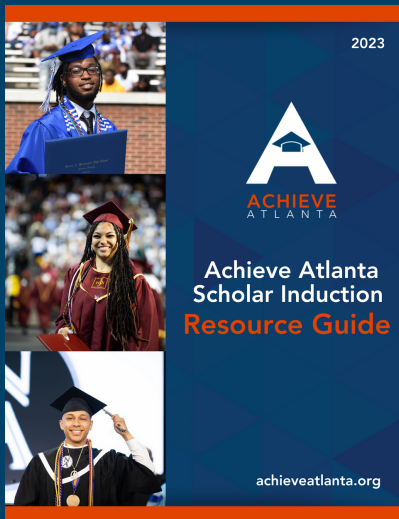
Achieve Atlanta Scholar Induction Resource Guide

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Achieve Atlanta Resources

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Postsecondary Enrollment Checklist & Resources

Below are important tasks you need to complete to help you have a smooth transition to college and avoid delays to your college enrollment. We encourage you to use your resources and ask questions when needed.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tasks	Tips <i>Stay on top of email, mail, and student portals for deadlines and additional information schools may request</i>	Resources <i>Achieve Atlanta, CAC advisers, high school counselors available to help</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete Requirements To Receive Financial Aid Awards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once admitted to a school, a financial aid award package will be sent to you Some students are asked to go through a verification process where income is verified through additional documents; complete process promptly to receive financial aid offers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial aid offices; especially if your financial aid award package is delayed https://studentaid.gov/help/after-fafsa
<input type="checkbox"/>	Choose Your College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know decision deadlines for each school you are considering Evaluate the financial aid packages offered and fully understand out-of-pocket costs Ask questions about academic offerings, location, transportation options, campus feel, and other factors important to you 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial aid offices Specific people that can answer questions you may have about the college (e.g. current students at college, admissions counselor) https://decided.moneythink.org/
<input type="checkbox"/>	Accept Your Financial Aid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once your school choice is made, decide which financial aid options offered you will accept Grants, scholarships and loans may all be part of aid offered Grants and scholarships should be accepted; these do not require repayment If considering loans, understand loan terms and repayment plans; federal student loans have more favorable loan terms than private loans in most cases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial aid offices www.finaid.org https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/college-costs https://www.consumerfinance.gov/paying-for-college/
<input type="checkbox"/>	Select Your Housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put down deposits early if staying on-campus Know your monthly housing budget if staying off-campus Budget for deposits and other moving-in expenses needed to secure housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing services on-campus
<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete All Enrollment Requests Made By Your College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closely review all required steps to enroll for fall term Final high school transcripts may need to be sent to the college you choose; follow your high school's protocol for these requests Most schools require registration to an orientation; register for early sessions to get your questions answered and to learn when to register 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College student portal HS counseling office College admissions office

Achieve Atlanta Scholarship Steps

High School Through First College Year

Enroll Full-time Fall Term at an Eligible Institution

Complete Scholarship Update Application

Renew FAFSA

Complete Spring Scholarship Renewal

Complete Annual Scholarship Renewal

- Georgia schools: must be accredited, non-profit
- Outside Georgia schools: must be accredited, non-profit, and have a minimum 44% graduation rate according to College Scorecard

- Opens June 15
- For update application you will need to provide acceptance letter to eligible school

- Opens in December
- FAFSA must be renewed every year
- Early completion is advised

- Opens in November
- You will need to provide spring schedule showing full-time enrollment
- Completion is required to receive spring scholarship funds

- Opens June 2024
- You will need to provide:
 - 1)transcript to show your GPA is above a 2.0 and 67% of courses you attempted were completed
 - 2)SAR
 - 3) fall term schedule to confirm you remain full-time

Financial Planning Worksheet

You can use this worksheet as a tool to help you understand your estimated college costs.

Step 1: Retrieve the financial aid award package received from your college. If your award package does not include costs, you can find most of the costs from your school's website or ask the financial aid office. You can also find the costs for each college at <https://nces.ed.gov/globallocator/>. If annual amounts are given, divide by two to get the amount for fall and spring.

