# Georgia Department of Education
## 2020 Georgia Scholar Program Requirements

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**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.*