



# Checklist for Achieve Atlanta Scholars Pursuing Technical 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Attend a summer bridge program</li><li>Participate in New Student Orientation</li><li>Meet your academic advisors and/or Achieve Atlanta coach to pick the right courses each term</li><li>Declare major and completion point (certificate, diploma or degree) and create academic plan</li><li>Use available academic support (e.g., study groups, office hours, tutoring)</li><li>Learn tips for effective studying, time management, and balancing your academics and social life</li><li>Create a plan to enroll in summer classes</li><li>If applicable, complete or exit all corequisite remediation courses</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Enroll in summer courses in major area of study</li><li>Research options to transition into a bachelor's program, if applicable</li><li>Work with coaches and advisors to stay on track for graduation</li></ul>
Financial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Renew FAFSA by your college's preferred deadline of _____ and the AATL Scholarship each term</li><li>Participate in financial wellness workshops (e.g., FAFSA and scholarship applications, budgeting, management of loan and Pell monies)</li><li>Work on or near campus if extra money is needed</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Renew FAFSA by your college's preferred deadline of _____ and the AATL Scholarship each term</li><li>Apply for scholarships and co-ops (if applicable)</li><li>Work on or near campus if extra money is needed</li></ul>
Professional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Get involved on campus in areas that match your interests and goals</li><li>Apply for summer jobs/co-ops (which allow students to work in their field of study while enrolled)/internships in major area of study</li><li>Start at least one networking or mentoring relationship with professors/staff</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Compile a list of individuals who can provide strong recommendations for you</li></ul>



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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 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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Professional

Continue to develop networking and mentoring relationships with professors for recommendations  
Serve as a peer mentor  
Continue developing a portfolio and resume showcasing 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