

Georgia Department of Education

2020 Georgia Scholar Program Requirements

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADES 9-12

SIGNATURE VERIFICATION FOR SECTIONS A-D ARE REQUIRED

CRITERION ONE: A student must earn at least 22 Carnegie Units of credit for graduation and have taken:

4 Units in English Language Arts

4 Units in Mathematics, including one unit in Algebra II (or its equivalent)

3 Units in Science, including one unit in Physics or Chemistry

3 Units in Social Studies, Including Economics, Citizenship, World History, and U.S. Studies

2 Units in a single Foreign Language

1 Unit in Fine Arts, chosen from Visual Arts, Music, Dance, or Dramatic Arts (Can be waived if Fine Arts are not required)

CRITERION TWO: A student must have a minimum combined score of **1360** (*math and verbal {verbal: a combination of reading and writing}*) on the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) at one test sitting; **OR** a composite score of 31 at one test sitting on the American College Test (ACT).

CRITERION THREE: A student has a **non-weighted**, cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.75 on a 4.0 scale, where A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, and D = 1 **in core courses**.

CRITERION FOUR: Registered to vote if a United States citizen and 18 years of age on or before January 31, 2020.

CRITERION FIVE: A student shows evidence of self-esteem and concern for others in day-to-day activities.

*DOCUMENTATION: A letter of reference (attached to application) from an adult outside the school or family. The writer should fully identify him/herself. **Reference letter should be one page only.***

CRITERION SIX: A student has participated in **at least three (3) different** competitive interscholastic activities (e.g., athletics, music and literary events, fairs, and exhibits).

CRITERION SEVEN: A student has been appointed by school official or elected to positions of leadership in **a minimum of two (2) different** organizations sponsored by the school.

List of at least two (2) different leadership positions held, including the dates of service.

CRITERION EIGHT: A student has shown evidence of leadership in **a minimum of two (2) different** organizations outside the school, including being appointed by an organization sponsor or elected to a position of leadership or role of responsibility in **a minimum of one (1)** of these activities. *Note: This does not include paid positions.*

List position(s) of responsibility/leadership, including dates of involvement/service.

If this applicant is named a Georgia Scholar, I give permission for the Georgia Department of Education to release his/her name and school of attendance to the public. I understand that the Georgia Scholar Program is a recognition-only program, and that no scholarship funds are associated with this program.