

AT&T Georgia Pioneers



Scholarship Program General Information 2021

PLEASE NOTE: THE WEBSITE REFERENCED BELOW MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE. CONTACT THE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATOR VIA EMAIL AT rb8841@att.com WITH QUESTIONS

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The 2021 program provides five \$2000 scholarships to students who reside in Georgia. Scholarships are awarded based on applicant achievement in:

- community service,
- school and leadership activities,
- and academic excellence.

The scholarship is a one-time award and is payable to an accredited post-secondary institution, skill/training center or trade school, not the student. The funds are provided to assist students with tuition, required registration or other fees.

ELIGIBILITY

The AT&T Georgia Pioneers' mission is a commitment to making a positive difference in our communities. Each applicant must have demonstrated a similar commitment by volunteering a minimum of 50 hours in the community in the last year (April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021).

In addition, all applicants (high school seniors and/or post-secondary students) must meet the following requirements:

- They must reside in Georgia, but may be attending an institution or school outside of the state of Georgia.
- They must be planning to enter or currently be attending an accredited post-secondary college or trade school. The institution must be willing to accept the scholarship payment from the Pioneers and credit it to the student's account. The check will be made payable to the school and mailed to the school. This regulation cannot be waived.
- The applicant must have a minimum grade point average of 2.50.
- Students cannot win in 2 consecutive years. Students who were awarded the AT&T Georgia Pioneers Scholarship in 2020 not eligible to win in 2021.
- Eligibility includes, but is not limited to, relatives and friends of Pioneers

APPLICATION PROCESS

Eligible students must submit the following:

- The completed scholarship application.
 - the **hard-copy application** must be submitted with original signatures of the student applicant.
- The requested documentation as shown in the instructions.
- A certified copy of the most current cumulative grade transcript. In most cases the transcript should cover the semester completing the 2020 - 2021 school year.
- The complete application should be mailed by First Class or Priority Mail;
 - Delivery Confirmation is suggested, but not required. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore, applications not including all requested information by the due date are ineligible for consideration.
 - The application and all supporting documentation must be postmarked by **June 01, 2021** and sent to:

**AT&T GA Pioneers, Scholarship Program
C/O Rhonda Beatty
2463 Acworth Due West Rd, NW
Acworth, GA 30101**

All information received is considered confidential and will be properly safeguarded.

JUDGES

Recipients are selected by a panel of external judges who are not employees of the AT&T Georgia Pioneers Corporation. An AT&T Georgia Pioneers team will oversee the process, but will not participate in judging.

APPLICATION RECEIPT NOTIFICATION

The AT&T Georgia Pioneers will send a letter of notification (email or US Mail) to each scholarship applicant upon receipt of the application (postmark deadline for submittal is **June 01, 2021**). Questions may be directed to the Administrator at email rb8841@att.com

WINNER NOTIFICATION AND AWARD PROCESS

Both winners and non-winners will be notified as explained above by **July 18, 2021**.

The scholarship payment process follows:

- After notification the winners must supply an invoice from their school showing their financial responsibility. Send to the administrator's postal or email address.
- The checks will be made payable to and mailed to the various institutions by **August 30, 2021**.
- The AT&T Georgia Pioneers may recognize the scholarship winners at local Pioneers events, in sponsor company publications, and at Pioneer training conferences.

SELECTION PROCESS

The recipients will be selected on the basis of performance in three key areas. Each applicant may receive points from zero up to the total allotted in each category: Each of the applicants will be assigned a point value in each category by individual judges: total points will be summarized for a final score. The five applicants with the highest total scores will be awarded the scholarships. Individual feedback about the judges' evaluation will not be provided. The decision of the AT&T Georgia Pioneers is final.

1. **Community Service** (50 points)

- The applicant is asked to provide a list of volunteer activities in the past 12 months (April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021).
 - There should be a minimum of 50 hours shown on the applicant's list of volunteer activities.
- In addition, the applicant should provide a one-page letter from a **non-family member** describing the applicant's volunteer involvement and accomplishments in one of the projects listed.

2. **Written Essay** – (25 points)

- Essay describing in 1,000 words or less what has been the most rewarding community service activity the applicant has participated in and why it was important to the applicant. The essay should include 5 basic points:
 - The applicant's role in the project.
 - Time spent on the project – hours, days, etc.
 - One-time or an ongoing effort
 - Impact of project on applicant.
 - Why applicant feels his/her involvement in the project qualifies him/her to apply for this scholarship.

