



Checklist for Achieve Atlanta Scholars Pursuing Associate Degrees

Directions: Scholars, check off each item as you complete it, so you stay on track to graduate and set yourself up to launch a successful career after graduation.

Year 1

Summer

Academic

Attend a summer bridge program
Participate in New Student Orientation
Meet your academic advisors and/or Achieve Atlanta coach to pick the right courses each term
Declare a pathway and create academic plan
Use available academic support (e.g., study groups, office hours, tutoring)
Learn tips for effective studying, time management, and balancing your academics and social life
Create a plan to enroll in summer classes
If applicable, complete or exit all corequisite remediation courses

Enroll in summer courses in major area of study
Research options to transition into a bachelor's program, if applicable
Work with coaches and advisors to stay on track for graduation

Financial

Renew FAFSA by your college's preferred deadline of _____ and the AATL Scholarship each term
Participate in financial wellness workshops (e.g., FAFSA and scholarship applications, budgeting, management of loan and Pell monies)
Work on or near campus if extra money is needed

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Apply for scholarships and co-ops, which allow students to work in their field of study while enrolled (if applicable)
Work on or near campus if extra money is needed

Professional

Get involved on campus in areas that match your interests and goals
Apply for summer jobs and internships in major area of study
Start at least one networking or mentoring relationship with professors/staff
Start a portfolio and resume showcasing your accomplishments (don't forget to visit your career center for resources and support)

Compile a list of individuals who can provide strong recommendations for you



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Year 2

Beyond Year 2

Academic

Continue to work with advisors and coaches to stay on track for graduation, discuss post-graduation plans, and complete degree audit
Continue to use available academic support (e.g., study groups, office hours, tutoring)
Enroll in electives that build non-cognitive skills, such as critical thinking, problem solving, social, creativity, etc. (e.g., foreign language, psychology/ sociology special topics)
Take a class or workshop in public speaking and strategic/critical thinking

Focus on course completion and final degree audits

Financial

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Work on or near campus in a related field (e.g., co-ops) if extra money is needed

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Professional

Continue to develop networking and mentoring relationships with professors for recommendations
Serve as a peer mentor to underclassmen
Continue developing a portfolio and resume showcasing your accomplishments
Secure internships/co-ops/work opportunities in major area of study

Continue to participate in networking and mentoring opportunities to enhance post-collegiate success
Secure internships/co-ops/work opportunities in major area of study