Step 2: Calculate Estimated Cost of Attendance (COA)

Line	Type of Expense	Tips	Fall Amount	Spring Amount
A	Tuition and fees	This includes classes as well as any fees (lab fees, student activity fees, etc.).	\$	\$
B	Room and board	If you're living on campus, this includes the cost for your dorm and meal plan. If you're living off-campus, estimate your cost for rent, food, and utilities for 5 months per semester.	\$	\$
C	Transportation	Car maintenance and gas or public transportation.	\$	\$
D	Books/Supplies	This includes textbooks and school supplies. Consider renting your textbooks online as it may be cheaper than buying them.	\$	\$
E	Personal Expenses	Miscellaneous expenses including laundry, cell phone, or any other typical expenses.	\$	\$
F	Total Charges	Add rows A through E	\$	\$

Step 3: Calculate Estimated Financial Aid (refer to your Award Letter or School's Portal)

Line	Type of Aid		Fall Amount	Spring Amount
G	Hope/Zell Miller	You do not need to pay back grants or scholarships. Achieve Atlanta and other private scholarships may not be listed on your award letter but should be included on this worksheet.	\$	\$
H	Pell Grant		\$	\$
I	Achieve Atlanta		\$	\$
J	Other Scholarships/Grants		\$	\$
K	Direct Subsidized Loan	You must pay back any type of loan you take out.	\$	\$
L	Direct Unsubsidized Loan		\$	\$
M	Federal Work Study	If awarded, it is a part time job to earn money for education expenses.	\$	\$
N	Total Financial Aid	Add rows G through M	\$	\$

Step 4: Calculate Out-of-Pocket Costs

Line	Subtotal	Fall Amount	Spring Amount
O	Total Charges (Line F)	\$	\$
P	Total Financial Aid (Grants, scholarships, and loans) (Line N)	\$	\$
Q	Difference after all aid applied (Line O minus P)	\$	\$



Review line Q and use this worksheet to help determine your estimated school costs.

If line Q is positive, you should have enough financial aid to cover all your estimated school expenses and you may receive a refund of any surplus after your tuition and dorm bills have been paid. Budget any surplus to cover expenses throughout the entire semester, as this money may be needed to cover indirect expenses such as off-campus room and board, transportation, books, and personal expenses.

If line Q is negative, you will need a plan to cover some of the expenses listed above. Some resources available might be getting a part-time job, receiving family contributions, reducing your expenses, applying to additional scholarships, and/or finding additional sources of money.

Financial Aid Resources

Financial Aid Verification

- <https://www.consumerreports.org/paying-for-college/what-to-do-if-your-fafsa-application-gets-flagged-for-verification/>
- <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/next-steps#verification>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pa7w6qX8jFw>

Student Loans

- studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans

Student Work Study

- <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/work-study>

Understanding College Costs

- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/college-costs/quick-guide-college-costs>

Staying Eligible For Federal Student Aid

- studentaid.gov/understand-aid/eligibility/staying-eligible

Scholarship Search Sites

- <https://www.usatoday.com/story/college/2016/01/06/the-10-best-sites-to-search-for-scholarships/37410585/>

Financial Aid Award Comparison Tool

- decided.moneythink.org

Campus Supports and Services

Reference Sheet

	Bursar	
	Financial Aid	
	Student Accounts	
	Work Study	
	Campus Life	
	Counseling	
	Health Services	
	Housing	
	Academic Advisement	
	Faculty Advisement	
	Student Success Services	
	Tutoring Services	
	Campus Support	
	Ambassador(s)	

Mental Health Services

Achieve Atlanta has partnered with McLaughlin Young Group to provide a valuable benefit to all Scholars and their immediate family members known as the Student Assistance Program (SAP). The SAP has a network of conveniently located counselors who offer help for personal, school-related and/or professional concerns by providing free, confidential, short-term counseling and personal consultation.