3. **Academic and Leadership Activities in School** – (25 points)

- Academic Excellence
 - The applicant is required to provide cumulative GPA or cumulative numerical grade along with a certified copy of the most current school grade transcript.
- Leadership Activities in School
 - Also required is a list of School Leadership Activities in high school/college.
 - In addition the applicant should provide a single one-page letter from a **non-family member** describing the applicant's involvement and accomplishments in one of the activities listed.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Who can apply for this scholarship?

A. High school seniors and/or college students residing in Georgia are eligible to apply. See section on “Eligibility” on page 1. Note: the applicants must be residents of Georgia, but may be attending a post-secondary school outside the state of Georgia.

Q. How are scholarships awarded?

A. A maximum of five \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded. Each recipient may receive one of the five based on established criteria as defined in this document.

Q. Are scholarship awards based on financial need?

A. No. Scholarship awards are based on the three key areas defined in the selection process.

Q. How might I appeal scholarship allocations?

A. The scholarship awards are based on criteria established by the AT&T Georgia Pioneers and the decisions are final. Information submitted by the applicant and any information utilized in selecting recipients is confidential and is the property of the AT&T Georgia Pioneers Corporation and is not subject to disclosure. This information will be properly safeguarded.

Q. How are judges selected?

A. Judges may be selected through a variety of means as deemed appropriate by the Pioneers Scholarship Program Administrator Board. Judges will be non-Pioneers who may be a representative of a Pioneers partnership organization or other community-based organizations.

Q. Can multiple family members submit an application during the same period?

A. Yes.

Q. Can parts of the application be submitted at different times as long as all information is in by the deadline?

A. No. Information received with the application will be considered the entire submission and will be evaluated solely on that information.

Q. Can part of the information be submitted by FAX and part submitted through the mail?

A. No, all information to be considered MUST BE MAILED together with the application as one package postmarked by June 01, 2021. Faxes and electronic submissions will not be accepted. Priority Mail delivery confirmation is recommended.

Q. Will scholarships be payable to the applicant if career plans change and the applicant does not enter an accredited institution as defined in the program?

A. No. Scholarships will not be payable to individuals. This regulation cannot be waived. The scholarships are designed to assist scholarship recipients with expenses associated with school tuition, required registration and other fees and will be directed to the institution indicated by the scholarship winner. It is the winner’s responsibility to notify the administrator of any changes in the selected institution.

Application Information		
Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Initial:
Date of Birth:	Telephone Number:	
Mailing Address (number):	City:	State:
Zip Code:	E-mail address:	
Current School Information		
School Name:		
City	State	Zip Code
Telephone Number:	Expected Graduation Date:	Counselor's Name:
Name & Address of Post-Secondary Institution (provide address of financial office)		
Institution Name & Address of Financial Office: Name		
Street Address or PO Box No.		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone number of financial office:		
Type of School (circle one): 2 Yr. Community College 4 Yr. University/College Trade		

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Please attach a list of the school activities in which you have participated. Using the format given below, indicate the name of the activity or organization, your role, when you were involved, and the average number of hours per month you participated. Also include the name and contact number for the person (non-family member) who can verify your participation and role in the listed activities. Below are examples of the type of information to be provided. Please **do not** include information about any paid work positions.

This grid is a sample only. Do not include in application.

				Avg. # hours per month	Contact name	Contact phone
Activity	Role	from month/year	to month/year			
Debate Club	Organizer	8/2015	04/2021	4	Ms. Brown	(123) 246-8888
Drill Team	Group Leader	5/2015	04/2021	15 during season	Kaye Smith	(123) 357-1122
Office help	Clerical help	9/2019	04/2021	10	Mr. Jones	(123) 246-0001
Basketball	Co-captain	9/2015	04/2021	12 during season	Mr. Dixon	(555) 555-3456
Drama Club	Various parts	10/2015	04/2021	10	Ms. Kelly	(555) 555-7890

LETTERS OF VERIFICATION

Please have one non-family member attach **no more** than a **one-page** explanation of your role in **one** of the activities or projects listed above. The write up should identify your personal impact and contribution to the project or activity, the amount of time you spent on the project and why you should be considered for this scholarship. The write up should be signed and dated by the individual submitting the information and should include their title and contact data.

NAME OF APPLICANT: Remember to put your name at the top of this sheet.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Please attach a list of the volunteer activities and school activities in which you have participated. Using the format given below, indicate the name of the activity or organization, your role, when you were involved during the last year, and the total number of hours you participated during the last 12 months. Also include the name and contact number for the person (non-family member) who can verify your participation and role in the listed activities. Below are examples of the type of information to be provided. Please **do not** include information about any paid work positions.

