



ACHIEVE ATLANTA



Believe. Expect. Achieve.

ABOUT US

Achieve Atlanta believes every student deserves the opportunity to earn a postsecondary credential and obtain the full benefits that higher education provides.

HOW WE STARTED

A 2014 study commissioned by the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta and the Joseph B. Whitehead Foundation found that only 1 in 7 Atlanta students entering ninth grade was projected to earn a postsecondary degree (of any kind) within six years of high school graduation.

With these findings in mind, the following year the Whitehead Foundation provided the financial investment to help create a new organization, Achieve Atlanta, focused on increasing the number of Atlanta students earning a postsecondary credential.

OUR VISION

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

OUR MISSION

To help students access, afford, and earn postsecondary credentials

OUR AMBITION

Half of high school graduates who apply and are eligible for the Achieve Atlanta Scholarship will earn a postsecondary credential, with at least two-thirds of Scholar graduates on a path to upward mobility.



College Access

In partnership with Atlanta Public Schools and Fulton County Schools, Achieve Atlanta and college advising partners deliver hands-on help to students as they chart their paths to college.



College Affordability

The Achieve Atlanta Scholarship is a need-based award designed to support students pursuing a postsecondary education after high school. This award can be used at most 4-year, 2-year, and technical colleges and universities in Georgia and across the country. The Scholarship is an important part of our broader effort to dramatically increase the number of students who earn a postsecondary credential.



College Success

Achieve Atlanta partners with postsecondary institutions and nonprofit organizations to offer direct support, coaching, advising, and additional services to help students remain enrolled and earn their degrees.



Career Supports

We are exploring opportunities to extend career-related support to our Achieve Atlanta alumni during the critical post-graduation transition period. Our goal is to provide continued guidance and resources that help recent graduates successfully launch their careers.



OUR IMPACT

Research by Georgia State University's Georgia Policy Labs shows that students receiving Achieve Atlanta's scholarship and supporting services persist in college at much higher rates than similar peers who did not receive the Achieve Atlanta Scholarship. These results start the second semester of their freshman year and last through their fourth year of college.

These findings validate that our scholarship, cross-sector collaboration, and support are having an impact on the students we serve.



Learn more about our impact by scanning the QR code below and viewing our 2026 Impact Report:



ACHIEVE ATLANTA BY THE NUMBERS



8,786

Achieve Atlanta Scholars

Attending
400+
different colleges



96%

are eligible for Pell Grants

\$75 million

in Scholarship funds paid out through spring 2026

2,425

Achieve Atlanta Scholars have earned a postsecondary credential



50%

first-generation college students

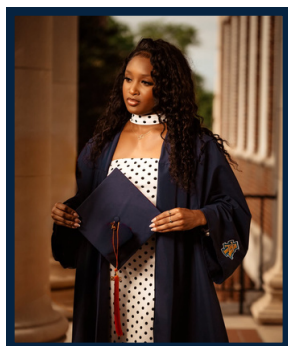
Our Scholars have pursued:

Bachelor's Degree **79%**

Associate/Technical Degree **21%**

*As of September 2026

ACHIEVE ATLANTA ALUMNI



"Achieve Atlanta was a gift from home every semester! They were the dependable and reliable scholarship that listened to my needs and provided them! Shout out Atlanta for its commitment to excellence!"

Torriah, North Carolina A&T State University '26
Maynard Holbrook Jackson High School



"Achieve Atlanta has provided financial support and valuable coaching throughout my undergraduate journey. The team has empowered me to pursue my passion in public health and work toward improving health outcomes for individuals and communities. This support has also helped me grow both academically and professionally, preparing me to make a meaningful impact beyond college."

Sudev, Georgia State University '26
Midtown High School

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