# Checklist for Achieve Atlanta Scholars Pursuing Bachelor 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.

### **Freshman**

## Sophomore

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 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 Confirm that your major aligns with you interests and academic abilities by meeting with your academic advisor, Achieve Atlanta coach, or career coach Sign up for a learning community

Declare a major and create a graduation plan Meet your academic advisors and/or Achieve Atlanta coach to pick the right courses each term Use available academic support (e.g., study groups, office hours, tutoring)

Continue to improve your skills for effective studying, time management, and social balance Create a plan to enroll in summer classes/study and take practice graduate school exams, if applicable (e.g., LSAT, MCAT, GRE, GMAT)

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

Renew FAFSA by your college's preferred deadline of and the AATL Scholarship each term Apply for scholarships targeted for upperclassmen and major

Work on or near campus if extra money is needed

Confirm that your major aligns with you interests and academic abilities by meeting with your academic advisor, Achieve Atlanta coach, or career coach Start a portfolio and resume showcasing your accomplishments (don't forget to visit your career center for resources and support)

Get involved on campus in areas that match your interests and goals

Start at least one networking or mentoring relationship with professors/staff

Apply for summer jobs, internships and study abroad opportunities

Continue developing portfolio and resume showcasing your accomplishments

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### **Junior Senior**

Meet with your advisor and Achieve Atlanta coach to make sure you are on track for graduation Continue to use available academic support (e.g., study groups, office hours, tutoring)

Take a class or workshop in public speaking and strategic/critical thinking

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 graduate school exams, if applicable (e.g., LSAT, MCAT, GRE, GMAT)

Focus on course completion and final transcript audits Serve as a peer mentor to underclassmen

Renew FAFSA by your college's preferred deadline of and the AATL Scholarship each term

Apply for scholarships targeted for upperclassmen and

Apply for summer jobs, internships and study abroad opportunities

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

Renew FAFSA by your college's preferred deadline of and the AATL Scholarship each term,

if needed Apply for jobs

Continue developing portfolio and resume showcasing your accomplishments

Continue to develop networking and mentoring relationships with professors for recommendations Apply to graduate school

Maintain networking or mentoring relationship with professors/staff

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

Complete portfolio and resume showcasing accomplishments