Please note that this format is different from the School Leadership Activity form: the **time frame is the last 12 months** and the total hours should be a **minimum of 50** for the year.

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Activity	Role	From May 2019	Through February 2020	Total Hours	Contact name	Contact phone
Habitat Build	Participant	6/2019	04/2021	20	Ms. Landrum	(123) 222-2345
Nursing Home Visitation, Group Party	Organizer	12/2019	04/2021	35	Ms. Johnson	(123) 246-8888
Church School Leader	Teacher	5/2019	04/2021	15	Kaye Murphy	(123) 357-1122
Calgary High School Feeding the Homeless	Initiator, Server	9/2019	04/2021	10	Mr. Cannon	(123) 246-0001
Thanksgiving Baskets for needy	Collecting & Delivering food	10/2019	04/2021	5	Mr. Scott	(555) 555-3456
TOTAL HOURS FOR LAST 10 MONTHS			Sum of hours shown above	85		

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ESSAY

Please attach your essay of 1,000 words or less describing the single volunteer project that has been the most rewarding community service activity you have participated in and why it was so important to you. Include in the essay the following items:

- Your role in the project
- Time you spent on the project – hours, days, etc.
- One time or on-going project?
- Impact of the project on your personal life
- Explanation of why you feel your involvement in the project enabled you to apply for this scholarship

APPLICANT'S NAME SHOULD APPEAR ON ALL PAGES OF THE ESSAY

SCHOOL OFFICIAL'S CERTIFICATION

Applicant must include a complete high school/college transcript of grades through the current term. A minimum of a 2.50 GPA on a 4.0 grade scale is required.

Cumulative grade point average: _____ on a _____ grade point scale
Cumulative numerical grade _____

_____ Date: ____/____/____
School Official's Name

_____ Telephone Number (____) _____
Title

Mailing Address

APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I reside in the state of Georgia and support the Mission of the AT&T Georgia Pioneers which is a commitment to making a positive difference in our communities. I understand that falsification of any information will result in disqualification of this application. I also understand and agree that this application becomes the property of AT&T Georgia Pioneers. I understand that this application will be assessed based on information provided and submission of this application does not guarantee that I will receive a scholarship and that the decision of AT&T Georgia Pioneers is final. I further agree that in the event I am a scholarship recipient, this form also serves as a release to use my name, photographs, biographical information and excerpts from my application and related material in press releases and other publications announcing and promoting this scholarship program.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Confirmation of receipt of an application will be sent to the applicant's email or home address* within 14 days of receipt. If you do not receive confirmation, you may contact our administrator via email at rb8841@att.com to request status.

Applicants will be notified whether or not they will be granted a scholarship. Decisions of AT&T Georgia Pioneers are final.

*Please indicate your notification preference: US Mail_____ Email_____

APPLICANT CHECKLIST

Be sure you have included all requested information. Incomplete applications will **NOT** be considered. It is recommended that applicants make a copy of their application for their records. Use only one side of paper.

- Submit application including signature of applicant.
- **The name of the applicants must be on ALL pages of the application.**
- **Include**
 - List of school activities with one letter of verification
 - List of community service activities with one letter of verification
 - Personal essay about your most rewarding community service activity. Essays that do not address this topic will not receive consideration for the essay points. Essays should be 1,000 words or less.
 - Official high school/college transcript
 - Official school certification on application
- Send the application First Class or Priority mail postmarked no later than **June 01, 2021**. Delivery confirmation is suggested, but not required. Applicants are responsible for verifying that the application has been received by using the USPS web site.
- Send an email to **rb8841@att.com** to let us know that delivery has been confirmed by the USPS (optional).
- Send only pages of the application shown below. Do not send instructions or other pages of the scholarship package.
- Do not staple any pages. Paper clips may be used if desired.

SPECIAL NOTE: WHEN ALL PARTS OF THE APPLICATION ARE COMPLETE, ARRANGE THE APPLICATION IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

- 1) APPLICANT AND SCHOOL INFORMATION FORM
- 2) LIST OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
- 3) LETTER OF VERIFICATION OF ONE SCHOOL ACTIVITY
- 4) LIST OF COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES
- 5) LETTER OF VERIFICATION OF ONE COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITY
- 6) ESSAY
- 7) SIGNED SCHOOL AND STUDENT CERTIFICATION FORM
- 8) TRANSCRIPT

SEND ONLY THESE PAGES.

MAIL APPLICATION TO:

**AT&T GA Pioneers Scholarship Administrator
C/O Rhonda Beatty
2463 Acworth Due West Rd, NW
Acworth, GA 30101**