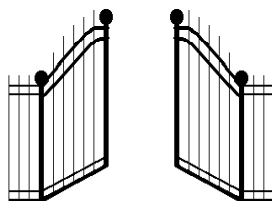


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Scholarship Information

Please note that Gateway does not have a department dedicated to researching scholarships and financial assistance. This is considered the responsibility of the parents and the student. Gateway would like, however, to be of assistance whenever possible. The following is a list of resources for scholarship information. **We recommend that students start researching, preparing and applying for scholarships as early as the beginning of their junior year.** Many scholarships have early deadlines. (For example, FAFSA's deadline for state grants is **February 15** of the senior year. The deadline for filling out the FAFSA for the Tennessee Hope Lottery Scholarship is September 1 of the senior year. Keep in mind that, in order to be eligible for the Hope Lottery Scholarship, home-educated students must be enrolled in the same home-education program for two full calendar years immediately preceding graduation. The Sam Walton Scholarship usually has a **January** deadline.)

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

(Automatically enters student for the TN Hope Lottery Scholarship)

www.fafsa.ed.gov

Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC)

(Hope Scholarship Information)

www.CollegePaysTN.com

Other Online Scholarship & College Information:

www.scholarships.com

www.fastweb.com

www.supercollege.com

www.college-scholarships.com

www.coca-colascholars.org

www.guaranteed-scholarships.com

www.scholarshiphelp.org

www.colleges.com

www.fsapubs.org

www.petersons.com

www.freschinfo.com

www.free-4u.com

www.collegeboard.com

www.scholarshipcoach.com

www.walmartfoundation.org

List of Scholarships:

www.scholarships.fatomei.com

Recommended Books:

- 1) *An Instruction Book for the Parents of College Bound Students*
by Linda O'Brien
www.woodburnpress.com
- 2) *The Guidance Manual for the Christian Home School*
by David and Laurie Callihan
ISBN: 1564144526
- 3) *Cash for College*
by Cynthia Ruiz McKee
& Philip C. McKee, Jr.
ISBN: 0688161901
- 4) *Free Money for College*
by Laurie Blum
ISBN: 081603
- 5) *How to Go to College Almost for Free*
by Ben Kaplan
ISBN: 0-06-093765-3
www.scholarshipcoach.com

(Over for information on how to get a scholarship.)

How to Get Scholarships

- 1) Take a practice ACT/SAT or the PSAT to prepare for the ACT/SAT.
- 2) Take the ACT or SAT and make a score acceptable for the scholarship/financial aid you seek. (The ACT/SAT often determines college entrance as well.)
- 3) Participate in community service and/or volunteer opportunities. This can be used as part of the student's portfolio and is looked upon favorably by scholarship committees.
- 4) Research available scholarships, paying particular attention to their requirements and deadlines. Remember that Gateway requires **two weeks** to prepare transcripts and other paperwork. Turn your requests in early to make sure you meet scholarship deadlines.
- 5) If the scholarship requires an essay, make sure yours represents your best writing and includes real-life experiences (if appropriate).
- 6) Include portfolio information. This requires planning early in the student's high-school career. It is helpful for extra-curricular work reflected in the portfolio to show an interest and aptitude for the major the student will pursue or the field related to a specific scholarship.

ACT/SAT:

ACT: www.act.org

The ACT includes **English, Math, Reading, and Science Reasoning** sections, along with an optional **Writing section**. Register online or pick up a registration packet at your local high school.

Cost: \$31 (without writing) \$46 (with writing)

SAT: www.collegeboard.com

The SAT includes **Critical Reading, Math, and Writing sections**. Register online or pick up a registration packet at your local high school.

Cost: \$45 (see website for optional additional charges)

PSAT/NMSQT:

www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html Go online to find schools that give the PSAT.

Recommended Books to Prepare for the ACT/SAT:

- 1) *SAT Strategies for Super Busy Students***
Kaplan Publishing
ISBN: 978-1-4195-5161-1
(ACT) ISBN: 978-1-4195-5160-4
- 2) *ACT Premier Program* (2008 Ed.)**
Kaplan Publishing
ISBN: 978-1-4195-5163-5
(SAT) ISBN: 978-1-4195-5138-3

**These books have a "Higher Score Guarantee."

What is an acceptable score on the ACT/SAT?

Gateway expects a college-bound student to make a minimum ACT composite of 21 (or the equivalent on the SAT). The lowest ACT score that might get a student into a college is about 18 except for colleges having "open enrollment," where any paying student is accepted. The maximum score for the ACT is 36. For the SAT it is $3 \times (800) = 2400$.

Check with colleges or scholarship foundations to find their ACT/SAT requirements for admission/awarding of scholarship. While a 21 on the ACT (or the equivalent on the SAT) may allow a student to enter most colleges, a 28 or 29 on the ACT may be necessary to receive a full or partial academic scholarship.

The purpose of a portfolio:

Colleges and scholarship committees want students who are well-rounded, successful and show potential for making a difference in the world. A high-school transcript reflects the student's well-rounded academic work, while a portfolio showcases the student's involvement in the community, character qualities, skills, talents, hobbies, accomplishments and honors. The portfolio should include volunteer work, club/organization participation, leadership skills, performance awards, mission work, etc. Most scholarship and college applications include space for this information. A portfolio may also accompany a transcript when it is submitted to the college.

Recommended Books:

- 1) *The Homeschooler's Guide to Portfolios and Transcripts*
by Loretta Heuer, M.Ed.
ISBN: 0-02-863738-0
- 2) *Homeschooling High School: Planning Ahead for College Admission*
by Jeanne Gowen Dennis
ISBN: 1-932096-11-6
- 3) *Home School, High School, and Beyond*
by Beverly Adams-Gordon
ISBN: 1-888827-22-X