Some examples of concerns that the SAP addresses include:



- Family conflict
- Relationship issues
- Grief and loss
- Stress
- Depression and anxiety
- Communication breakdowns
- Alcohol or drug use
- School-related issues

To seek assistance through the SAP, simply call:
704-529-1428 or 800-633-3353

Visit achieveatlanta.org/mentalhealth
for more information.



Postsecondary Partners

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Albany State University

Student Success Requirements

ASU Achieve Atlanta Scholars will:

- maintain full-time enrollment;
- new scholars must attend mandatory New Student Orientation;
- complete all Achieve Atlanta Scholarship update and renewal applications including submitting required documents and completing Achieve Atlanta surveys;
- meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements;
- complete the FAFSA and Albany State data release authorization (FERPA Release form) every year;
- meet regularly with designated college advisors and coaches including checking in **within the first 30 days** of the beginning of class **each term**;
- update student contact information with Achieve Atlanta as necessary and/or requested;
- attend mandatory Student Success workshops and;
- complete a postsecondary degree.



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Atlanta Technical College

Student Success Requirements

ATC Achieve Atlanta Scholars will:

- maintain full-time enrollment;
- complete all Achieve Atlanta Scholarship update and renewal applications including submitting required documents and completing Achieve Atlanta surveys;
- meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements;
- complete the FAFSA every year;
- meet regularly with designated college advisors including checking in **within 30 days** of the beginning of class **each term**;
- update student contact information with Achieve Atlanta as necessary and/or requested;
- attend study hall in the Student Success Center and/or tutoring on campus for **at least four hours per week**;
- attend **at least two** Student Success Workshops **per semester**;
- join at **least one** student organization; and
- complete a postsecondary degree.



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Edu-Tech and Clayton State University

Student Success Requirements

CSU Achieve Atlanta Scholars will:

- maintain full-time enrollment;
- complete all Achieve Atlanta Scholarship update and renewal applications including submitting required documents and completing Achieve Atlanta surveys;
- meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements;
- complete the FAFSA and Clayton State data release authorization (FERPA waiver) every year;
- meet regularly with designated college advisors and Edu-Tech coaches, including checking in with both within 30 days of the beginning of class each term;
- update student contact information with Achieve Atlanta as necessary and/or requested;
- respond to Edu-Tech coaches and staff when contacted via text, email, phone calls, and ZOOM meeting invitations;
- meet with Edu-Tech staff monthly as scheduled on campus, or via ZOOM meeting;
- utilize all campus resources including, but not limited to tutoring services, financial aid, student support services, housing, advisors, and staff and instructors' office supports;
- participate in campus activities and events for the academic year that support persistence and completion; and
- complete a postsecondary degree or credential.



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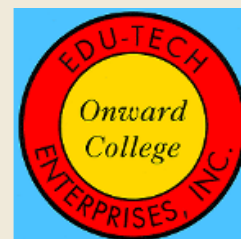
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Georgia Institute of Technology

Student Success Requirements

GT Achieve Atlanta Scholars will:

- maintain full-time enrollment;
- meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements;
- complete all Achieve Atlanta Scholarship update and renewal applications including submitting required documents and completing Achieve Atlanta surveys;
- complete the FAFSA and the Georgia Tech Application for Scholarships and Financial Aid (GT App) every year;
- complete the Georgia Tech data release authorization (FERPA waiver);
- meet regularly with designated college advisors including checking in **within the first 3 weeks** of the beginning of class **each term**;
- update student contact information with Achieve Atlanta as necessary and/or requested;
- attend at least one academic success, professional success, or personal well-being workshop offered by the Institute per semester;
- attend at least one peer-mentor session with your assigned Achieve Atlanta campus ambassador each semester;
- reach out to your campus ambassador, your Georgia Tech Achieve Atlanta campus contacts, or Achieve Atlanta if you need assistance or guidance;
- complete a postsecondary degree.



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Georgia State University (Atlanta)

Student Success Requirements

GSU-Atlanta Achieve Atlanta Scholars will:

- maintain full-time enrollment;
- complete all Achieve Atlanta Scholarship update and renewal applications including submitting required documents and completing Achieve Atlanta surveys;
- meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements;
- complete the FAFSA and Georgia State data release authorization (FERPA waiver) every year;
- meet regularly with designated college advisors including checking in **within the first 30 days** of the beginning of class **each term**;
- update student contact information with Achieve Atlanta as necessary and/or requested;
- complete the Student Success Passport/Path every semester;
- will serve as a positive role model for Georgia State, Achieve Atlanta, and Atlanta Public Schools;
- complete a postsecondary degree.



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Georgia State University (Perimeter)

Student Success Requirements

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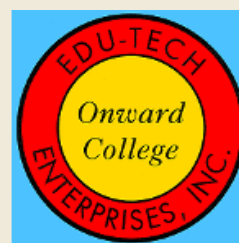
- maintain full-time enrollment;
- complete all Achieve Atlanta Scholarship update and renewal applications including submitting required documents and completing Achieve Atlanta surveys;
- meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements;
- complete the FAFSA and Georgia State data release authorization (FERPA waiver) every year;
- meet regularly with designated college advisors including checking in **within the first 30 days** of the beginning of class **each term**;
- update student contact information with Achieve Atlanta as necessary and/or requested;
- complete the Academic Passport every semester;
- will serve as a positive role model for Georgia State, Achieve Atlanta, and Atlanta Public Schools;
- complete a postsecondary degree.



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Kennesaw State University

Student Success Requirements



KSU Achieve Atlanta Scholars will:

- maintain full-time enrollment;
- complete all Achieve Atlanta Scholarship update and renewal applications including submitting required documents and completing Achieve Atlanta surveys;
- meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements;
- complete the FAFSA and Kennesaw State student agreement / data release authorization (FERPA waiver) every year;
- meet regularly with the designated KSU coach including checking in **within the first 30 days** of the beginning of class **each term**;
- update student contact information with Achieve Atlanta as necessary and/or requested;
- attend KSU Achieve Atlanta freshmen orientation;
- attend at least one SODI event each semester; and
- complete a postsecondary degree.

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Oglethorpe University

Student Success Requirements

OU Achieve Atlanta Scholars will:

- meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements, including maintaining full-time enrollment (i.e., 4 courses);
- complete all Achieve Atlanta Scholarship renewal applications and other required scholarship-related materials, including Achieve Atlanta surveys;
- complete the FAFSA and Oglethorpe data release authorization (FERPA waiver) every year and meet with the Oglethorpe University's Office of Financial Aid at least once per semester;
- meet regularly with designated college advisors and campus Achieve Atlanta Ambassador to complete check-ins, including a first check-in **within the first 30 days of each term**;
- maintain up-to-date student contact information with Achieve Atlanta and Oglethorpe University;
- participate in monthly enrichment activities hosted by Academic Success;
- participate in at least one required volunteer opportunity per semester; and
- complete a postsecondary degree.



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Savannah State University

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SSU Achieve Atlanta Scholars will:

- meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements, including maintaining full-time enrollment (i.e., 4 courses);
- complete all Achieve Atlanta Scholarship renewal applications and other required scholarship-related materials, including Achieve Atlanta surveys;
- complete the FAFSA and Oglethorpe data release authorization (FERPA waiver) every year and meet with the Oglethorpe University's Office of Financial Aid at least once per semester;
- meet regularly with designated college advisors and campus Achieve Atlanta Ambassador to complete check-ins, including a first check-in **within the first 30 days of each term**;
- maintain up-to-date student contact information with Achieve Atlanta and Oglethorpe University;
- participate in monthly enrichment activities hosted by Academic Success;
- participate in at least one required volunteer opportunity per semester; and
- complete a postsecondary degree.

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Spelman College

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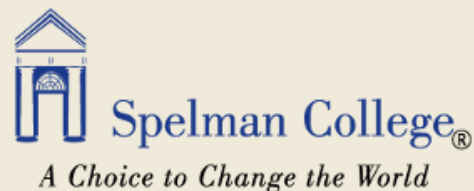
Spelman Achieve Atlanta Scholars will:

- maintain full-time enrollment (minimum of 12 credit hours);
- complete all Achieve Atlanta Scholarship update and renewal applications including submitting required documents and completing Achieve Atlanta surveys;
- meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements;

Classification	GPA (minimum)	Credit Hours
First Year	1.8	24-29
Sophomore	2.0	30-59
Junior	2.0	60-89
Senior	2.0	90-120+

- complete the FAFSA every year;
- meet regularly with designated college advisors including checking in **within 30 days of the beginning of class each term**;
- update student contact information with Achieve Atlanta as necessary and/or requested;
- identify as an Achieve Atlanta Scholar when communicating with Spelman College departments;
- communicate regularly with your Campus Coordinating Advisor and Ambassador(s);
- participate in Spelman Achieve Atlanta-sponsored events;
- complete all necessary applications and forms – on time; and
- complete a postsecondary degree.

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University of West Georgia

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UWG Achieve Atlanta Scholars will:

- maintain full-time enrollment;
- complete all Achieve Atlanta Scholarship update and renewal applications including submitting required documents and completing Achieve Atlanta surveys;
- meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements;
- complete the FAFSA by Financial Aid's priority date of July 1;
- meet regularly with designated Achieve Atlanta UWG college coach/advisors including checking in **within the first 30 days of the beginning of class each term**;
- complete the FERPA form with your Achieve Atlanta coach within the first 30 days of the beginning of classes;
- update student contact information with Achieve Atlanta as necessary and/or requested;
- attend mandatory Student Success workshops and 1:1 support coaching meetings;
- register for the African American Male Initiative or the Multicultural Achievement Program learning community on the Advising Questionnaire;
- complete a postsecondary degree.



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Nonprofit Partners

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Beyond 12

Student Success Requirements

Achieve Atlanta Scholars coached by Beyond 12 will:

- maintain full-time enrollment;
- complete all Achieve Atlanta Scholarship update and renewal applications including submitting required documents and completing Achieve Atlanta surveys;
- meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements;
- complete the FAFSA every year;
- meet regularly with the designated Beyond 12 college coach including checking in **within the first 3 weeks** of the beginning of **each term and monthly thereafter**;
- update student contact information with Achieve Atlanta as necessary and/or requested;
- complete a postsecondary degree.



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Edu-Tech Enterprises, Inc.

Student Success Requirements

Achieve Atlanta Scholars coached by Edu-Tech Enterprises will:

- maintain full-time enrollment;
- complete all Achieve Atlanta Scholarship update and renewal applications including submitting required documents and completing Achieve Atlanta surveys;
- meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements;
- complete the FAFSA and Clayton State data release authorization (FERPA waiver) every year;
- meet regularly with designated college advisors and Edu-Tech coaches, including checking in with both **within 30 days** of the beginning of class **each term**;
- update student contact information with Achieve Atlanta as necessary and/or requested;
- respond to Edu-Tech coaches and staff when contacted via text, email, phone calls, and ZOOM meeting invitations;
- meet with Edu-Tech staff monthly as scheduled on campus, or via ZOOM meeting;
- utilize all campus resources including, but not limited to tutoring services, financial aid, student support services, housing, advisors, and staff and instructors' office supports;
- participate in campus activities and events for the academic year that support persistence and completion; and
- complete a postsecondary degree or credential.



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OneGoal

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Achieve Atlanta Scholars coached by OneGoal will:

- maintain full-time enrollment;
- complete all Achieve Atlanta Scholarship update and renewal applications including submitting required documents and completing Achieve Atlanta surveys;
- meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements;
- complete the FAFSA every year;
- meet regularly with their designated college advisors including checking in **during add/drop week, midterms, and finals** of class **each term**;
- meet with OneGoal coach a minimum of every other month to discuss social acclimation to college, navigate financial barriers, develop self-advocacy skills, manage academic hurdles and missteps, connect to resources for emotional support; and
- complete a postsecondary degree or credential.



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